

Georgia Recycling Coalition

Green Sheet Update



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

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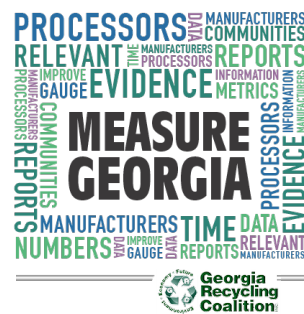
Holiday Recycling 101

American's waste generation per household increases 25 percent, or almost 1,000 pounds of trash, between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day; almost 80 percent of what is thrown away during the holidays could have been recycled or repurposed, according to the U. S. EPA.

The **most common non-recyclables contaminating** the recycling waste stream during the holiday season include bubble wrap, cellophane, string/rope, ribbons and bows, batteries, food, clothing, cellphones and polystyrene foam. Some of these are recyclable at special drop off locations, but NOT in the curbside bin. Plan to compost fruit and vegetable peels, coffee grounds, egg shells, tea bags and other organic non-dairy (and no meat items) in your backyard bin or save for a service provider collecting these items in your community, following their instructions!

And don't forget to **Bring One for the Chipper** and recycle Christmas trees, with all ornaments, stands, and lights REMOVED!

It's time to MEASURE your success!



You hear it all the time: **Good data is vital to the success of recycling programs.** Now, more than ever, we need to be diligent about collecting recycling data in our state! The **Measure Georgia: Local Government Reporting Program** was designed to

collect this data from local governments in Re-TRAC Connect, and there is no cost to participate. Recent updates to the system have made the reporting process even easier!

On December 12, 2017, GRC in partnership with Re-TRAC Connect and GA EPD held a webinar to educate local governments on the new system; it's improved, even easier to use and has some extra features! WE NEED YOUR DATA reported quarterly!

Good news:

If you missed the webinar, here is the link to the tutorial video: <https://youtu.be/MLOs4VRc24k>

Here is the link to the system:

<https://connect.re-trac.com/registration/georgia-communities>

Also, if you need one-on-one assistance, contact Susan Wood at GA EPD and she will arrange a walk through session with you: susan.wood@dnr.ga.gov

Board Election Results

Jeff Lipscomb
Pratt Industries

Marla Prince, President
Waste Management

Kathy Reed
Keep North Fulton Beautiful

Peggy Whitlow Ratcliffe
Live Thrive

Congratulations to returning board

members: Kevin Barkley,
Macon Bibb Consolidated
Government; **Joe Dunlop**,
Athens-Clarke Co Recycling
Div. and **Kathy Reed**, Keep
North Fulton Beautiful. All three
were elected to serve a 2nd term.



Also welcome newly elected board members: **Emily Archer**, Toter LLC and **Susan Wood**, Georgia EPD. They take office January 1st for a three year term. Thanks new and returning board members for your service, support and commitment to GRC and its programs. Officers for 2018 will be announced at the first of the year.

Welcome New Members

A1 Polymer Recycling LLC
Gaurav Patel

Machinex Technologies Inc
Rusty Angel



FROM NRC on China's National Sword

On November 30 we forwarded to the member list serve info from the National Recycling Coalition on how to prepare for the impending market interruptions.

This is the synopsis of their correspondence:
WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT THE TRADE BARRIERS?

The NRC calls upon its members to address the China trade barriers with the following actions:

1. Focus on Quality
2. Focus on Rebuilding America's Recycling Industry
3. Focus on Increasing the Recycling Economic Impact in our Local Communities

If you need the expanded text re-sent, please email us:
garecycles@mindspring.com

International Compost Awareness Week 2018 Poster Revealed



Get registered Today for USCC in ATL!



AND....REGISTRATION IS OPEN:

www.compostconference.com

City-Town-County discount code is GOVT35. It's a 35% discount off of the full conference registration. The GRC member discount code is GRC2018. This is a 25% discount code off of full conference registration. They cannot be used in conjunction.

The discount code is entered at the checkout.

Measurement Matters



For Details and to Register:

www.measurementmatters.net

**Have a Safe, Enjoyable,
"Green", & Happy Holiday
Season GRC!**

See you in the New Year.



Thank you for your continued support of our great state recycling organization!

Sincerely,

Gloria Hardegree
Georgia Recycling Coalition