**August Recycling Clips**

[Beverage returnable redemption accounts boom during pandemic](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.registerguard.com/news/20200802/beverage-returnable-redemption-accounts-boom-during-pandemic&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTM2MDA3NjIxMTIzMzkyNTIzMDMyGmMwYzI4ZmJhZmU5ZjY2YmU6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNGlKryaCUbbbLGAdgFtidXgcDnP6g)  August 2, 2020 The Register-Guard The centers, operated by the **Oregon** Beverage **Recycling** Cooperative, ... More and more people are utilizing the drop-and-go **recyclable** return ...

[Strength in numbers](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.recyclingtoday.com/pnw-metal-recycling-finds-strength-in-numbers.aspx&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTQ2MDYzNDg5MzczMDIxOTYzOTAyGmMwYzI4ZmJhZmU5ZjY2YmU6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNH9tjPVjMvA6B8m3eJEg5U-mo_hpA) Recycling Today Clackamas, **Oregon**-based PNW Metal **Recycling** Inc. has
drawn strength from its family business model to navigate the uncharted waters of 2020.

**Olszewski Announces Baltimore County Secures New Market Agreement to Recycle**<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/News/BaltimoreCountyNow/olszewski-announces-baltimore-county-secures-new-market-agreement-to-recycle-glass>

**Kenosha receives $520,000 for converting to a plastics recycling system | Local News |***American Beverage Association has selected Kenosha to receive $520,000 under its Every Bottle Back Initiative to improve the collection and recycling of plastic bottles. The award is to help the city during its transition to an automated system that has residents using 96-gallon carts to collect unbagged recyclables such as glass and plastic bottles, aluminum, steel and tin cans as well as newspapers, magazines and cardboard….*<https://www.kenoshanews.com/news/local/kenosha-receives-520-000-for-converting-to-a-plastics-recycling-system/article_4e71d1b1-82a2-54fc-8710-2c2a036e2ffa.html>

**Caltrans repaves stretch of highway with recycled plastic bottles for first time | YourCentralValley.com** <https://www.yourcentralvalley.com/news/california/caltrans-repaves-stretch-of-highway-with-recycled-plastic-bottles-for-first-time/>

**Should Governments Slap a Tax on Plastic? – Wired August 4, 2020***…In theory, the tax will make recycled materials more competitive with virgin plastic. “It can't, on its own, make economic sense for a product manufacturer to use recycled, post-consumer plastic versus virgin plastic,” says Eric Potashner, vice president and senior director of strategic affairs for Recology. “The numbers don't add up, which is why we're trying to create this subsidy, to try to balance that equation.”*

*“It's putting that sense of responsibility on the plastics industry to start addressing the environmental impacts that they're having,” says Alexis Jackson, fisheries project director at the Nature Conservancy. “So we see that as valuable. But I think the second part really is about setting a target for reduction.” The initiative also calls for all single-use plastic packaging and food-ware to be either recyclable, refillable, reusable, or compostable by 2030. Manufacturers would have to reduce the overall amount of this plastic sold in the state by 25 percent by the same year*….

<https://www.wired.com/story/should-governments-slap-a-tax-on-plastic/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Issue:%202020-08-05%20Waste%20Dive:%20Recycling%20%5Bissue:28907%5D&utm_term=Waste%20Dive:%20Recycling>

**Kroger Advances Zero-Waste Vision with New Simple Truth Recycling Program – Aug. 4, 2020**

*The Kroger Co. (NYSE:* [*KR*](https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/kroger-advances-zero-waste-vision-with-new-simple-truth-recycling-program-301105906.html#financial-modal)*), America's favorite grocer, today announced the launch of its Simple Truth® Recycling Program, offering customers a free and simple way to recycle the flexible packaging of more than 300 products from Simple Truth, America's largest natural and organic brand, with annual sales exceeding $2.5 billion in 2019. … "We're thrilled to partner with TerraCycle to launch our new Simple Truth Recycling Program, supporting our sustainable packaging goals and enabling Kroger customers to recycle their favorite Simple Truth and Simple Truth Organic products without ever leaving home."*

***How the Simple Truth Recycling Program works:***

1. *Sign up at* [*TerraCycle.com/SimpleTruth*](https://c212.net/c/link/?t=0&l=en&o=2876206-1&h=2335455471&u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.terracycle.com%2Fen-US%2Fbrigades%2Fsimple-truth&a=TerraCycle.com%2FSimpleTruth)
2. *Collect Simple Truth and Simple Truth Organic flexible plastic packaging (bags, pouches, liners and wraps)*
3. *Ship the packaging to TerraCycle using a free, prepaid shipping label*
4. *Earn points for every pound of eligible packaging sent*
5. *Redeem points as donations to charitable organizations…*

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/kroger-advances-zero-waste-vision-with-new-simple-truth-recycling-program-301105906.html>

**Credit system designed to boost plastics recovery launching in 2021 – August 5, 2020 Waste dive**
*The Plastic Waste Reduction Program, a market-based crediting system intended to drive investment in plastics recovery, is on track for an early 2021 launch. The project is backed by the* [*3R Initiative*](https://www.3rinitiative.org/about)*, a group whose founders include packaging companies such as Nestlé, Tetra Pak, and Danone, along with Veolia and Lloyd's Register. The latest version is currently* [*open for public comments*](https://verra.org/project/plastic-program/public-consultation/)*until Aug. 23. Verra, a nonprofit specializing in standards for carbon credits and related areas, is leading the process. The plan is to create a standardized accounting system for activities including "waste collection from the environment, development of new municipal infrastructure, waste picker recyclable material collection, and development and/or scaling up of new recycling technologies."*

