

Organizations and Directories

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CU-Boulder Links

[CU Environmental Center](#)

[CU Facilities Management](#)

[CU Housing and Dining Services](#)

[Ralphie's Green Stampede Fact Sheet](#)

Colorado Organizations

Local:

[Eco-Cycle](#)

[Boulder County Resource Conservation Division / Recycling and Composting](#)

[City of Boulder Climate and Sustainability Division](#)

[ReSource \(building materials\)](#)

[Green Girl Recycling](#)

[Western Disposal](#)

State:

[Colorado Association for Recycling](#)

[Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education](#)

[Better Buildings Colorado](#)

Campus Recycling Programs

Campus Recycling and Waste Minimization Policies

This resource from Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), compiles campus waste management policies that focus on waste minimization and/or recycling.

[Colorado University Recycling](#)

[Emory University](#)

[University of Oregon](#)

[University of Minnesota](#)

[Clemson University](#)

[University of California Davis](#)

[University of Missouri](#)

[University of Michigan](#)

[Lane Community College](#)

[University of California, Berkley](#)

[University of Massachusetts](#)

[Auburn University](#)

[Boston University](#)
[University of Pittsburg](#)
[Carnegie Mellon University](#)
[Tufts University](#)

Campus Zero Waste Organizations

College and University Recycling Coalition

CURC supports collegiate recycling programs through technical assistance, education, and training. They organize and host a Webinar series, hold one regional workshop and one national workshop, publish a quarterly newsletter, develop best-practices manuals and toolkits and help connect members through an active email listserv (RECYC-L) and through informal gatherings in conjunction with state and national conferences. CURC also partners with innovative programs such as the RecycleMania® Tournament and the Game Day Challenge.

National Recycling Coalition Campus Council

The NRC's Campus Council enables collaboration between higher ed and the sustainable materials management industry. The Council offers scholarships, hosts a network of young professionals, maintains an internship program and a speakers bureau, and advances applied research and development centers. The Council supports the National Standards Certification Board (NSCB) to accredit certification programs run by states, regions, organizations, trade associations, universities, and community colleges. The Campus Council also advocates for higher education in the National Action Plan for Sustainable Materials Management.

Post-Landfill Action Network

PLAN is a national network of student leaders working to end the cycle of waste in their campus communities. By joining PLAN, your campus group gets access to a variety of support, discounts, and other resources.

The group also coordinates an annual [conference](#)

Solid Waste Association of North America : Young Professionals

SWANA's group for individuals in the solid waste industry 35 or younger. They offer networking opportunities at events, conferences, webinars, and resources. SWANA's National Solid Waste Design Competition (SWDC) is a student team competition to solve a "real world" problem faced by solid waste professionals.

US Composting Council: Young Investigator Scholarship

The goal of the Young Investigator Scholarship is to bring attention to emerging young professionals in the field of compost research and to spark interest in the future of the composting industry. Recipient of the scholarship will be awarded funds to support their research and education. The recipient will be invited to display a research posted at the USCC Conference. If the deadline for this year has already passed, you can

access information on the next scholarship deadline and more information about the US Composting Council.

[US Zero Waste Business Council](#)

The U.S. Zero Waste Business Council and its campus group are creating campus-specific programs for certifying campus facilities that meets the [Zero Waste Principles of the Zero Waste International Alliance \(ZWIA\)](#).

[Zero Waste Youth USA](#)

Zero Waste Youth is a youth-led movement that gathers those who believe in a world without waste. They disseminate and apply Zero Waste principles, promote Zero Waste practices and empower youth through learning, vision building and actions in order to redefine what we consider “waste”.

Extended Producer Responsibility Groups

[UPSTREAM Policy](#)

UPSTREAM works with cities at the state level and corporations to lessen the adverse affects of plastics on the environment by developing stronger circular economies where products are designed with safe, sustainable materials with renewable energy at the source.

