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State Solid Waste Characterization Study Update

Georgia EPD, utilizing a federal *Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling* (SWIFR) grant, along with its contractor Geosyntec are continuing work to complete an updated statewide Solid Waste Characterization Study; the last one was completed in 2005. It will identify local/regional post-consumer materials consumption; the goal is to develop a plan with strategies to advance materials recovery in the state. Three landfills and two MRFs are participating with work commencing in October 2025. Results are expected later this year.

The SWIFR grant was awarded by EPA as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve waste management, recycling and composting infrastructure.

Legislative Study Committee on Recycling Proposed

Senate Resolution 610 (SR 610) has been proposed in the Georgia State Senate.

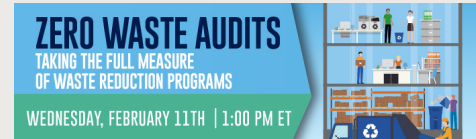
Its purpose will be to improve and increase recycling in Georgia. We'll keep you updated on the progress.

Read the current version of the resolution [here](#).

PureCycle Cups at CFP

100% PureFive® was used to make the souvenir cups for the College Football Playoff National Championship. Churchill

February 11, 2026 Zero Waste Audits Webinar



The webinar hosted by Busch Systems focuses on how to conduct zero waste audits in commercial and institutional settings. It will feature a primer by Stephanie Barger with USGBC and the TRUE certification program, followed by a case study presentation of how Colgate-Palmolive has used these audits to evaluate and build out zero waste programs at their facilities across the US and internationally. [Register now!](#)

February 12, 2026 Recycling in America Webinar



Join TRP for a Recycling in America webinar as they dig into the hard realities facing PET recycling in the U.S. They'll break down what's happening now, why it's happening fast, and what must be done to stabilize PET recycling before it falls further behind rising supply. Whether you're a brand, policymaker, recycler, or



Container produced the cups (pictured above) with 100% PureFive® resin. Every cup sold will help fund the removal of trash from the ocean and

coastlines around the world. [Learn more.](#)

News: Quick Links to Recycling Articles

[Solar Recycling Goes Industrial in Georgia \(Waste Advantage Magazine\)](#)

[Could stable January lead to better year for recovered paper markets? \(Recycling Today\)](#)

[Weather Impacting Recycling Across the Nation \(Recycling Today\)](#)

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Deadline for students to submit their artwork is February 18th! [Learn more](#) and download the promotional flyer to share with schools in your community.

community partner, this conversation will offer practical insights and real-world context to help strengthen PET recycling nationwide. [Register today!](#)

March 16th - 20th, 2026 USCC Compost Operations Training



The **USCC Compost Operations Training Course** is being held in Georgia this March at the University of Georgia's Griffin Campus. This 5-day course, offered by the **Compost Research & Education Foundation**, gives attendees the knowledge needed to run a successful composting facility, provides comprehensive compost instruction, and offers hands-on field experience. Course attendees will receive a professional certification needed for permitting compliance for composting facilities in Georgia.

[Register today!](#)

Calendar

February 10-13, 2026	SWANA Landfill Operator Training	Athens, Georgia
February 15-18, 2026	SE Recycling Conference	Destin, Florida
February 20-25, 2026	Resource Recycling Conference Plastics Recycling Conference Textile Recovery Summit	Athens, Georgia
February 26-28, 2026	KAB National Summit	New Orleans, Louisiana
March 16-20, 2026	Compost Operations Training Course	Griffin, Georgia

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