



Georgia Company Wins National Compost Award

The US Composting Council recently presented the Compost Manufacturer of the Year Award for small-scale facilities (manage less than 10,000 tons) to CompostNow. Opening in 2017, the trailblazing Georgia facility created permitting and zoning models for compost facilities and increased access for small and medium-scale facilities to open in the future. CompostNow also worked with stakeholders in Georgia to establish the USCC's Georgia state chapter. The business continues to support education and outreach about compost by hosting tours for elected officials, school groups, local organizations, and businesses.



Pictured from left to right: David Paull, CIO CompostNow; Taylor Voraphongphibul - Facility Operator CompostNow; Frank Franciosi, USCC Executive Director; and Justin Senkbeil - CEO CompostNow

Congratulations to CompostNow!

[Learn more about CompostNow](#)

CREF Scholarships - Apply Today!



The Compost Research & Education Foundation (CREF) has opened its application period for the annual University Compost Research Scholarships. These scholarships fund students conducting research focused on compost or composting.

Scholarships are \$4,000 and include an invitation to present the final results at the USCC Annual Conference.

Plus, all expenses to attend the conference are paid for the winner.

The application period runs to April 15th. Eligible students must attend a college or university in the US. [Learn more](#) about the scholarship.

Industry News

AMP

AMP Robotics' business has evolved. "We're selling more than robots—we're providing solutions that address the waste industry's biggest challenges, and we're ready to introduce a new brand identity that reflects our delivery of AI-powered sortation at scale."

[Learn more](#) about the rebranding and how AMP's technology enables the waste industry to harness the power of AI to do the hard job better, faster, and more efficiently.

Arglass Looking to Double Workforce

In 2025, Arglass will complete its second facility in Valdosta, Georgia, USA, which will add 130 more jobs with a total of 320 jobs created from local talent and skilled tradesmen. "We want to build our team from the local community. Train them in this new industry so that they can grow with us," Arglass Chief Executive Officer José de Diego Arozamena said.

Arglass works closely with Wiregrass Technical College to develop the skills needed in mechanical, electromechanical, and automation, in addition to a recent partnership with Valdosta State University that will provide additional skills and training.

Ron Holmes, Arglass vice president of sales marketing and sustainability, said, "Students being at Valdosta State and Wiregrass getting their education and leaving they can secure a good

environment and good paying job at Arglass which will keep them here.”

According to Arglass, with the skills and education of hires from Wiregrass and Valdosta State, they are able to keep engineering, maintenance and technology needs in-house versus outsourcing.

SOLARCYCLE Announces Its Georgia Opening

On February 15th, SOLARCYCLE®, an advanced technology-based solar recycling company, announced in partnership with Georgia Governor Brian P. Kemp, that the company will create more than 600 new full-time jobs in Polk County, investing an estimated \$344 million in a solar glass manufacturing facility in Cedartown.

The facility will be the first-of-its-kind in the country to use recycled materials from retired solar panels to make new solar glass. “SOLARCYCLE’s first-of-its-kind facility is a transformational investment for the Polk County community and will help drive its economy for years to come,” said Governor Brian Kemp. “In Georgia, our strong energy mix is one of the key reasons our state has attracted generational investments in recent years. We will keep working to secure our power supply through exciting projects like this one.”

SOLARCYCLE’s new facility in Georgia will position the company as one of the first manufacturers of specialized glass for crystalline-silicon (c-Si) photovoltaics in the U.S., with the capacity to make five to six gigawatts worth of solar glass every year. The glass will be sold directly back to the domestic solar manufacturers and fill a critical gap in the country’s supply chain to build more solar panels in America.

[Learn More](#)

Fashion Resale Expanding

In an article on CBS.com, Megan Cerullo discusses the role of resale in the fashion industry, "With an eye toward sustainability and greater profits, an increasing number of mainstream brands are telling their customers to bring back their lightly worn and used goods for store credit or cash. For brands that make high-quality, long-lasting apparel and other goods, in-house resale programs give them an opportunity to sell items twice, or even multiple times, while also keeping garments in circulation longer and, in theory, reducing waste by producing less."

[Read full CBS.com article](#)

Pandora to Start Using Recycled Metals in 2024

Pandora, the world's largest jewelry brand, plans to use 100% recycled gold and silver in its jewelry pieces by the second half of 2024. According to Pandora, "The shift avoids significant greenhouse gas emissions, as mining requires more energy and resources than recycling. The carbon footprint of recycled silver is one-third compared to mined silver, while the recycling of gold emits less than 1% of the carbon emissions from mining new gold."

[Learn more](#)

Every Can Counts U.S. Partners to Collect Cans During Mardi Gras

Every Can Counts U.S. joined the City of New Orleans in partnership with New Orleans & Company, Grounds Krewe, and several other organizations to make Mardi Gras more sustainable. The "Recycle DAT" initiative placed collections containers along the parade route to collect cans, glass bottles, and beads. [Learn more](#) about the green initiatives employed during Mardi Gras.

Glass Recycling Survey Results Released

The Glass Recycling Coalition released its latest survey on glass recycling measuring how different members of the glass recycling chain view the current state of glass recycling. The survey found resident expectations on the ability to recycle glass grew slightly from 90% in 2020 to 93% in 2023. The survey also highlighted top challenges faced by public-sector respondents to include cost-effectiveness and lack of acceptance/recycling options.

Additionally, nearly 87% of public-sector and 83% of glass industry respondents express interest in grants to help strengthen glass recycling.

[Download Glass Recycling Survey Results Report](#)

Member News

Kimberly White Honored by KAB

Kimberly White, GRC Board member and immediate past-President, was honored at the KAB National conference last month with the Sue Smith Professional Leadership Award. She remarked, "I'm so proud to be a part of the Keep America Beautiful family and looking forward to working with KAB more as I embark on my new journey as Chief Sustainability Officer for Cobb County!"



Pictured: Keep Cobb Beautiful's Kimberly White (left) with Jennifer Lawson, President and CEO, Keep America Beautiful

GRC congratulates Kimberly on receiving this esteemed award and appreciates her leadership and support as a GRC board member!

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