



Georgia Recycling Coalition

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Our mission is to complement and coordinate activities relative to recycling, to foster communications among professionals, organizations, government agencies and individuals, and to promote and enhance reduction and recycling programs throughout the state.

Welcome to GRC's monthly Green Sheet Electronic Update! We hope you find the information helpful.

Please send us releases, captioned photos and other great news that you want to share with the membership; email us at garecycles@mindspring.com

*Did you know? This year is GRC's 30th Anniversary-- Founded in 1991
Recycling is Essential for Georgia and we are #RecycleStrong*

Welcome to our New Member

CleanEarth●

Business Level

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MMP – Metrics Motivation & Marvels



MUNICIPAL MEASUREMENT PROGRAM
DELIVERED BY THE RECYCLING PARTNERSHIP AND RE-TRAC CONNECT

GRC, Re-TRAC and EPD are partnering to increase participation in the Municipal Measurement Program. Information about the MMP can be found on EPD's Recycling and Waste Reduction Resources

page here: <https://epd.georgia.gov/recycling-and-waste-reduction-resources>

We need recycling metrics in Georgia and local government reporting is a great start. Cities, counties and consolidated governments can now all participate...and it's easy and worth it! So, we need you to get motivated and sign up. And to our Marvels (those who have completed the sign up and reporting), we salute and thank you:

In 2019: Cities of Norcross Milton, Smyrna, Chamblee, and Monroe

In 2020: Forsyth County and Dalton Whitfield

Keep up the great work reporting into the MMP!

GLASS UPDATE & RESOURCES



GEORGIA GLASS RECYCLING FORUM

Georgia Recycling Coalition released a video as part of our #RecycleRightGA campaign; if you haven't seen or shared it, check it out here: <https://youtu.be/2GDtEtYx5qE>

The Glass Packaging Institute (GPI) recently release its "road map"; the brand-new initiative, "**A Circular Future for Glass,**" is a 10-year plan to raise the U.S.'s glass recycling rate to 50%. More on the announcement here: <https://lnkd.in/dGSADC2> GPI also has a great resource for municipal leaders who are looking for guidance and resources for maintaining or restoring glass recycling to their programs: <https://www.gpi.org/resource-for-municipal-leaders>

ICAW-Rock Stars



GRC produced a video at the **Athens Clarke County compost site** and released it during International Compost Awareness Week 2021. See the video here: https://youtu.be/MQ_McggkC3c



Columbus Consolidated Government

The crew at Pine Grove Landfill celebrated International Compost Awareness Week all week! They use the yard trimmings brought in to grind into mulch, then placed into windrows, using the implements to turn them regularly and monitor temperature with the probe. When compost is ready, it can be used as a rich soil additive.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS



Georgia Recycling Coalition (GRC) is pleased to announce that our **30th Anniversary Conference, Trade Show and Membership Meeting will be held on October 24-27, 2021...hopefully at the King & Prince on St. Simons Island.** The annual GRC conference is an opportunity for new and old colleagues in the recycling, waste prevention and sustainable materials management industries to connect about ideas, learn what's on the horizon, what might change for the better plus get refreshed and motivated!

Due to continued uncertainties regarding the safety of large in-person gatherings and travel restrictions by corporation and local governments, the conference may be held in person at the King & Prince, or online as a virtual event. GRC's Board of Directors will make this decision by July. GRC is seeking proposals and presenters that lend themselves to either an in-person or virtual format. Please only submit a proposal if you are willing to participate in either scenario. Email garecycles@mindspring.com for the submittal format. Due June 1, 2021.

Membership Renewal

**RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**



What a year it's been! We've accomplished so much and showed all that we are an essential and resilient industry. We are **#RecycleStronginGeorgia** and are working to increase participation and decrease contamination with our **#RecycleRightGA** campaign. Thanks to our partners at RRS and EPA Region 4, GRC provided free

programming to you all year including a virtual annual meeting, webinar series and a 2- day virtual annual conference. We also worked diligently with partners to assure our state Solid Waste Trust Fund is protected and soon we'll work for allocation of priorities necessary to expand and excel in our state.

But we couldn't do any of this without your membership support, So on May 4, 2021, renewal notices were sent out via email for the **July 2021-June 2022 member year**. On behalf of our Board of Directors, we hope you decide to renew and stay a part of this dynamic state recycling organization. **We are still all in this together & Essential for Georgia!**

BATTERY RESOURCES



Check this resource; your safety may depend on it:
[Avoid the Spark | Call2Recycle | United States](#)

RRGA + Re-consider Litter

For EARTH DAY 2021, we partnered with our friends at the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation to bring you 22 activities to enjoy on the 22nd. Are you looking for ways to recycle and improve your community all year? We invite you to **#reconsiderlitter** and **#RecycleRightGA!** Check out these ideas and learn more about our two campaigns by visiting the [KGBF blog](#).

