



RFT - Tuesday, June 20th

Pre-Conference activities, Keynote, and General Sessions

Schedule of Events – Day 1

START	END	EVENT	LOCATION
8:30 am	5:00 pm	Registration Open	Calusa Pre-function
8:30 am	Noon	Exhibitor Set-Up	Calusa DE
9:00 am	10:30 am	RFT Board Meeting	Blue Heron
11:00 am	Noon	<p>Pre-Conference Member Meet & Greet and Open Art Studio - Educational Networking Event</p> <p><i>Session summary:</i> Join this interactive networking session to meet new and tenured members in the organization as well as share your top marketing collateral, resources, and contacts. Light refreshments will be provided.</p> <p>Open Art Studio Mural</p> <p>Ever wanted to draw on a mural, but never had the chance? Join a “how to” kick-off and brief introduction to using some basic strokes to keep you relaxed and have the option to draw during the conference. Miriam Zimms, a Teaching Artist, will demonstrate art techniques that anyone can perform throughout the event. Or just grab a pen and add your own creative strokes to express yourself or just sign your name or favorite reduction or recycling statement on the Mural. The Studio will be in the preconference area and available until 3:00 pm, Wednesday, June 21st. Miriam Zimms, Kessler Consulting, Inc. Consultant and teaching artist</p>	Calusa Terrace
Noon	1:00 pm	Lunch On Your Own	--
1:00 pm	2:20 pm	<p>Opening Plenary, Welcome, and Keynote</p> <p><i>Session summary:</i> Opening welcome plenary session and introduction of our keynote address.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carmen Bruno, Hernando County, RFT Chair Joe England, City of Orlando, Education Planning Committee Chair 	Calusa ABC
2:20 pm	2:30 pm	Session transition	--
2:30 pm	3:30 pm	<p>Session #1 – New Advances in Recycling Technology</p> <p><i>Session summary:</i> Recycling is changing but so is technology. Hear how technology is helping to shape the future of recycling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joe England, City of Orlando, Moderator John Ratiu, Aero Aggregate Dawn McCormick, WM 	Calusa ABC

3:30 pm	4:00 pm	Afternoon Networking Break with Exhibitors	Calusa DE
4:00 pm	5:00 pm	Session #2 – Community Action for a Sustainable Future <i>Session summary:</i> Hear how organizations work together with the community to help accomplish their missions and goals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelley Samec, Alachua County Solid Waste & Resource Recovery, Moderator • Alanna Carinio and Jennifer Bryan, Alachua County Solid Waste & Recovery • Erin Labrie, Goosechase • Sue Flak, Indian River County • Emily Grant, Means Database 	Calusa ABC
3:30 pm	5:00 pm	FLCC Board Meeting	Blue Heron
5:30 pm	7:00 pm	Evening Networking Social with Exhibitors	Calusa DE

RFT - Wednesday, June 21st

General Sessions, Exhibitor and Sponsor Showcase, and Networking

Schedule of Events – Day 2

START	END	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 am	3:00 pm	Registration Open	Calusa Pre-function
8:00 am	3:00 pm	Committee Meetings Flow	Captiva
8:00 am	9:00 am	Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors	Calusa DE
8:30 am	9:30 am	Session #3 – Show Me the Money <i>Session summary:</i> Listen to this panel discussion to hear best practices for writing and submitting grant applications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Megan Smalley, Recycling Today Media Group, Moderator • Gene Jones, Southern Waste Information eXchange, Inc. • Hala Sfeir, JHS Environmental • Maggie Orozco, The Recycling Partnership • Natha Dempsey, Foodservice Packaging Institute 	Calusa ABC
9:30 am	10:00 am	Mini Session – The Mentorship Program Panel – Mentors and Mentees Share Benefits <i>Session summary:</i> Join the inaugural 2023 mentorship mentor-mentee program participants to explore the program's benefits and lessons learned. We will be launching two groups in 2024. This is your time to learn how the mentorship program provides support to members for professional growth and peer to peer sharing regarding industry support in today's business climate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joshua McMinds, Citrus County BOCC • Randy Rudd, Kessler Consulting, Inc. • The 2023 Mentorship Mentors and Mentees 	Calusa ABC

10:00 am	10:10 am	Transition to Morning Networking Break with Exhibitor Session	-
10:10 am	11:10 am	Session #4 – Exhibitors Showcase and Interactive Networking Session summary: Join us for an exciting interactive networking session where you will hear from every exhibitor to learn more about the products and services our exhibitors and sponsors offer.	Calusa DE
11:10 am	11:15 am	Session Transition	--
11:15 am	12:15 pm	Session #5 – Hard to Recycle Materials - Don't Let it be a Pain in the Processor! Session summary: Learn about collection options and how the recycling process of <i>hard to recycle materials</i> can contribute to Florida's circular economy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carmen Bruno, Hernando County, Moderator • Reenee Casapulla, Foam Cycle • Curt Bucey, Strategic Materials, Inc. • Kellie Driscoll, Trex Recycling 	Calusa ABC
12:15 pm	2:00 pm	Lunch On Your Own	--
2:00 pm	3:00 pm	Session #6 – Who Said You Can't Teach Government New Tricks Session Summary: Hear how two Florida municipalities identified issues in their communities and are leading the way to reduce waste and recycle. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connie Lea, Brevard County, Moderator • Robert Sherman, City of Flagler Beach • Daniel Gallagher, Hillsborough County 	Calusa ABC
2:00 pm	5:00 pm	Facilities Tour and Networking Event (Offsite) Lee County and Southwest Waste (SW) Tour <i>*Buses leave at 2:00 pm.</i> Session summary: Tour Lee County's award-winning Composting Facility or Lee County's Material Recovery Facility (MRF) and Southwest Waste (SW) C&D Recycling Facility; Two different tours available. <p>Tour One – Join us and discover how we're transforming waste materials into resources and building a greener tomorrow. First, you will tour Lee County's Single Stream Material Recovery Facility (MRF) followed by a tour at Southwest's (SW) Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling Facility where you'll witness firsthand how SW processes, sorts and recovers materials; such as concrete wood, metal, and more. – *FREE! Transportation, water and snacks are provided for this tour. This tour is limited to 30 registered participants.</p> <p><u>Click here to register for Tour One.</u></p> <p>Tour Two – Welcome to the world of sustainable agriculture and waste reduction! Are you curious about how organic waste can be transformed into nutrient-rich soil amendments for plants and crops? Come join us on a tour of our state-of-the-art compost production facility and discover the magic of composting! – *FREE!</p>	Offsite

