





RFT - Monday, June 24th

Pre-Conference activities, Keynote, and General Sessions

Schedule of Events – Day 1

START	END	EVENT	LOCATION
8:30 am	5:00 pm	Registration Open	Pre-function Area
8:30 am	Noon	Exhibitor Set-Up	Exhibit Hall
9:00 am	10:30 am	RFT Board Meeting	Journey
11:00 am	1:00 pm	Committee Meetings	Journey
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, Tuesday, June 25th. Hosted by Miriam Zimms, Kessler Consulting, Inc. Consultant, and teaching artist.</p>	Pre-function Area
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, University of Florida, RFT Chair • Joe England, City of Orlando, Education Planning Committee Chair • Connie Lea, Brevard County, Education Planning Committee Vice Chair <p>Motivational Keynote:</p> <p>Leonard “Elwood” Wood, L Wood Consulting, LLC</p> <p>4 Anchors to Success</p>	Ponce De Leon III-VII

		Keynote summary: This motivational keynote address covers the four topics of Vulnerability, Motivation, Change Management, and Emotional Intelligence and their relation to effective leadership and good business. Participants will leave with a greater understanding of each topic and their importance, as they relate to personal and professional success.	
2:20 pm	2:30 pm	Session transition	--
2:30 pm	3:30 pm	Session #1 – Fires, Safety, and MRFs Session summary: Hear information on safety management solutions for fire prevention, safety, and control at material recovery facilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron Butler, Ron Butler, Energy Storage Safety Products International • Ryan Folgelman, Fire Rover 	Ponce De Leon III-VII Session sponsored in part by: 
3:30 pm	4:00 pm	Afternoon Networking Break with Exhibitors	Exhibit Hall
4:00 pm	5:00 pm	Session #2 – You Did What? Innovative Ways to Educate and Promote Recycling Programs Session summary: Football games and parades? Say less. Organizations have gotten creative in how they educate and promote recycling and sustainability programs. Hear how these organizations are working with public-private partnerships to encourage reuse and waste reduction. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edgar Castro Tello and Shelby Lewis, City of Tampa Solid Waste - <i>Parade Beads: Trash or Treasure?</i> • Lisa Toy, School District of Palm Beach County and Jessica Winter, Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County, FL - <i>RecycleMania Sports Edition: Partnering to Build a School-Based Recycling Program</i> 	Ponce De Leon III-VII Session sponsored in part by: 
3:30 pm	5:00 pm	FLCC Board Meeting	-
5:30 pm	7:00 pm	Evening Networking Social with Exhibitors	Exhibit Hall



RFT - Tuesday, June 25th

General Sessions, Exhibitor and Sponsor Showcase, and Networking

Registration to the RFT conference also includes access to the FLCC day track on June 25th.

Schedule of Events – Day 2

START	END	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 am	3:00 pm	Registration Open	Pre-Function Area
8:00 am	9:00 am	Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors	Exhibit Hall
8:30 am	9:30 am	Session #3 – It’s All About the Mix. Know What’s in It, Then Educate!	Ponce De Leon III-VII

		<p>Session summary: Understanding your waste stream is vital in the planning process when determining how to divert more waste from disposal. Hear how understanding the changes in the composition of your waste and recycling streams are critical to measuring the effectiveness of recycling programs as well as the importance of educating residents to lower contamination to help make your program successful.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitch Kessler, Kessler Consulting, Inc. - <i>Sorting It All Out, What's in Your Waste Stream</i> • Kathy Kallas and Caleb Gonzalez, Lee County - <i>It's All About Education and Communication</i> 	<p>Session sponsored in part by:</p> 
9:30 am	10:00 am	<p>Mini Session – The Mentorship Program Panel – Mentors and Mentees Share Benefits</p> <p>Session summary: Join the 2024 mentorship mentor-mentee program participants to explore the program's benefits and lessons learned. Learn how the mentorship program provides support to members for professional growth and peer to peer sharing for industry support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ed Farmer, Waste Pro USA • The 2024 Mentorship Mentors and Mentees Shares 	Ponce De Leon III-VII
10:00 am	10:10 am	Transition to Morning Networking Break with Exhibitor Session	-
10:10 am	11:10 am	<p>Session #4 – Exhibitors Showcase and Interactive Networking</p> <p>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.</p>	Exhibit Hall
11:10 am	11:15 am	Session Transition	--
11:15 am	12:15 pm	<p>Session #5 – Paving the Way: Innovations in Asphalt Shingle and Vinyl Recycling</p> <p>Session summary: In this conference session, members will have the opportunity to explore the latest advancements and best management practices in Asphalt Shingle and Vinyl Recycling, featuring insights from subject matter experts. Attendees will discover how Florida can enhance its asphalt shingle recycling initiatives to achieve greater sustainability and environmental impact in the construction industry as well as information on how to make recycling rigid vinyl easy to help divert and reclaim as much vinyl material as possible away from landfills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Horton, ASR Systems • Hannah Sackles, University of Florida, Department of Environmental Engineering Sciences • Alex Fernandez, Polymeric Exterior Products Association (PEPA) 	Ponce De Leon III-VII
12:15 pm	2:00 pm	Lunch On Your Own	--
2:00 pm	3:00 pm	<p>Session #6 – Innovative Recycling and Waste Collection Programs</p> <p>Session summary: This session will provide an overview of innovative recycling and collections programs and technologies that communities may want to emulate to foster recycling and waste handling of unique waste streams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gene Jones, Southern Waste Information eXchange, Inc. (SWIX) • Dawn McCormick, WM - <i>The Recycling Landscape in Florida</i> 	<p>Ponce De Leon III-VII</p> <p>Session sponsored in part by:</p> 