*…While she welcomed discussions with producers looking to reduce plastic, Sanborn said she is generally skeptical of market-based initiatives that may not lead to the levels of sustained corporate investment that EPR supporters say new policies could. "The financing needs to come from the producers, period,"**said Sanborn, adding an initial concern about the credit system concept is “they’re trying to create a perception of a new accountability mechanism to ensure that they’re not really having to pay for this…."* <https://www.wastedive.com/news/plastic-waste-reduction-standard-verra-epr/582950/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Issue:%202020-08-05%20Waste%20Dive:%20Recycling%20%5Bissue:28907%5D&utm_term=Waste%20Dive:%20Recycling>

**Microsoft commits to achieve ‘zero waste’ goals by 2030** – August 4, 2020 Microsoft Blog
*…To address our own waste creation, Microsoft will reduce nearly as much waste as we generate while reusing, repurposing or recycling our solid, compost, electronics, construction and demolition, and hazardous wastes. We’ll do this by building first-of-their-kind Microsoft Circular Centers to reuse and repurpose servers and hardware in our datacenters. We’ll also eliminate single-use plastics in our packaging and use technology to improve our waste accounting. We will make new investments in Closed Loop Partners’ funds. And finally, we’ll enlist our own employees to reduce their own waste footprints….*<https://blogs.microsoft.com/blog/2020/08/04/microsoft-direct-operations-products-and-packaging-to-be-zero-waste-by-2030/>

# Drive the plastic highway? How a California company's innovative repaving process could lead to the 'holy grail' of road construction. [JORGE L. ORTIZ](https://www.usatoday.com/staff/2647387001/jorge-l-ortiz/) | USA TODAY Aug 10 2020

*“…There’s going to be a huge demand in the future for end-of-life PET products, so I have a feeling TechniSoil is going to run out of supply very quickly,’’ Geyer said. “From a plastic-waste management perspective, if that technology could work with 3-7 plastics, the environmental allure would be so much more obvious….’’*<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/08/08/recycling-plastic-pet-bottles-repave-california-roads/3315815001/>

**Columbia council introduces plan to eliminate curbside recycling August 10, 2020***Curbside recycling could be one of the casualties of the* [*fiscal 2021 Columbia city budget*](https://www.columbiatribune.com/news/20200724/columbia-city-manager-paints-grim-financial-outlook) *unless voters approve a proposal to convert refuse collection to a roll cart system…. “The current ordinance says we can modify the schedule for pickup but it doesn’t say we can just flat-out eliminate it,” Glascock said after the meeting about the residential recycling program established in the 1990s. “We have to bring an ordinance that says we’ve got to eliminate it because we can no longer do it, we don’t have the staff.”…*<https://www.columbiatribune.com/news/20200804/columbia-council-introduces-plan-to-eliminate-curbside-recycling>

FYI -- Check out Domino’s website indicating pizza boxes are recyclable… <https://www.recycling.dominos.com/the-facts>

[**Garbage**, recycling dump to move out of **Oregon** City?](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://pamplinmedia.com/pt/9-news/476719-385258-garbage-recycling-dump-to-move-out-of-oregon-city&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoTNjk3OTE3NjI4MjQ1MTIyMDM2OTIaMDY3NjFjNDVlYjM2Y2QwNTpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNFja16I4GcfVRJZxidvokwKOPTQ-g)

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Metro officials say that **Oregon** City's 30-year-old **garbage** and recycling transfer station can no longer safely accommodate its over 250,000 annual ...

[**Oregon** deposit return rate increased in 2019](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://resource-recycling.com/plastics/2020/08/12/oregon-deposit-return-rate-increased-in-2019/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoTNjk3OTE3NjI4MjQ1MTIyMTY2MjIaYzBjMjhmYmFmZTlmNjZiZTpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNHFFJXMUIySoamdf4ivyc3nB1tTOg)

Plastics Recycling Update

The **Oregon** Beverage **Recycling** Cooperative (OBRC), a distributor stewardship group that operates redemption centers and handles the majority of ...

[**Udall, Lowenthal Circulate Blueprints for Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act to State Legislators**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001mxTf8EZgl2XR2RujwOdcxfC60TmapbIYuBW4skqUSWYGObwr8OL7aApwKt3u5Sz6QmAQDuhRywy88lOU6qGbUwe-YvXoDoZIMJl43Z-izV-5i2RdqRwXPDpoNd-90RBuIe4Fa7yR5Gj-RJ3zhPoU7fWSdkMDAXkeHAIW06sUs7Knk8fppJKesGx5xmB3s9hv4-znCO5tc_flIWZ6sfpHi1T3AcDLZq9IAwpCs3vzpJ0tyj-VNAc6QQ7sleGRq0oSXTjfkPuWw6DzzM42UU6VMSIIA_p3AWys&c=-fozwijj1W0KPLjrevN6KlZMQFINYeN7BuKM9HZAANY9w7kfOUvEdA==&ch=zSzbiQZ3DG-RsAG0vj4pU3ZORgVB3xYN9g3RweWb0vtZqTSxtxSGtw==)

[U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-N.M.) and U.S. Representative Alan Lowenthal (D-Calif.) are calling on state and local legislators to introduce and enact legislation to tackle America’s growing plastic pollution and packaging waste crisis at the state level. **Read More>**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001mxTf8EZgl2XR2RujwOdcxfC60TmapbIYuBW4skqUSWYGObwr8OL7aApwKt3u5Sz6QmAQDuhRywy88lOU6qGbUwe-YvXoDoZIMJl43Z-izV-5i2RdqRwXPDpoNd-90RBuIe4Fa7yR5Gj-RJ3zhPoU7fWSdkMDAXkeHAIW06sUs7Knk8fppJKesGx5xmB3s9hv4-znCO5tc_flIWZ6sfpHi1T3AcDLZq9IAwpCs3vzpJ0tyj-VNAc6QQ7sleGRq0oSXTjfkPuWw6DzzM42UU6VMSIIA_p3AWys&c=-fozwijj1W0KPLjrevN6KlZMQFINYeN7BuKM9HZAANY9w7kfOUvEdA==&ch=zSzbiQZ3DG-RsAG0vj4pU3ZORgVB3xYN9g3RweWb0vtZqTSxtxSGtw==)

