

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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2016 GRC Spirit of Green Annual Awards Nomination



Recognizing Excellence in Recycling & Waste Reduction in Georgia

Nomination Deadline: August 1, 2016

Award Categories

●Volunteer of the Year●

GRC Members who have provided the organization with value added benefits toward achieving the mission

●New Member of the Year●

"Rookie of the year" new member who has brought leadership & innovation to the organization

●Outstanding Institutional Program●

May include college, university, military installations or campus/industrial entities

●Outstanding Government/Community Program●

Local programs that exemplify comprehensive and sustainable components and practices

●Outstanding Corporate Leader●

Businesses that have implemented exemplary waste reduction/recycling programs for their industry

●Innovation Award●

Program or Individual developing original, unique, and potentially model programs or projects

●Environmental Stewardship●

Individual or Organization whose actions sustain the recycling industry's viability

Application Here: <http://www.georgiarecycles.org/about->

Jeffrey Foote
Green Spirit Farms GA

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Making Glass Recycling Work



Beverage industry partners Diageo and New Belgium Brewing, along with leadership from GPI member companies and key glass recycling stakeholder industries have announced the formation of the Glass Recycling Coalition (GRC).

The GRC is a dynamic group of organizations that will collaborate on efforts to make glass recycling work in the U.S., through identifying and sharing best practices, developing strategies to assist municipalities with glass recycling decisions, and establishing a network of glass recycling champions to increase the availability of recycled glass that can become new bottles and jars as well as fiberglass.

- Allagash Brewing Company
- Armagh Group
- Diageo (co-founder)
- Gallo Glass Company
- Glass Packaging Institute (co-founder)
- Goose Island Beer Company
- Heineken USA
- NAIMA (North American Insulation Manufacturing Association, Inc.)
- New Belgium Brewing (co-founder)
- National Waste and Recycling Association (NWRA)
- O-I
- Pratt Industries
- The Recycling Partnership
- Resource Recycling Systems (facilitator)
- Republic Services
- Ripple Glass
- Rocky Mountain Bottle Company
- Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.
- Sims Municipal Recycling
- Strategic Materials, Inc.
- Waste Management

Students in Bartow County Keep 280 Tons of Recyclable Garbage Out of Landfills



Students in Bartow County kept more than 280 tons of recyclable garbage out of the landfill during the 2015-16 school year.

The 25 public and private schools in the county as well as the Bartow County central office participated in Keep Bartow Beautiful's 12th annual School Recycling Contest from August to March 31 and collected 563,730 pounds - 281.9 tons - of aluminum and tin cans, plastic and glass bottles, milk jugs, detergent bottles, cardboard and mixed paper to supply the billion-dollar recyclables market in the Southeast.

Guide to Workplace Composting Released by Partners

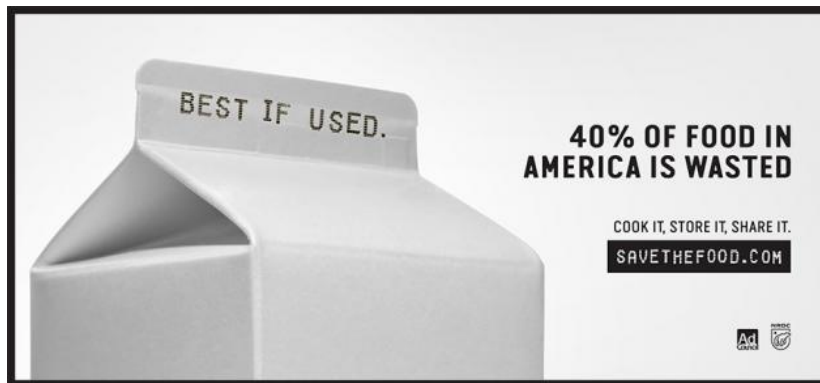
Kimberly-Clark Professional, the US Composting Council (USCC) and Keep America Beautiful have introduced a free [Guide to Workplace](#)



[Composting](#) to help organizations develop workplace composting programs that support sustainability, waste reduction and zero waste initiatives.

The guide provides step-by-step instructions and resources to help office buildings, manufacturing facilities, hotels, hospitals, universities and other workplaces divert organic matter - such as food scraps, used paper towels, coffee grounds and coffee filters - from landfills through composting.

Save the Food Campaign



On April 20, 2016, The Ad Council and the Natural Resources Defense Council launched "Save The Food," a major national public service campaign to combat food waste from its largest source-consumers, who collectively waste more food than grocery stores, restaurants or farms. The initiative hopes to encourage consumers to reduce the amount of food they trash in their homes, thereby saving the water, energy and money that are lost along with it. Watch the TV ad [here](#).

For tools and ways the recycling industry can be involved in promoting the campaign:

<http://socialmediakit.adcouncil.org/presskit/save-the-food>

In Memoriam



Steven Blair Thompson, 66, passed suddenly on Thursday, April 21 at his home in Ashland, VA. Steve was born in Pikeville, KY on April 26, 1949. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Lauren Dabel Thompson, and two

sons. He began his career in recycling first with Reynolds Metals and eventually with Curbside Value Partnership (now The Recycling Partnership). Steve was a good friend and a superb colleague to so many in the industry--he did so much to help us in Georgia, including

support of the Georgia Recycling Coalition for many years. He officially retired a little over a year ago and was doing some consulting work, but spent most of his time pursuing hobbies he loved and enjoying grandchildren he adored. The industry has lost a valuable asset; the world has lost an amazing man.

Renew Your Membership

During the first week of May, GRC's Membership Management System automatically sent renewal notices to all members to renew for the GRC July 2016 - June 2017 Member Year. It includes an invoice for your convenience. You will need to log in to pay your membership renewal using your email address (this allows credit card payment option); if you forgot your password or if this is your first time logging in, just click "forgot password" and it will send you a link to change it. You can also print out the invoice and US mail with a check-whichever works for your accounting system.

The deadline for renewal is **June 30, 2016**. As always we

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understand that some of you may have to wait until after July 1 for new budget cycles to begin, so we will have a grace period to a month later.

Our success is your success... a coalition by definition is an alliance for combined action. We are allies, partners and colleagues working together to keep recycling strong and working in Georgia. The success of our organization in fulfilling its mission is reliant upon people who commit time, energy and resources to its support. Thank you for your contribution to our collective success... and Happy 25th Anniversary!

Registration is Open



Ways to be involved:

Exhibitor	Sponsor
Attendee	Golf

Handle all of the above online at:

<http://georgiarecyclingcoalition.wildapricot.org/>

In observance of our 25th Anniversary, we are searching for...

25 Conference Champions



to sponsor our annual conference, trade show

and membership meeting
September 18-21, 2016

\$500 per sponsor
Commitment Deadline: August 15, 2016

YES, I will be a GRC Conference Champion:
<http://georgiarecyclingcoalition.wildapricot.org/>

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

Sincerely,

Gloria Hardegree
Georgia Recycling Coalition