11:10 am	11:15 am	Session Transition	11:10 am
3:15 pm	4:15 pm	<p>Session #7 – Maximize Sustainability Through Alternative Fuels and Programs Promoting the Circular Economy</p> <p>Session summary: This session will share how innovations in how transforming landfill-bound materials into alternative fuel is critical to its sustainability and operational success for any multifaceted program and share how leveraging community partnerships is a powerful approach to promoting the Circular Economy to increase recycling, divert materials from landfills, maximizing resource efficiency, and foster a truly sustainable recycling program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyle Pykylo, Nucycle Energy - <i>Synergizing Feedstock Procurement Strategies with Fuel Quality Standards: A Comprehensive Approach</i> • Dave Robau, National Energy USA - <i>Recycling-As-A-Service: Leveraging Community Partnerships to Promote the Circular Economy</i> 	Ponce De Leon III-VII
4:15 pm	6:00 pm	Independent Networking Session - Take an opportunity to enjoy a personalized meet and greet session with attendees, exhibitors, and sponsors.	--
6:00 pm	8:30 pm	<p>Evening Dinner Party Social –</p> <p>Be a STAR! - Networking Dinner Party</p> <p>Dress up as your favorite super star, superhero, villain, or character.</p>	Tesoro Cove

RFT - Wednesday, June 26th

General Sessions, Networking, and Closing

Schedule of Events – Day 3

START	END	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 am	Noon	Registration Open	Calusa Pre-function
7:30 am	8:30 am	Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors	Exhibit Hall
8:30 am	9:00 am	Senator Linda Stewart, Florida State Senate – Closing Keynote Representing District 13 and parts of Orange County	Ponce De Leon III-VII
9:00 am	10:00 am	<p>Session #8 – Comprehensive Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan Technical Assistance Group (TAG) session</p> <p>Session summary: This session will give industry stakeholders the opportunity to provide the Florida Department of Environmental Protection comments to help develop a statewide plan. The goal will be to identify recycling goals based on sustainable materials management and waste diversion, with a focus on the following strategies: recycling education, outreach, local government recycling assistance, recycling materials market development, and any recommendations for statutory changes necessary to achieve the recycling goals or strategies identified in the plan.</p>	Ponce De Leon III-VII Session sponsored in part by: 
10:00 am	10:10 am	Session Transition	-

10:10 am	11:10 am	Session #9 – Legislative and Policy Session Session summary: Hear what happened during Florida’s 2024 Legislative Session, receive updates from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Environmental Protection Agency. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alysa Kuhn, Environmental Protection Agency Region IV • Karen Moore, FDEP (<i>Invited</i>) • Doug Holder, The Legis Group • Willie Puz, Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County 	Ponce De Leon III-VII Session sponsored in part by: 
11:10 am	11:30 am	<i>Session Transition – Hotel Check-Out</i>	-
11:30 am	Noon	Session #10 – 2024 Annual Business Meeting Session summary: Hear updates from our executive committee, committees, announcement of our 2024 elections, specialty license plate, and other updates.	Ponce De Leon III-VII
Noon	1:30 pm	Closing Networking Luncheon	Journey
1:30 pm	--	Adjourn	Safe Travels!