[**World’s Most Littered Item Now Recycled Throughout Tennessee**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001mxTf8EZgl2XR2RujwOdcxfC60TmapbIYuBW4skqUSWYGObwr8OL7aApwKt3u5Sz6REgCfRRWQ3CCLneINAmM7q_j6lcXViZyer_K8uYRBgzswUwb2VpDYTBVADyicG_La5GLfSoqzhKimfZ4jRNhV7oARqXBch-o9AUdLo6fqf6ZLmok03j7Ooj7GF5-_6kGJyi3jq-Bj4aFkKqMZVOL387NzwC-d3Yz1fOi_ui1v9k=&c=-fozwijj1W0KPLjrevN6KlZMQFINYeN7BuKM9HZAANY9w7kfOUvEdA==&ch=zSzbiQZ3DG-RsAG0vj4pU3ZORgVB3xYN9g3RweWb0vtZqTSxtxSGtw==)

[**T**erraCycle has joined forces with the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development and Keep Tennessee Beautiful (KTnB) to recycle the world’s most littered item – cigarette butts. After being shipped to TerraCycle, the waste received through the program is processed into plastic pellets for use in a variety of recycled products and Keep America Beautiful receives a $1 donation for every pound of cigarette waste collected. **﻿Read More>**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001mxTf8EZgl2XR2RujwOdcxfC60TmapbIYuBW4skqUSWYGObwr8OL7aApwKt3u5Sz6REgCfRRWQ3CCLneINAmM7q_j6lcXViZyer_K8uYRBgzswUwb2VpDYTBVADyicG_La5GLfSoqzhKimfZ4jRNhV7oARqXBch-o9AUdLo6fqf6ZLmok03j7Ooj7GF5-_6kGJyi3jq-Bj4aFkKqMZVOL387NzwC-d3Yz1fOi_ui1v9k=&c=-fozwijj1W0KPLjrevN6KlZMQFINYeN7BuKM9HZAANY9w7kfOUvEdA==&ch=zSzbiQZ3DG-RsAG0vj4pU3ZORgVB3xYN9g3RweWb0vtZqTSxtxSGtw==)

[**Nanocrystals from Recycled Wood Waste Make Carbon-Fiber Composites Tougher**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001mxTf8EZgl2XR2RujwOdcxfC60TmapbIYuBW4skqUSWYGObwr8OL7aApwKt3u5Sz6og17BbK1PB9IgtvW-txvrGNiHvTVmEyMjwxHq3jqLbdXyFNN8fwEjApMRuB8M2HTTkElE3EnBDIMrntsM0xyLRJ5fOMT_fjBAPUtVoujALr7MshAUZBNHysu-ufxDS_bdAoKvGVuOXCA4Aj0Cvtu7Uy9Rsv72tc0hJL4KqpBXCEGjLdOQvl_3VDiEXnEij81&c=-fozwijj1W0KPLjrevN6KlZMQFINYeN7BuKM9HZAANY9w7kfOUvEdA==&ch=zSzbiQZ3DG-RsAG0vj4pU3ZORgVB3xYN9g3RweWb0vtZqTSxtxSGtw==)

[Polymers reinforced with ultra-fine strands of carbon fibers epitomize composite materials that are “light as a feather and strong as steel,” earning them versatile applications across several industries. Adding materials called carbon nanotubes can further enhance the composites’ functionality. But the chemical processes used for incorporating carbon nanotube end up spreading them unevenly on the composites ... **Read More>**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001mxTf8EZgl2XR2RujwOdcxfC60TmapbIYuBW4skqUSWYGObwr8OL7aApwKt3u5Sz6og17BbK1PB9IgtvW-txvrGNiHvTVmEyMjwxHq3jqLbdXyFNN8fwEjApMRuB8M2HTTkElE3EnBDIMrntsM0xyLRJ5fOMT_fjBAPUtVoujALr7MshAUZBNHysu-ufxDS_bdAoKvGVuOXCA4Aj0Cvtu7Uy9Rsv72tc0hJL4KqpBXCEGjLdOQvl_3VDiEXnEij81&c=-fozwijj1W0KPLjrevN6KlZMQFINYeN7BuKM9HZAANY9w7kfOUvEdA==&ch=zSzbiQZ3DG-RsAG0vj4pU3ZORgVB3xYN9g3RweWb0vtZqTSxtxSGtw==)

### [Stalled New Jersey environmental justice bill with big permit implications likely to pass](https://r.xdref.com/?id=07DGIEpu036761&from=delivery_20200813121307.21195191.13520@mx.sailthru.com&to=bethvd@orra.net&url=https://link.wastedive.com/click/21195191.13520/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cud2FzdGVkaXZlLmNvbS9uZXdzL25ldy1qZXJzZXktZW52aXJvbm1lbnRhbC1qdXN0aWNlLWJpbGwtY292YW50YS1mcm9udGxpbmUtY29tbXVuaXRpZXMtd2FzdGUtZmFjaWxpdGllcy1oZWFsdGgvNTgyOTQwLw/5e90e2fd950d4d5e14625959B5ee48830)

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The long-anticipated legislation has major backing from lawmakers and community groups. Despite business community opposition, and some industry trepidation, stakeholders such as Covanta have expressed their support.

