



**RECYCLE  
FLORIDA TODAY**  
FOR A SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW<sup>SM</sup>

**February 18, 2026**

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

## AGENDA

**February 18, 2026**

START	END	EVENT	LOCATION
7:30 am	8:00 am	<b>Registration Open and Networking with Breakfast</b>	Preconference
8:00 am	8:15 am	<b>Welcome and Opening</b> <b>Session summary:</b> Opening welcome, housekeeping, and association updates.	Coral Ballroom A
8:15 pm	9:15 am	<b>Session #1 – Recycling Innovation &amp; Operations</b>  <b>Session summary:</b> Looking at the future of technology, automation, and artificial intelligence in solid waste and recycling programs.  <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fred Cornell, AD REM - <i>Technology Optimization for Electronics, Metal &amp; Plastic Recycling</i></li> <li>Patrick J. Owens - <i>SMM 2030: Redefining Waste as a Strategic Asset in the Era of Automation and Accountability</i></li> <li>Evan Williams, Cambridge Companies, Inc. – Office of Sustainability - <i>The Future of Trends Impacting Facility Design and Operations</i></li> </ul>	Coral Ballroom A
9:15 am	9:20 am	<b>Session Transition</b>	
9:20 am	10:20 am	<b>Session #2 – Advancing Solid Waste &amp; Recycling: Regulatory Updates, Systems Innovation, and Promoting Responsible Recycling</b>  <b>Session summary:</b> 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

		<p>launched the Responsible Recycling Osceola program, to make recycling meaningful, fun, interesting, visible, and community powered.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ralph Demeo, Adams and Reese - <i>Legal, Regulatory, &amp; Policy Update on Solid Waste, Landfills, and Recycling in Florida</i></li> <li>• Olivia English, LiveGreenUSA - <i>Trash to Roads - A systems Approach to Innovation</i></li> <li>• Paul Conover and Nicole Enverga, Osceola County – Office of Sustainability - <i>Advancing Solid Waste &amp; Recycling: Regulatory Updates, Systems Innovation, and Promoting Responsible Recycling</i></li> </ul>	
10:25 am	10:30 am	<b>Session Transition</b>	-
10:30 am	11:30 am	<p><b>Session #3 – Modern Composting in Action</b></p> <p><b>Session summary:</b> 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><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angela Webb, Maryland Environmental Service - <i>Depack Attack</i></li> <li>• Eva Maria Pabon, UF-IFAS Extension-Osceola County – <i>A Collaborative Approach to Reducing Food Waste</i></li> <li>• Dan Collins, Sustainable Generation - <i>Covered Aerated Static Pile Composting: Reducing Organics Loading to, and GHG/VOC emissions from, Landfills</i></li> </ul>	Coral Ballroom A
11:30 pm	11:35 pm	<b>Session Transition</b>	-
11:35 pm	12:10 pm	<p><b>Session #4 – Legislative Mid-Session Update (virtual share)</b></p> <p><b>Session Summary:</b> Hear an update of the waste and recycling bills from the 2026 Florida Legislative Session.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Willie Puz, Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County, FL</li> <li>• Recycle Florida Today, Inc. Legislative Committee</li> </ul>	Coral Ballroom A
12:10 pm	12:15 pm	<b>Closing Remarks and Adjourn</b>	Safe travels!