[Product Stewardship Institute](#)

The Product Stewardship Institute (PSI) is a national, membership-based nonprofit committed to reducing the health, safety, and environmental impacts of consumer products across their lifecycle with a strong focus on sustainable end-of-life management. We take a unique product stewardship approach to solving waste management problems by encouraging product design changes and mediating multi-stakeholder dialogues. With 47 state environmental agency members, along with hundreds of local government members from coast to coast, and 100 corporate, business, academic, non-U.S. government, and organizational partners, we work to promote product stewardship across North America.

[Electronics TakeBack Coalition](#)

The Electronics TakeBack Coalition (ETBC) promotes green design and responsible recycling in the electronics industry. Our goal is to protect the health and well being of electronics users, workers, and the communities where electronics are produced and discarded by requiring consumer electronics manufacturers and brand owners to take full responsibility for the life cycle of their products, through effective public policy requirements or enforceable agreements.

[CA Product Stewardship Council](#)

The California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) is a powerful network of local governments, non-government organizations, businesses, and individuals supporting

policies and projects where producers share in the responsibility for managing problem products at end of life.

Clean Production Action

CPA's unique role is to translate the systems-based vision of clean production into the tools and strategies NGOs, governments and businesses need to advance green chemicals, sustainable materials and environmentally preferable products. Critical to CPA's success is working closely with existing networks across the globe, developing new partnerships, learning about emerging technological trends and associated environmental health problems, and developing and communicating essential solutions. It is this combination of collaboration, empowerment and advocacy for a clearly defined vision that is key to achieving the fundamental transformations necessary in our economy.

Higher Education Organizations

AASHE: Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education

American Association of Community Colleges

American College University President's Climate Commitment

Clean Air-Cool Planet

College and University Recycling Coalition

The Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges

Higher Education Associations Sustainability Consortium

Harvard Green Campus Initiative

National Wildlife Federation: Campus Ecology Project

SCUP: The Society for University and College Planning

Second Nature: Education for Sustainability

University Leaders For a Sustainable Future

Industry Groups

American Forest and Paper Association

The (AF&PA) is the national trade association of the forest products industry which manufactures pulp, paper based packaging, and wood building materials. These products are sourced sustainably and the association works to have a thriving business that can support U.S. manufacturing jobs all while keeping detailed critical statistical research data about the forest products industry.

Association of Postconsumer Plastics Recyclers

The Association of Plastic Recyclers (APR) is a national trade association which represents companies throughout the recycling system. These companies obtain, recycle, and then sell more than 90% of the post-consumer plastic processes in America.

Glass Packaging Institute

Originally named the Glass Container Association of America in 1919 The Glass Packaging Institute (GPI) is the trade association for the North American glass container industry. The institute is committed to developing environmental and recycling policies, educating professionals, communicating industry standards and promoting glass as a packaging choice within the industry.

Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries

The Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI) is a private non-profit trade association representing more than 1,600 private and public for-profit companies. They work to promote safe, economically sustainable and environmentally responsible recycling through networking, advocacy, and education.

Northeast Recycling Council

The Northeast Recycling Council (NERC) works to promote sustainability in the solid waste management industry. It is a multi-state non-profit organization committed to developing environmental preferable purchasing (EPP) which should hopefully decrease resources that are difficult to manage in the industry.

Solid Waste Association of North America

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) works to integrate education, advocacy, and research into the solid waste management industry. Their core purpose is to advance the responsible management of solid waste as a resource, with a commitment to education, advocacy, collaboration, and respect.

Steel Recycling Institute

The Steel Recycling Institute (SRI) promotes research pertaining to steel and how it affects the industry in various ways. They work by analyzing processes of the most recycled material in the world through research, and hopefully increase the efficiency of the life cycle of steel.

The US Composting Council

The USCC is a non-profit organization that works to develop and promote the recycling of organics through composting. It acts as an informational platform for education on composting itself, and how to start composting on your own.