[**Plastics Recycling Builds the Business Case for Blockchain**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001j4I7iPX0hMmnpA9rqDW9T9fSnawm5v1PI25ar1tgVrrRZDUNntmeBIBtw_0edwM7BhLU-YTau_u2-n4Fbbg0zTpRCRLobrSHTjU2F1NyEpVVBQc3VXKeVKDGU-XsNZMKpRDieONK5fC52HozwYOkilydpPH-76UZwdbdeHlSX48NzCy0Fc3yW_vDa9jDwSHYMBOTJ57yY5kc2ylZOB5IHx97VZ0rDTCcHbqwjD-E2Qc=&c=nYSXz-0DT-9yBILL7tVsIbFRady3y6-zgG0NlYGT4wIiT8oA0qqf3g==&ch=vc-5f5wL4ZDbmnaYf87LHhexXe1fCLzlJqCz229CkGWLQ1ntmCNzJA==)

[RecycleGO has partnered with DeepDive Technology Group to bring trust, transparency and better decision-making to the recycling supply chain business using blockchain technology. The need for innovative recycling solutions that promote environmental sustainability has never been greater. **﻿Read More>**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001j4I7iPX0hMmnpA9rqDW9T9fSnawm5v1PI25ar1tgVrrRZDUNntmeBIBtw_0edwM7BhLU-YTau_u2-n4Fbbg0zTpRCRLobrSHTjU2F1NyEpVVBQc3VXKeVKDGU-XsNZMKpRDieONK5fC52HozwYOkilydpPH-76UZwdbdeHlSX48NzCy0Fc3yW_vDa9jDwSHYMBOTJ57yY5kc2ylZOB5IHx97VZ0rDTCcHbqwjD-E2Qc=&c=nYSXz-0DT-9yBILL7tVsIbFRady3y6-zgG0NlYGT4wIiT8oA0qqf3g==&ch=vc-5f5wL4ZDbmnaYf87LHhexXe1fCLzlJqCz229CkGWLQ1ntmCNzJA==)

[**West Memphis, TN Moving to Curbside Garbage Pick-Up for First Time in City’s History**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001n-zukUK2oK3ACQaVQMXFNsYY-AetujBCiRi-QZzMns_ZfApOD9ouH-MaZHU7dgUovapO7sH2TPrDUtkz2_fjn7r39daxXFfWfpMliWFGS6niqy7Z2yCRBBhx2ZyidGTZGSnAeFpFgnrkRXIoAdC_oVigpZuvk8ysKazQaP3D85PMGBhRxVrUC8n0gGA1vftYKX2_A696P9Oztk2llXjlXt9KaHFQbeanb3tuLZ2xlNUaaRq-fOgof3Fn60x86piCvChuPJHsbgU=&c=aeIHokVbltepawZ9bHOA88M_pBrZtJHFrHSkzYoP3vxEoWgdHeyD5g==&ch=6VpnoyXGXDScFgb2voYeJQ5x6DvPQ88hJVfX7pb_Na3CHD_UoHvNEQ==)

[Starting September 1, the City of West Memphis will move to curbside garbage collection for the first time in the city’s history. The move is expected to be safer, save money and make the city cleaner.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001n-zukUK2oK3ACQaVQMXFNsYY-AetujBCiRi-QZzMns_ZfApOD9ouH-MaZHU7dgUovapO7sH2TPrDUtkz2_fjn7r39daxXFfWfpMliWFGS6niqy7Z2yCRBBhx2ZyidGTZGSnAeFpFgnrkRXIoAdC_oVigpZuvk8ysKazQaP3D85PMGBhRxVrUC8n0gGA1vftYKX2_A696P9Oztk2llXjlXt9KaHFQbeanb3tuLZ2xlNUaaRq-fOgof3Fn60x86piCvChuPJHsbgU=&c=aeIHokVbltepawZ9bHOA88M_pBrZtJHFrHSkzYoP3vxEoWgdHeyD5g==&ch=6VpnoyXGXDScFgb2voYeJQ5x6DvPQ88hJVfX7pb_Na3CHD_UoHvNEQ==)

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[**BC Stewardship Uses Non-Traditional Method to Bring Awareness to Used Oil Recycling**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001n-zukUK2oK3ACQaVQMXFNsYY-AetujBCiRi-QZzMns_ZfApOD9ouH-MaZHU7dgUoarAOlXbDaWIAOM90t6qcP6YIPpKtrHZy5O0XWF3TT1Dnj9iyqoz7Fxky7zMsbhamenojx92IK9QGWouts5qKJfO6XYukLYpZn4z4V0EXRP6ASRGXV5YF9PuM-Su6Cc3xYmwUeBFjevd81RstS9Kgrc_cbzrOfcFeNuxQJrhPxUxWM27LpMrNwTyVcc5M3CNEfbEswWqnEC8=&c=aeIHokVbltepawZ9bHOA88M_pBrZtJHFrHSkzYoP3vxEoWgdHeyD5g==&ch=6VpnoyXGXDScFgb2voYeJQ5x6DvPQ88hJVfX7pb_Na3CHD_UoHvNEQ==)

[BC Used Oil Management Association, a not-for-profit group dedicated to the collection and recycling of lubricating oil, oil filters, oil containers, antifreeze and antifreeze containers in British Columbia, announced that they have created a series of five short videos that combine a fun, non-traditional communications campaign, with a serious and important used oil recycling message. **Read More>**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001n-zukUK2oK3ACQaVQMXFNsYY-AetujBCiRi-QZzMns_ZfApOD9ouH-MaZHU7dgUoarAOlXbDaWIAOM90t6qcP6YIPpKtrHZy5O0XWF3TT1Dnj9iyqoz7Fxky7zMsbhamenojx92IK9QGWouts5qKJfO6XYukLYpZn4z4V0EXRP6ASRGXV5YF9PuM-Su6Cc3xYmwUeBFjevd81RstS9Kgrc_cbzrOfcFeNuxQJrhPxUxWM27LpMrNwTyVcc5M3CNEfbEswWqnEC8=&c=aeIHokVbltepawZ9bHOA88M_pBrZtJHFrHSkzYoP3vxEoWgdHeyD5g==&ch=6VpnoyXGXDScFgb2voYeJQ5x6DvPQ88hJVfX7pb_Na3CHD_UoHvNEQ==)

**$43 million organic recycling center could be coming to Ramsey/Washington solid waste facility**

By [**Bob Shaw**](https://www.twincities.com/author/bob-shaw/) | bshaw@pioneerpress.com | Pioneer Press PUBLISHED: August 12, 2020 at 12:15 p.m. | UPDATED: August 13, 2020 at 5:59 p.m.

