



February 18, 2026

At the Southeast Recycling Conference & Trade Show, Destin, FL

AGENDA

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START	END	EVENT	LOCATION
7:30 am	8:00 am	Registration Open and Networking with Breakfast	Preconference
8:00 am	8:15 am	Welcome and Opening Session summary: Opening welcome, housekeeping, and association updates.	Coral Ballroom A
8:15 pm	9:15 am	Session #1 – Recycling Innovation & Operations Session summary: Looking at the future of technology, automation, and artificial intelligence in solid waste and recycling programs. Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fred Cornell, AD REM - <i>Technology Optimization for Electronics, Metal & Plastic Recycling</i> • Patrick J. Owens - <i>SMM 2030: Redefining Waste as a Strategic Asset in the Era of Automation and Accountability</i> • Evan Williams, Cambridge Companies, Inc. – Office of Sustainability - <i>The Future of Trends Impacting Facility Design and Operations</i> 	Coral Ballroom A
9:15 am	9:20 am	Session Transition	
9:20 am	10:20 am	Session #2 – Advancing Solid Waste & Recycling: Regulatory Updates, Systems Innovation, and Promoting Responsible Recycling Session summary: Hear how solid waste, landfill, and recycling industries are undergoing significant changes, as communities in Florida grow, including a share on how a pilot program in Kansas City MO that tested three recyclates in the road to show better performance and promoting solid waste management solutions, and how Osceola County, Florida	Coral Ballroom A

launched the Responsible Recycling Osceola program, to make recycling meaningful, fun, interesting, visible, and community powered.

Speakers:

- Ralph Demeo, Adams and Reese - *Legal, Regulatory, & Policy Update on Solid Waste, Landfills, and Recycling in Florida*
- Olivia English, LiveGreenUSA - *Trash to Roads - A systems Approach to Innovation*
- Paul Conover and Nicole Enverga, Osceola County – Office of Sustainability - *Advancing Solid Waste & Recycling: Regulatory Updates, Systems Innovation, and Promoting Responsible Recycling*

10:25 am	10:30 am	Session Transition	-
10:30 am	11:30 am	Session #3 – Modern Composting in Action	Coral Ballroom A
		<p>Session summary: This session highlights how a County Organics Compost Facility is advancing large-scale, how facilities are enhancing their ability to recover organics from packaged food waste and divert material from landfills, and a county program that empowers residents with composting knowledge, promotes sustainable food practices, and creates a valuable soil-building resource for the community.</p>	
		<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Angela Webb, Maryland Environmental Service - <i>Depack Attack</i>• Eva Maria Pabon, UF-IFAS Extension-Osceola County – A <i>Collaborative Approach to Reducing Food Waste</i>• Dan Collins, Sustainable Generation - <i>Covered Aerated Static Pile Composting: Reducing Organics Loading to, and GHG/VOC emissions from, Landfills</i>	
11:30 pm	11:35 pm	Session Transition	-
11:35 pm	12:10 pm	Session #4 – Legislative Mid-Session Update (virtual share)	Coral Ballroom A
		<p>Session Summary: Hear an update of the waste and recycling bills from the 2026 Florida Legislative Session.</p>	
		<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Willie Puz, Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County, FL• Recycle Florida Today, Inc. Legislative Committee	
12:10 pm	12:15 pm	Closing Remarks and Adjourn	Safe travels!