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3:00 pm	5:00 pm	<p>Independent Networking Session - Take an opportunity to enjoy a personalized meet and greet session with attendees, exhibitors, and sponsors.</p>	--
6:00 pm	8:30 pm	<p>Evening Dinner Party Social – Dancing for Decades Mock Casino Night Dinner Party</p> <p>Enjoy an evening of fun by coming dressed to impress in an outfit from your favorite decade. Can you dig it? Groovy! This event features a full dinner, DJ, mock casino night, networking with colleagues, and fun!</p>	Calusa ABC



Full RFT conference registration or the RFT Wednesday day rate registration includes one (1) entry into the Wednesday night dinner social.

Guest Dinner and Entertainment Tickets

Additional guest tickets for this event that include a full meal and entertainment are available for \$110.00 per ticket for guests and can be purchased online at: <https://recyclefloridatoday.info/event-5286191>.

Share your favorite song(s)!

Contribute to our “Dancing for the Decades” song list here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/rft2023conferencesonglist-membersuggestions>.



Florida Composting Council

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8:00 am	3:00 pm	Registration Open	Calusa Pre-function
8:00 am	9:00 am	Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors	Calusa DE
8:30 am	10:00 am	<p>FLCC Session #1 –</p> <p>Session summary: Speakers will address State organic recycling and efforts with FDOT and FORCE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica Hampton, TerraNutri, LLC, Moderator • Lauren O’Connor, Florida Department of Environmental Protection - Florida Organics Recycling Program & Rule Update <i>(Invited)</i> • Chris Snow, Veransa - Update on FLCC FDOT and University/IFAS Initiatives • Miriam Zimms, Kessler Consulting, Inc. - FORCE Update 	Blue Heron
10:00 am	10:10 am	Transition to Morning Networking Break with Exhibitor Session	-
10:10 am	11:10 am	<p>FLCC Session #2 –</p> <p>Session summary: Speakers will address solutions on water restrictions and the route to zero waste.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darren Midlane, Life Soils - Compost a Solution to Water Restrictions in Masterplan Communities. • Brad Karst, Machinex Technologies - Tackling Organics in Route to Zero Waste 	Blue Heron
11:10 am	11:15 am	Session Transition	--
11:15 am	12:15 pm	<p>FLCC Session #3 –</p> <p>Session summary: Speakers will address compost use, and FLCC sponsors will introduce themselves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica Hampton, TerraNutri, LLC - Why Use of Compost on Turfgrass in Florida • FLCC Conference sponsors 	Blue Heron
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5:00 pm

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Offsite

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RFT - Thursday, June 22nd

General Sessions, Networking, and Closing

Schedule of Events – Day 3

START	END	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 am	Noon	Registration Open	Calusa Pre-function
8:00 am	9:00 am	Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors	Calusa DE
9:00 am	10:00 am	<p>Session #7 – Gypsum Wallboard: Creating New Opportunities for Construction and Demolition Recycling</p> <p>Session summary: Join us as we explore the opportunities of gypsum drywall recycling. Attendees will hear from professionals within this industry and learn more about opportunities to create new viable products and end uses for gypsum as well as new opportunities for end-markets in the state of Florida.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timothy Lamontagne, Lee County and RFT Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling Committee Chair, Moderator • Terry Weaver, USA Gypsum • Yalan Liu, Ph.D., I.E, Sustainable Materials Management Research Laboratory Department of Environmental Engineering Sciences, University of Florida • Chris Stapleton, Gypsum to Gypsum 	Calusa ABC
10:00 am	10:15 am	Session Transition	-
10:15 am	11:15 am	<p>Session #8 – Legislative Session and Federal Grant Update</p> <p>Session summary: Hear what happened during Florida’s 2023 Legislative Session and receive updates from FDEP and future Infrastructure grant opportunities from the EPA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFT Legislative Committee • Patrick Bell and Douglas Holder, The Legis Group • Thornhill Cheeks, Environmental Protection Agency Region IV • Karen Moore, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Invited) 	Calusa ABC
11:15 am	11:30 am	Session Transition	-
11:30 am	Noon	<p>Session #9 – 2023 Annual Business Meeting</p> <p>Session summary: Hear updates from our executive committee, committees, announcement of our 2023 elections, specialty license plate, and other updates.</p>	Calusa ABC
Noon	1:30 pm	Closing Networking Luncheon	Tarpon Bay
1:30 pm	--	Adjourn	<i>Safe Travels!</i>