*A garbage facility in Newport is about to take a $43 million dive into organic recycling. The addition to the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Center would enable it to pull food scraps out of the w*

*aste stream for the first time. According to a proposal, the project would increase recycling, decrease the amount of garbage being burned, and reduce material sent to landfills….* <https://www.twincities.com/2020/08/12/newport-to-add-43-million-organic-recycling-center-to-solid-waste-facility/>

**Here's how a Las Vegas hotel is recycling all those disposable face masks it's handing out [Melissa Yeager](https://www.azcentral.com/staff/2646761001/melissa-yeager/)** Arizona Republic - Aug. 12, 2020

*…After calls to several vendors, the Venetian finally found one up to the task. The hotel is partnering with* [*TerraCycle*](https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/) *to pilot one of the first large-scale personal protective equipment recycling programs in the hospitality industry.*

*"Traditionally, masks cannot go in the bin. They are not municipally recyclable. And that really goes for any type of PPE or safety equipment," said Dylan Layfield, senior manager of material solutions for TerraCycle….*

https://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/hotels/2020/08/12/face-mask-recycling-venetian-hotel-las-vegas-terracycle/3354937001/

**Waste Management faces new setback in yearslong push to expand Oregon landfill** By [E.A. Crunden](https://www.wastedive.com/editors/ecrunden/) PublishedAug. 14, 2020

*…Concerns leading to the board's decision included worries about pollution, along with the potential for an earthquake, given the landfill's location in a seismically active area that is also prone to flooding. Another factor was* [*a January notice from the U.S. EPA*](https://d12v9rtnomnebu.cloudfront.net/diveimages/EPA_RBLF_NOV.pdf) *which found the landfill was committing numerous violations under the Clean Air Act. County Commissioner Casey Kulla pointed to those findings, alongside arguments from local farmers opposed to the landfill, as reasons for his opposition.*

*Jackie Lang, Waste Management's senior area manager for public affairs, called the vote "disappointing and difficult to understand," and said the site has met its legal obligations in full. Lang said the company will be able to make a decision about next steps once it has reviewed the board's full findings, which are expected to be adopted in the official record by the end of the month….*

<https://www.wastedive.com/news/waste-management-expansion-denied-riverbend-landfill-oregon/583226/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Issue:%202020-08-14%20Waste%20Dive%20Newsletter%20%5Bissue:29086%5D&utm_term=Waste%20Dive>

**Over 12 million pieces of single-use plastic packaging and items saved with industry initiative** | Press Releases | Asia | Sustainable Business
<https://www.eco-business.com/press-releases/over-12-million-pieces-of-single-use-plastic-packaging-and-items-saved-with-industry-initiative/>

**Suburu Announces New Initiative to Recycle PPE Waste in Partnership with Terracycle** - Waste Advantage Magazine
<https://wasteadvantagemag.com/suburu-announces-new-initiative-to-recycle-ppe-waste-in-partnership-with-terracycle/>

**ISRI Adopts Position on Minimum Recycled Plastic Content** August 17, 2020

*Position Encourages Use of Recycled Plastics in Manufacturing of New Goods….The use of recycled plastic in new products is an environmentally responsible activity that also strengthens the economy by creating jobs and investment opportunities. The Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries’ (ISRI) new position on minimum recycled plastic content encourages efforts that will help spur demand for recycled plastics. It also aims to increase the commitment by stakeholders throughout the supply chain to ensure plastics are responsibly manufactured, collected, and recycled into new products.*

<https://www.isri.org/news-publications/news-details/2020/08/17/isri-adopts-position-on-minimum-recycled-plastic-content>

**The uncertain future of Niagara’s unique recycling program** August 20, 2020

Niagara Recycling processes troublesome materials that other facilities won’t and even sells a trademarked recycled product — but new provincial rules threaten its survival

<https://www.tvo.org/article/the-uncertain-future-of-niagaras-unique-recycling-program>

[**Coalition Calls for Implementation of Critical Law Passed in 2018: New York State Drug Take Back Act**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001hmH7awRa_SdJJaU5GfAcXTILnoR8YLKLHJbhGf6g8ZsnFZpI3e4J8ROfO3K0tojgYOzRVZuN1z3dM0hiFiLXksmn_VUWDb1BI8XhRZIfxcjHl1NIJso3QSp4VCAoMw3u9BRfB4WQx8vXtXSe8N5hZVdN8Hu7w1MhJmf9LcGAWr-cB8flaaK59C7DSWN5aVUC-6J17iT3fe5OoHNVXWNdr-cb7fALuGN9cEzENf8xCk09Wi3k5XddHtpeKwZ-S9p1pUyyTFJQqTQYXOutilB-MYB_DSWBDA_T&c=ix4j6kN-ABpWkP30oL7RQXIZkwi7yQM6bFYfZ_g655_VuWvVu08j5g==&ch=pqNy_o1Y5rnSiHCfCOIPf17ibto2OeOL8tz9rRz7HohWlobd3ffWOw==) August 23, 2020