Waste360

Waste 360 acts as an educator for any information on the waste industry and how professionals are working to create new waste systems to be more efficient and sustainable. Waste 360 works to reach into the industry through its event "WasteExpo" and by providing digital information through its website.

Conservatree

[Chlorine Free Products Association](#)

[Container Recycling Institute](#)

[Environmental Paper Network](#)

[Grassroots Recycling
Network](#)

International Recycling

[African Recycler's Association](#)

[Asian Recycler's Association](#)

[Australian Government: Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population
and Communities](#)

[Canadian Association of Recycling Industries](#)

[Central America Recycling](#)

[European Commission](#)

[European Recycler's Exchange](#)

[India Environment Portal](#)

[International Solid Waste Association](#)

[Mexico: Secretary of the Environment \(Spanish\)](#)

[Paper Recycling Association of South Africa](#)

[Recycle Australia](#)

[South American Recycling Exchange](#)

[Waste Management, Pollution Control and Recycling in Africa](#)

[Waste Management, Pollution Control and Recycling in South America](#)

[World Environment Organization](#)

Journals and Periodicals

[American Recycler](#)

The American Recycler is a monthly newspaper distributed within the U.S. and Canada that contains valuable resources and information for those in the recycling, salvage, and waste industries. Their growing archive and list of resources includes important government policies and regulations that affect the industry.

[Biocycle Magazine](#)

Biocycle Magazine delivers monthly issues and publishes articles focused around composting, organics recycling, anaerobic digestion, and renewable energy. Each issue

shows readers how to process organic residuals into value added products such as compost, engineered soils, and biogas-derived electricity.

[Composting News](#)

[Environmental Business Journal](#)

[Environmental Magazine](#)

[Grist](#)

[The Journal of Solid Waste Technology and Management](#)

[Recycling Today](#)

[Resource Recycling Magazine](#)

[Scrap Magazine](#)

[Waste and Recycling News](#)

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[Earth's 911](#)

[EnviroLink](#)

Reduce and Reuse Groups

[National Reuse Alliance](#)

The National Reuse Alliance focuses on different ways businesses and individuals can reuse material goods in order to scale back the amount of waste we create.

[Building Materials Reuse Association](#)

The BMRA website is a 501 c3 non-profit educational and research organization whose mission is to advance the recovery, reuse and recycling of building materials. Their mission statement is to:

- Reduce the consumption of new resources
- Reduce landfill waste and pollution
- Create value-added markets and increase cost-effectiveness
- Expand job opportunities and workforce development skills
- Promote the sustainability of communities and the environment through resource preservation

[TerraCycle](#)

TerraCycle is an innovative recycling company that has become a global leader in recycling hard-to-recycle waste.

[Urban Ore](#)

Urban Ore is a business that aims to "end the age of waste". Included on their website is a list of zero waste resources, including policy analysis and planning, salvage operations, consulting, science, and facility design.