FOAM & PP Grants

The 2021 Foam Recycling Coalition grant application process is open to public and private entities. Applications are due May 28, 2021. Grants have been received in Georgia by CHaRM Athens, CHaRM Atlanta and Chatham County. Over 3 million additional residents in the U.S. and Canada can recycle foam as a result of FRC grants. Visit www.RecycleFoam.org to learn about foam recycling, read about previous recipients or apply for a grant.

The **Polypropylene Recycling Coalition** via The Recycling Partnership Coalition awards grants to MRF candidates that face significant challenges in their ability to effectively sort and recycle polypropylene. With these strategic investments, polypropylene will now be accepted curbside in more communities and sent to established end markets, encouraging the shift to a circular economy. The Coalition received a strong response to both the first and second rounds of requests for proposals and continues to accept [grant applications](#) to further its efforts to advance polypropylene curbside recycling. The next grant proposal request is **due June 30, 2021**. MRFs interested in sorting and recycling polypropylene are encouraged to apply.

Appliance Recycling

ARCA Recycling is working with the utilities in Georgia to collect and process appliances which qualify for their energy efficiency programs throughout the state. Using our utility program routes, ARCA would like to assist local appliance drop off programs to ensure that its appliances are properly recycled to the USEPA RAD compliant standard at its facility in Norcross, GA. By partnering with ACRA, your program can reduce or eliminate the fee that you must charge your public for the removal of freon and reduce the possibility of illegal dumping of appliances in your area. Please contact Dave Keeling at dkeeling@arcainc.com or 414-630-9382 to see if ACRA can service your location at no cost to your program. Visit www.arcarecyclinginc.com/services/local-drop-off/ for information on what we recycle.

Plastic IQ

Plastic IQ is a cutting-edge free digital resource to help U.S. companies develop an effective plastic packaging strategy, work together to compare strategies with industry best practices, and prioritize innovative solutions to advance circularity and corporate sustainability goals by 2030 or sooner. Created by The Recycling Partnership and SYSTEMIQ, with support from Walmart, Plastic IQ leverages industry guidance and data to help users turn their plastic packaging strategy into measurable actions to help tackle the plastic waste crisis.

[Plastic IQ - The Recycling Partnership](#)

CAN MANUFACTURERS CASH FOR CANS



Selling aluminum beverage cans for fundraising is not new but check out the refreshed resource brought to you by the **Can Manufacturers Institute** with great graphics and the *iScrap* app scrap yard locator. <https://www.cancentral.com/cansforcash>

One of the examples on the site is the ***Every Can Counts*** program—a partnership with **Novelis and Habitat for Humanity**; you may have seen this program in action at past seasons (pre-pandemic) of Atlanta Falcons home games. Now you can encourage community groups to recycle more aluminum used beverage cans and even raise funds for your non-profit! Help the environment, strengthen the circular economy, and raise funds for a good cause...win, win, win!

Compost Infrastructure Group Forms



Organics processing stakeholders have created a coalition to advocate for expanding America’s composting infrastructure. The U.S. Composting Infrastructure Coalition will advocate for “policies, legislation, and other measures to expand composting programs and increase access to robust programs that divert food waste, yard trimmings, and certified compostable packaging,” according to [an announcement](#).

Waste & Recycling Essential Workers Week

**I am
Essential,
not Invisible.**



Celebrate Waste and Recycling Workers Week!

JUNE 14 - 18, 2021

Visit gaswana.org for more information.



SWANA-Georgia Chapter will be celebrating its Solid Waste Essential Workers again this year in June during the Waste & Recycling Workers Week, June 14-18, 2021

SERDC Webinar Series

SERDC is pleased to announce **Recycling Revisited**, a five-part webinar series to bring forth awareness for the Southeast and beyond about how these adaptations are going to change collection, processing and manufacturing of feedstock. **All webinars are one hour in length and begin at 11 am EST.**

Through the generous support of **ISRI and MACHINEX**, the webinars are free of charge to all attendees and the recording will be posted to the serdc.org website.

You will automatically be registered for the full series with one entry.

- **Wednesday May 26th: Paper**
- **Tuesday, July 20th: Plastic**
- **Wednesday, Aug 18th: Glass**
- **Wednesday, Sept 1st: Metal**
- **Wednesday, Oct 6th: Other Recyclables and Emerging Markets**

[Learn More](#)

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