[A broad coalition of environmental, product stewardship, public health, solid waste management, local government, and fishing organizations sent a letter to the New York State Department of Health calling for final regulations and implementation of the NYS Drug Take Back Act within 30 days. The law requires pharmaceutical manufacturers to fund a statewide drug take-back program ... **﻿Read More>**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001hmH7awRa_SdJJaU5GfAcXTILnoR8YLKLHJbhGf6g8ZsnFZpI3e4J8ROfO3K0tojgYOzRVZuN1z3dM0hiFiLXksmn_VUWDb1BI8XhRZIfxcjHl1NIJso3QSp4VCAoMw3u9BRfB4WQx8vXtXSe8N5hZVdN8Hu7w1MhJmf9LcGAWr-cB8flaaK59C7DSWN5aVUC-6J17iT3fe5OoHNVXWNdr-cb7fALuGN9cEzENf8xCk09Wi3k5XddHtpeKwZ-S9p1pUyyTFJQqTQYXOutilB-MYB_DSWBDA_T&c=ix4j6kN-ABpWkP30oL7RQXIZkwi7yQM6bFYfZ_g655_VuWvVu08j5g==&ch=pqNy_o1Y5rnSiHCfCOIPf17ibto2OeOL8tz9rRz7HohWlobd3ffWOw==)

**Coronavirus Is Causing a Can Shortage** August 25,2020 WSJ

*The pandemic has accelerated demand for food and drink cans, a trend can makers are betting will last amid sustainability concerns*

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/coronavirus-is-causing-a-can-shortage-11598356980?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Issue:%202020-08-26%20Waste%20Dive:%20Recycling%20%5Bissue:29315%5D&utm_term=Waste%20Dive:%20Recycling>

**‘Beige Gold’: Criminals Are Making a Fortune By Illegally Recycling Cardboard, and It’s Making a Huge Dent in the Pockets of Cities and Local Authorities** August 25, 2020 Business Insider

[Thieves are thinking “outside-the-box” when it comes to new ways to make money. Cardboard recycling, which can happen legally or illegally, can yield substantial profits. In fact, the global value of legitimately traded cardboard is expected to reach $5.4 billion in 2024 ...](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ZqeJEJzGz9JeKWFI_QqZZKghAcwkVTiWmEX3ZAmq-oSotZw016UvsGu8efK3KjQAnODNw0npmF-9WRGgqQimyqxUCqF9Odi4oB9VCcvIxqzrC5htpRkpvZ-xKbuoJxMURTdtWcNBhub0xQzVU3g6zprAq_fDKspJBCATbdbY7-kVZ9S1PkCimtjTqJFQ5dXGreZ1sStppi9_K0_iKdjm1bZmtYWKD0970C2qDrEc3TfsjsL2_fkWGmF4_6IK9gpAdjFURcBrcmiOrOpWwsKUeezRTsAW8t634ZZ7NCl95KRFpxBEyyVHeZS9nIeerkMwc01Fe0twnfu_o7rJRRQkLAWXFYeuaSoa&c=tclDD4eBKJGfRUQs9oW-jGG_2MJQJlD8X_udLRlM9dU-lE6ZXQoE3Q==&ch=EIK_Lq5t24sJouumW2bFG6gQA4wCrFddtiiRLt_07JRnQk4fh2v8DA==)
[https://markets.businessinsider.com/news/stocks/cardboard-theft-illegal-recycling-booming-pandemic-2020-8-1029518401#](https://markets.businessinsider.com/news/stocks/cardboard-theft-illegal-recycling-booming-pandemic-2020-8-1029518401)

**Updated: Organizations announce plastic recycling initiative** August 25, 2020

*U.S.-based The Recycling Partnership and U.K.-based Ellen MacArthur Foundation among those seeking 100 percent plastic packaging recyclability.*

<https://www.recyclingtoday.com/article/usa-plastic-recycling-pact-ngos-2025/>

**Diverse group of stakeholders launch US Plastics Pact, aim for circular packaging by 2025** August 26, 2020

*The collaborative is part of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation's worldwide Plastics Pact network. Members include major waste trade groups, recyclers and large brands…As part of the pact, members have agreed to collectively deliver on four major targets, including defining a list of "problematic or unnecessary" packaging by 2021 and taking steps to eliminate those items by 2025. The remaining three goals all set 2025 as the year by which stakeholders must: undertake ambitious actions to effectively recycle or compost 50% of plastic packaging; strive to ensure all plastic packaging is 100% reusable, recyclable, or compostable across the United States; and ensure average recycled content or responsibly sourced bio-based content in plastic packaging will be at least 30%. ​ISRI Vice President of Advocacy Adina Renee Adler* [*said*](https://www.isri.org/news-publications/news-details/2020/08/25/isri-joins-u.s.-plastics-pact) *the pact pairs with the organization's own design principles and "should inspire producers to design with recycling in mind and to incorporate more recycled plastics in the manufacture of new products."…*

<https://www.wastedive.com/news/plastics-pact-circular-economy-recycling-partnership-macarthur-foundation-2025/583909/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Issue:%202020-08-26%20Waste%20Dive:%20Recycling%20%5Bissue:29315%5D&utm_term=Waste%20Dive:%20Recycling>

[**Despite record oil price fluctuations, circular plastic strategies prevail**](https://www.greenbiz.com/article/despite-record-oil-price-fluctuations-circular-plastic-strategies-prevail?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=circular&utm_content=2020-08-28&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTTJZNFl6SmpNbVptWW1KaiIsInQiOiJVbkd3MFlmQTN5UGQ0UnBtRmRJOFA0MmpMeSthbnc0czBMRU1LM0pRUzJFVDVyUUN3cW5vVUg4MXUzUU9hZklPXC9ZRjlLVFpyb3QwUzVjUUNwN3pQaVhDcUd6WVNsdGFFazUySjhxZlBJdjhhOGVuRVozZEpjZWNQU2hqRVV3NXQifQ%3D%3D)By **Jesse Klein** August 27, 2020 | GreenBiz

