

Georgia Recycling Coalition

Green Sheet Update



Welcome to GRC's monthly Green Sheet Electronic Update! We hope you find the information helpful.

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Get Ready, Get Set... READ FOR RECYCLING



Reading and Recycling are important habits to form. The Georgia Recycling Coalition is excited to encourage both reading and recycling through the **Read for Recycling** program. This program is part of the state America Recycles Day (ARD) celebration.

ARD is the only nationally-recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the U.S. Annually, ARD is held on November 15th.

Visit www.americarecyclesday.org for complete ARD information.

For the fifth year in Georgia, **during the week of November 10-17, 2018**, K-12 school students are encouraged to read books that celebrate, educate, and encourage waste reduction activities. **Prizes for winners-check it out!** For more info and entry forms, check

here: <https://www.georgiarecycles.org/programs/america-recycles-day/>

PLEASE PROMOTE TO YOUR LOCAL SCHOOLS!

How2Recycle Works to Solve Contamination

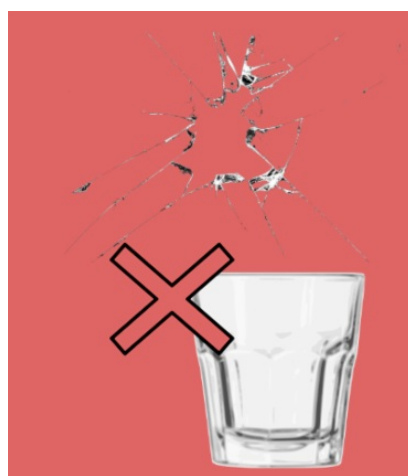
How2Recycle is trying to help people clean up what goes in curbside recycling carts. For more information and some details about alternative disposal methods, you can see their blog post: <http://www.how2recycle.info/news/2018/top-18-things-you-should-not-recycle>



Nope.

Don't try to recycle wood.*

*Some types of wood may be compostable at your local commercial composting facility.



Nope.

Don't recycle window panes or drinking glasses.



Nope.

Don't recycle
bowling balls.

China Based Company Set to Open Plastics Recycling Facility in Georgia

The China-based UPT Group Inc. says it has completed a deal to purchase a vacant building in Montezuma, Georgia, in Macon County. The company expects to undertake repairs at the site to convert it into a facility that will be able to process plastic scrap into pellets. The 400,000-square-foot building, formerly a Southern Frozen Foods Fresh Plant, sits on about 18 acres of land.



"This deal is a cooperative effort between UPT Group Inc., Montezuma, and China's XTJ Plastic Recycling Inc.," says Gerald Beckum, executive director of the Development Authority of Macon County. Beckum says the company expects to have the facility operational by the end of the year.

Song Lin, CEO of UPT Group, says the company plans to renovate the property and install equipment to wash, degrease, sanitize and pelletize recycled plastic. Water used in the plastic processing stages also will be recycled, causing minimal use of the city's sewage system, according to Lin.

Lin says the company will be recycling LDPE (low-density polyethylene) and HDPE (high-density polyethylene) plastic scrap from postindustrial, postconsumer and agricultural sources.

APR Demand Champion Campaign Update



The **APR Recycling Demand Champions Campaign**, created in 2017 by the **Association of Plastic Recyclers** (APR), intended to develop new markets for recycled plastics, has generated almost 7 million pounds of new demand in its first year. The APR also announced several new participants that have committed to increase their use of post-consumer resin (PCR) in the upcoming year.

"The need for expanded demand for recycled plastics has reached a critical point, and the APR Recycling Demand Champions Campaign is all about new demand," says Liz Bedard, director of the APR Rigid Plastic Recycling Program. "APR applauds and appreciates the efforts of the inaugural Demand Champion companies and encourages others to commit to this important campaign."

The initial group of companies that increased their use of PCR in the past year are Berry Global, Champion Polymer Recycling, Clean Tech Inc., Coca-Cola North America, Envision Plastics, Keurig Dr. Pepper, Merlin Plastics, Plastipak, Procter & Gamble and Target. Collectively, the APR says, these companies increased their PCR purchasing by 6.8 million pounds. This is equivalent to the greenhouse gas emissions from 1,747 passenger vehicles driven for one year, 92 jobs in plastics recycling and all of the plastic recyclables from a city the size of Cambridge, Massachusetts, with its population of 113,333, the association adds.

PUMPKIN TIME...



A billion pounds of pumpkins end up in landfills every; here's how to make that Halloween or Thanksgiving pumpkin more eco-friendly:

<https://returntonow.net/2018/10/12/3-ways-to-recycle-your-halloween-pumpkin/>

ICAW Poster Contest Deadline this week



Call for Entries: The Composting Council Research & Education Foundation invites YOU to get involved in ICAW 2019. We're looking for anyone interested in participating in our 17th Annual Poster Contest. The winning poster will be used to promote International Compost Awareness Week, May 5 -11, 2019.

POSTER THEME: *COOL THE CLIMATE - COMPOST!*

The contest runs from September 1 until November 5, 2018 and is open to anyone, ages 10 and up from anywhere in the world, who wishes to share their artistic creativity to promote this year's theme. The winning poster will serve as the promotional piece to encourage people across the country to participate in ICAW, plus the winner receives a \$500 prize too.

To learn more about the contest and how to enter go: [HERE](#)

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

Sincerely,

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