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

**Interface Tour/Semi-Annual Training Meeting**

Commercial flooring manufacturer Interface is making progress toward its "Mission Zero" goal of eliminating any negative impact on the environment by 2020. *Come see first-hand their recycling and manufacturing facilities.*

LaGrange, GA
April 9-10, 2019

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Greif Acquires Caraustar

Greif, Inc. a global leader in industrial packaging products and services, announced in February that it has completed its previously announced acquisition of Caraustar Industries, Inc. "I am pleased that we have completed the acquisition of Caraustar Industries and I welcome our new colleagues to the Greif team," said Pete Watson, Greif's President and Chief Executive Officer. "The addition of Caraustar bolsters our leadership position and enhances our existing portfolio of packaging solutions. We look forward to delivering on the opportunities that the addition of Caraustar provides for our team, our customers and our shareholders."

Greif is a global leader in industrial packaging products and services and is pursuing its vision: in industrial packaging, be the best performing customer service company in the world. The company produces steel, plastic and fibre drums, intermediate bulk containers, reconditioned containers, flexible products, containerboard, uncoated recycled paperboard, coated recycled paperboard, tubes and cores and a diverse mix of specialty products. The company also manufactures packaging accessories and provides filling, packaging and other services for a wide range of industries. Greif also manages timber properties in the southeastern United States and is strategically
positioned in over 40 countries to serve global as well as regional customers.

**MMP for Georgia**

Georgia is adopting the MMP this year; GRC and EPD will work in partnership to facilitate getting communities signed up to participate. This will take the place of our now shuttered Measure GA system; please watch the video below of the webinar if you missed it on Feb 12th; here are some reasons the MMP will be a new and improved system for collecting recycling metrics in GA:

- Eventual standardization of measurement nationally
- Less frequency of reporting—you maintain records and report into the system annually
- Both curbside and drop off assessments are included in the system
- Easy performance reports, benchmarks and analytic reports to assist you in maintaining your local program
- We need your data to aggregate impact plus you may qualify for regional & national grants by reporting
- A public facing side will be possible...more on that later
- For cities now (2019); counties and consolidated governments—please sign up to indicate you need to participate too...they are working on including you!

If you missed the webinar or joined it a little late, you can watch it on-demand at your convenience here.

HELP US MAKE GEORGIA A LEADER IN THIS EFFORT...

SIGN UP TODAY AND COMPLETE YOUR PROFILE

*You can't manage what you don't measure!*
Battery Recycling Success
On February 18th, National Battery Day, Call2Recycle®, the country’s first and largest consumer battery recycling program, recognized Georgians for leading the charge and ranking as one of the nation's top 10 battery recycling states in 2018 by collecting more than 657,000 pounds of batteries. Overall, U.S. consumers recycled 7.2 million pounds of batteries last year through the Call2Recycle program.

"Since the inception of the Call2Recycle program, Georgians have diverted more than 3,800,000 pounds of batteries from landfills and helped make the environment of cleaner and safer," said Call2Recycle Executive Vice President of External Relations, Linda Gabor. "With consumers relying more and more on battery-powered devices, National Battery Day is the perfect reminder that batteries and other electronics are an important part of the recycling picture."

Before recycling, consumers should review tips on how to safely prepare their batteries. It's as easy as 1-2-3:

1. **Protect**: Batteries can be bagged or taped to provide protection. You can tape the positive terminal with non-conductive electrical, duct or clear packing tape **OR** individually place batteries in plastic bags (non-grocer).
2. **Store**: Keep batteries in a cool place, avoiding metal containers. Try to recycle within six months.
3. **Recycle**: Use the Call2Recycle locator to find a nearby drop-off location. 84 percent of Georgia residents live within 10 miles of a drop-off site.

Compost Research Scholarships Offered
The Composting Council's Research & Education Foundation (CCREF) application period to apply for a compost research scholarship is open. There are two scholarship programs. One is the CCREF National Scholarship program and is open to all students studying at a college or university in the United States, and the other is a special scholarship offered to college students in North Carolina only.
Both of these scholarships are for $4,000, and also includes an invitation to present research findings at a US Composting Council Annual Conference.

The goal of each scholarship is to bring assistance to college students interested in compost research and to spark interest in future careers in the composting industry.

Learn More About the National CCREF Compost Research Scholarship Program and How to Apply [here](#).

**Deadline:** April 12, 2019

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**NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

**Bakers Waste Equipment Inc.** (BWE) was founded in 1981 with a vision to manufacture and supply waste handling equipment to a regional network of haulers and municipalities. After decades of success and growth, BWE is now recognized nationally for its core products which include steel front load containers, roll off containers, heavy duty industrial containers, hoppers, trailers, recycling containers, and our branded line of Pinnacle Compactors that is rapidly gaining market share and awareness.

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**SPC Reveals Design for Recycled Content Guide**

The Sustainable Packaging Coalition has released a [Design for Recycled Content Guide](#). This guide
supports brands and suppliers who are looking to incorporate recycled content in packaging. The guide provides practical recommendations to inform strategy and decision making by outlining existing challenges, illuminating areas of opportunity, and dispelling myths about the use of recycled content. Check the guide [here](#).

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

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