*The coronavirus pandemic threw almost every market into a tailspin, including the notoriously sensitive oil market. And when crude oil prices* [*fell into negative territory*](https://www.greenbiz.com/article/will-recycled-plastics-survive-tanking-oil-prices) *in April, the recycled plastic industry experienced a reckoning. Would corporations still invest in relatively expensive circular plastic commitments if virgin plastic prices, closely tied to the petroleum industry, nosedived? So far, most big companies seem to be standing by their pledges. "Our strategy hasn’t changed," Yolanda Malone, vice president of global foods packaging at PepsiCo, told a digital crowd at GreenBiz’s* [*Circularity 20*](https://events.greenbiz.com/events/circularity/online/2020?gclid=Cj0KCQjw7ZL6BRCmARIsAH6XFDLXXh1LaXgH8uV00wEUM_pKiTEbcuyWH42W4Ocbfn1_T_d10Di1biIaAsUvEALw_wcB) *event this week. "We aren’t letting the oil prices and the fluctuations in the market sway us from our long-term vision. Our strategy needs to be strong enough to weather it."*

[**SWANA Signs U.S. Plastics Pact**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ARzoeRgO4vKebADJffvc5Anme8Gr3xvUok52WdHCj-7Q6R-T8HIBcOwk3ZEmwNG_najvoWhaCrNZvUbccTLy1gWD_MsNwsWTNMHv9tT6m14xwLRiofiLiuMWF2wuYndqo7ZtSbvE0GO0ZZD7SmMYT7Iym4HvTRL27H5CSZ5FAEU2UANbyruon7dLtep25P9O&c=s9gjGNCBeE4KN_jEqF9ihi9GynyqsYE5BLOAhAfPJZ22zXyqQ0L0Ig==&ch=VvFo-ojZKZ5IpRli6wNm5X-P-FnTjuuz7tkYygPD8Vr-nNB9Fe36MA==) Aug 28 2020

[SWANA announced its participation in the U.S. Plastics Pact, an agreement to work collectively towards a common vision of a circular economy for plastics. The U.S. Plastics Pact brings together businesses, government entities, NGOs, researchers, and other stakeholders as part of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation’s network of Plastics Pacts around the world. **Read More>**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ARzoeRgO4vKebADJffvc5Anme8Gr3xvUok52WdHCj-7Q6R-T8HIBcOwk3ZEmwNG_najvoWhaCrNZvUbccTLy1gWD_MsNwsWTNMHv9tT6m14xwLRiofiLiuMWF2wuYndqo7ZtSbvE0GO0ZZD7SmMYT7Iym4HvTRL27H5CSZ5FAEU2UANbyruon7dLtep25P9O&c=s9gjGNCBeE4KN_jEqF9ihi9GynyqsYE5BLOAhAfPJZ22zXyqQ0L0Ig==&ch=VvFo-ojZKZ5IpRli6wNm5X-P-FnTjuuz7tkYygPD8Vr-nNB9Fe36MA==)

[**U.S. EPA Awards Nearly $100,000 to Address Microplastic Pollution in Lake Tahoe**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ARzoeRgO4vKebADJffvc5Anme8Gr3xvUok52WdHCj-7Q6R-T8HIBcOwk3ZEmwNG_8Nxqe46PwJyS1Nsxr1UPijVhcfGEqVM9jrrYvQlQzUIwedH1jhzVN-ymPjJ8wW1qZYQzkFvRvtFkZ0cSfbag66DPmHPMrnxbLwXQql8DCzSsgCO0xq7Lz2Vyi9KlsXGlBklIDho5o1uNL-gttNA1eyUWQURkgzbhNFbUQHTJ457GvCEnK4Hgl8jUbc8mfwxD&c=s9gjGNCBeE4KN_jEqF9ihi9GynyqsYE5BLOAhAfPJZ22zXyqQ0L0Ig==&ch=VvFo-ojZKZ5IpRli6wNm5X-P-FnTjuuz7tkYygPD8Vr-nNB9Fe36MA==) Aug 28 2020

[EPA has awarded $97,000 in grants for projects to address microplastic pollution in Lake Tahoe. The projects include a study led by the UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center (TERC) to gather more data on the movement and types of plastics in Lake Tahoe ... **Read More>**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ARzoeRgO4vKebADJffvc5Anme8Gr3xvUok52WdHCj-7Q6R-T8HIBcOwk3ZEmwNG_8Nxqe46PwJyS1Nsxr1UPijVhcfGEqVM9jrrYvQlQzUIwedH1jhzVN-ymPjJ8wW1qZYQzkFvRvtFkZ0cSfbag66DPmHPMrnxbLwXQql8DCzSsgCO0xq7Lz2Vyi9KlsXGlBklIDho5o1uNL-gttNA1eyUWQURkgzbhNFbUQHTJ457GvCEnK4Hgl8jUbc8mfwxD&c=s9gjGNCBeE4KN_jEqF9ihi9GynyqsYE5BLOAhAfPJZ22zXyqQ0L0Ig==&ch=VvFo-ojZKZ5IpRli6wNm5X-P-FnTjuuz7tkYygPD8Vr-nNB9Fe36MA==)

[**ISRI Joins U.S. Plastics Pact**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ARzoeRgO4vKebADJffvc5Anme8Gr3xvUok52WdHCj-7Q6R-T8HIBcOwk3ZEmwNG_1UmyDNKXmh0vlrnYibcFrBfOLbsSUn3ZmbErnhXhR6b2TAe6EbctmrcGuUiNSQtUEAxVtXO6J-0iFrkklqJsgKP-Wirxf39ryW1dCmmSTSZnH9K2nTNaTfst0w2aGSbP&c=s9gjGNCBeE4KN_jEqF9ihi9GynyqsYE5BLOAhAfPJZ22zXyqQ0L0Ig==&ch=VvFo-ojZKZ5IpRli6wNm5X-P-FnTjuuz7tkYygPD8Vr-nNB9Fe36MA==)