State Agencies

List of hyperlinks to state agencies compiled by Raymond Communications, 2016

[Alabama - Department of Environmental Management](#)
[Alaska - Department of Environmental Conservation](#)
[Arizona - Department of Environmental Quality](#)
[Arkansas - Department of Environmental Quality](#)
[California - Environmental Protection Agency](#)
[Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery\(CalRecycle\)](#)
[Department of Toxic Substances Control](#)
[Colorado - Department of Public Health and Environment](#)
[Connecticut - Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#)
[Delaware - Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control](#)
[Florida - Department of Environmental Protection](#)
[Georgia - Department of Natural Resources](#)
[Hawaii - Department of Health](#)
[Idaho - Department of Environmental Quality](#)
[Illinois - Environmental Protection Agency](#)
[Indiana - Department of Environmental Management](#)
[Iowa - Department of Natural Resources](#)
[Kansas - Department of Health and Environment](#)
[Kentucky - Department for Environmental Protection](#)
[Louisiana - Department of Environmental Quality](#)
[Maine - Department of Environmental Protection](#)
[Maryland - Department of the Environment](#)
[Massachusetts - Department of Environmental Protection](#)
[Michigan - Department of Environmental Quality](#)
[Minnesota - Pollution Control Agency](#)
[Mississippi - Department of Environmental Quality](#)
[Missouri - Department of Natural Resources](#)
[Montana - Department of Environmental Quality](#)
[Nebraska - Department of Environmental Quality](#)
[Nevada - Department of Conservation and Natural Resources](#)
[New Hampshire - Department of Environmental Services](#)
[New Jersey - Department of Environmental Protection](#)
[New Mexico - Environment Department](#)
[New York - Department of Environmental Conservation](#)
[North Carolina - Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#)
[North Dakota - Department of Health](#)
[Ohio - Environmental Protection Agency](#)
[Oklahoma - Department of Environmental Quality](#)
[Oregon - Department of Environmental Quality](#)
[Pennsylvania - Department of Environmental Protection](#)
[Rhode Island - Department of Environmental Management](#)
[South Carolina - Department of Health and Environmental Protection](#)
[South Dakota - Department of Environmental and Natural Resources](#)

[Tennessee - Department of Environment and Conservation](#)

[Texas - Commission on Environmental Quality](#)

[Utah - Department of Environmental Quality](#)

[Vermont - Department of Environmental Conservation](#)

[Virginia - Department of Environmental Quality](#)

[Washington - Department of Ecology](#)

[West Virginia - Department of Environmental Protection](#)

[Wisconsin - Department of Natural Resources](#)

[Wyoming - Department of Environmental Quality](#)

Zero Waste Organizations

[Eco-Cycle](#)

Eco-Cycle is one of the largest non-profit recyclers in the USA and has an international reputation as a pioneer and innovator in resource conservation.

[EnviroCitizen](#)

EnviroCitizen.org strives to deliver everything you could possibly want that's green along with tons of information, complemented by a strong sense of community. It is our hope that you will always check EnviroCitizen.org first when searching for anything green.

[Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives \(GAIA\)](#)

GAIA is a worldwide alliance of more than 650 grassroots groups, non-governmental organizations, and individuals in over 90 countries whose ultimate vision is a just, toxic-free world without incineration.

[Grassroots Recycling Network](#)

"GRRN is a national network of waste reduction activists and recycling professionals. We set ambitious standards for Zero Waste goals and policies. We provide opportunities for on-going meaningful participation in campaigns and build coalitions to achieve zero waste policies, businesses and communities. We have a valuable website and an active email listserve (called GreenYes) of many hundreds of knowledgeable experts in both downstream recovery and upstream clean production issues."

[Institute for Local Self-Reliance](#)

ILSR has championed local self-reliance, a strategy that underscores the need for humanly scaled institutions and economies and the widest possible distribution of ownership.

[Los Angeles ZW Challenge](#)

The city of Los Angeles is working with stakeholders from all around the city to develop the guiding principles for the city's Zero Waste Plan. While we plan the city's zero waste future, we know that there is so much we can do individually to reduce waste where we live, work and play.

US Zero Waste Business Council

The U.S. Zero Waste Business Council mission is to educate, inform and document the performance of Zero Waste Businesses using scientific methods to help businesses and communities become more healthy and sustainable.

ZERI-US

Zero Emissions Research and Initiatives (ZERI) is a global network of creative minds, seeking solutions to the ever increasing problems of the world. The members take on challenges others would consider impossible or too complex. Starting from ideas, based on science, the common vision shared by each and every member of the ZERI network is to seek sustainable solutions for society, from unreached communities to corporations inspired by nature's design principles. Innovative solutions are constantly designed by the ZERI teams drawn from many walks of life and expertise.

ZW Sierra Club

The Sierra Club is a grassroots organization, built on the efforts of a lot of people working together to protect the environment and create a more sustainable future.