

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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR- Registration Opens Soon!



**GRC Semi-Annual Training Meeting
May 1 & 2, 2018 Athens, GA-Hotel
Indigo**

Climate change is starting to take a toll on our communities. If we continue to face life altering storms, are we set up to be resilient?

The buzz word these days is contamination...what is it, where did we go wrong, how to eliminate it and facing the "new normal" of recycling.

The future of glass is still a work in progress; plastics are finding a new beneficial use via technology. Organics are top of mind in the industry. HHW collection is growing as residents request more access.

Commercial, multi-family and industrial sectors generate 70% of recoverable materials; addressing those needs is critical to success of sustainable materials management.

**May 1-Tues.
Tour and Reception Day
Beginning at Noon-via bus transportation
provided (30 max)**

ACC Composting Site Visit
ACC Materials Recycling Facility Tour
ACC CHaRM Center Tour

Evening Gathering TBD (Local Brewery)-5:30 PM (May 1)

Return to Hotel Indigo *

***Pairing Southern farmstead modern style with a deep appreciation for local culture, this boutique retreat is one of the world's first LEED Gold-certified hotels.**
<https://www.indigoathens.com/>

**May 2-Wed.
Hot Topics/Cool Approaches Sessions
8:30 AM-3:00 PM**

Marla Prince
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City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of Resilience,
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BMPs /Case Studies for Commercial/Multi-family, Industrial properties

M-PASS Environmental, Chris Witherspoon

ISRI Releases 2017 Annual Report

The [Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries](#)

(ISRI),
Washington, has served its members for 30 years. In that



time, few years have brought as much change as 2017 did, the association says. ISRI highlights the impact of these changes and the role the organization has played in helping the industry navigate the changing landscape in its [2017 Annual Report](#).

"Many will look back at 2017 as the year China announced its ban on certain scrap imports," says ISRI President Robin Wiener. "While this dramatically alters the landscape of our industry, many other changes are also taking place, causing the industry to continue to evolve as it has so many times in the past. Changes in the administration in the U.S., shifting global trade policies, new technologies, an overhaul of the U.S. tax structure and more have all impacted business, markets and trade. Throughout all of this, the one constant has been ISRI working hard to assist and advocate on behalf of our members and the recycling industry," she adds.

Full report:

<http://www.isri.org/2017AnnualReport>

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day



April 28, 2018 - 10AM to 2PM

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the

general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/

International Compost Awareness Week



SWANA Establishes Recycling Task Force



The [Solid Waste Association of North America \(SWANA\)](#), Silver Spring, Maryland, has established a Recycling Task

Force created to provide guidance to members, industry stakeholders, state/provincial and local governments and elected officials concerning the challenges facing recycling programs in the United States and Canada.

With China's waste ban already in place and the 0.5 percent contamination standard taking effect March 1, 2018, SWANA's Recycling Task Force will develop and support strategies for ensuring the continuation of sustainable recycling programs throughout North America.

EPA's Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWM) Toolkit Now Available

There is a new tool available to assist local governments in improving their materials management operations:



<http://www.serdc.org/iswm>

- The first part provides a process through which local governments may easily assess the potential for providing new or expanding existing services.
- The second part centers around the need for being able to explain the business case for recycling and more sustainable materials management. *To this end, the second tool provides information essential for system accounting and funding methods.*

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

Sincerely,

Gloria Hardegree
Georgia Recycling Coalition