[The Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI) has joined the U.S. Plastics Pact, an initiative that combines a diverse group of stakeholders throughout the plastics and recycling industries, to collaborate on ambitious goals for systemic change and creating solutions toward a more circular economy for plastics in the United States. The first of its kind in North America ...](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ARzoeRgO4vKebADJffvc5Anme8Gr3xvUok52WdHCj-7Q6R-T8HIBcOwk3ZEmwNG_1UmyDNKXmh0vlrnYibcFrBfOLbsSUn3ZmbErnhXhR6b2TAe6EbctmrcGuUiNSQtUEAxVtXO6J-0iFrkklqJsgKP-Wirxf39ryW1dCmmSTSZnH9K2nTNaTfst0w2aGSbP&c=s9gjGNCBeE4KN_jEqF9ihi9GynyqsYE5BLOAhAfPJZ22zXyqQ0L0Ig==&ch=VvFo-ojZKZ5IpRli6wNm5X-P-FnTjuuz7tkYygPD8Vr-nNB9Fe36MA==)

ISRI has agreed to contribute to the U.S. Plastics Pact’s four ambitious goals:

1. Define a list of packaging to be designated as problematic or unnecessary by 2021 and take measures to eliminate them by 2025.
2. By 2025, all plastic packaging is 100% reusable, recyclable, or compostable.
3. By 2025, undertake ambitious actions to effectively recycle or compost 50% of plastic packaging.
4. By 2025, the average recycled content or responsibly sourced bio-based content in plastic packaging will be 30%.

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[**Terracycle Global Foundation Tackles Plastic Pollution Crisis in World’s Waterways**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ARzoeRgO4vKebADJffvc5Anme8Gr3xvUok52WdHCj-7Q6R-T8HIBcOwk3ZEmwNG_4FKT-ScYPZns1MqAZg4CVkFe26VOe1q38Gvh6704YgJ58bpKzk-pVxMIXZazBcaiZ-UdtXxMv8I0Kfi-ogA-UVtyoBRL01bENmrSwXZ_dCGZRscWJNbpzgpR8jBXRe7f0yIaeVE8jeameBB1aZxWntkL-S7YuW0-A5I4Sp11-d-N5ALAzba5NCp5TBOpxdQ1OZ6RKvuKu98=&c=s9gjGNCBeE4KN_jEqF9ihi9GynyqsYE5BLOAhAfPJZ22zXyqQ0L0Ig==&ch=VvFo-ojZKZ5IpRli6wNm5X-P-FnTjuuz7tkYygPD8Vr-nNB9Fe36MA==)

[With an estimated 8 million tons of plastic disposed of in oceans every year, plastic waste in the world’s waterways has become a truly global problem. According to the Ocean Conservancy, over half of the plastic that ends up in our oceans come from five countries – China, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam – a result of rapidly growing economies and consumer demand ... **Read More>**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ARzoeRgO4vKebADJffvc5Anme8Gr3xvUok52WdHCj-7Q6R-T8HIBcOwk3ZEmwNG_4FKT-ScYPZns1MqAZg4CVkFe26VOe1q38Gvh6704YgJ58bpKzk-pVxMIXZazBcaiZ-UdtXxMv8I0Kfi-ogA-UVtyoBRL01bENmrSwXZ_dCGZRscWJNbpzgpR8jBXRe7f0yIaeVE8jeameBB1aZxWntkL-S7YuW0-A5I4Sp11-d-N5ALAzba5NCp5TBOpxdQ1OZ6RKvuKu98=&c=s9gjGNCBeE4KN_jEqF9ihi9GynyqsYE5BLOAhAfPJZ22zXyqQ0L0Ig==&ch=VvFo-ojZKZ5IpRli6wNm5X-P-FnTjuuz7tkYygPD8Vr-nNB9Fe36MA==)

**The Waste and Recycling Industry Evolution: Top Three Takeaways from the COVID-19 Crisis - August 3, 2020**

#2: Recycling Commodity Prices Have Evolved Due to the drastic waste volume shift experienced throughout the pandemic, certain recyclable commodity prices have experienced volatility. For instance, prices for materials like mixed paper were historically kept low as the industry had a surplus of recyclable inventory readily available. But as the current COVID-19 situation has caused a significant drop in volumes across the board, low supplies have caused the prices of these commodities to rise 50 to 75 percent over the last 60 to 90 days.

<https://wasteadvantagemag.com/the-waste-and-recycling-industry-evolution-top-three-takeaways-from-the-covid-19-crisis/>

**Face Mask Recycling Is Green Solution For Blue Protective Masks, August 28, 2020 at 2:59 pm | CBS Miami** They disinfect the material and then melt it into plastic...

<https://miami.cbslocal.com/2020/08/28/face-mask-recycling-is-green-solution-for-blue-protective-masks/>

**Readers respond: BottleDrop should be investigated August 31, 2020 Oregonian**

They should be criminally investigated. We have been using them for over a year now, and there is always a mess-up. Always. I’d guess that a minimum of 40% of our bags have gone missing. One missing bag is a mistake, two missing bags is incompetence, three is gross negligence. However, I believe this is fraudulent behavior. Every bottle drop we make results in our having to eventually call them and ask where our deposit money is.

<https://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/2020/08/readers-respond-bottledrop-should-be-investigated.html>

**Big Oil Is in Trouble. Its Plan: Flood Africa With Plastic** By [Hiroko Tabuchi](https://www.nytimes.com/by/hiroko-tabuchi), [Michael Corkery](https://www.nytimes.com/by/michael-corkery) & Carlos Mureithi, NY Times Aug. 30, 2020

*Faced with plunging profits and a climate crisis that threatens fossil fuels, the industry is demanding a trade deal that weakens Kenya’s rules on plastics and on imports of American trash. Confronting a climate crisis that threatens the fossil fuel industry, oil companies are racing to make more plastic. But they face two problems: Many markets are already awash with plastic, and few countries are willing to be dumping grounds for the world’s plastic waste. The industry thinks it has found a solution to both problems in Africa.*

*According to documents reviewed by The New York Times, an industry group representing the world’s largest chemical makers and fossil fuel companies is lobbying to influence United States trade negotiations with Kenya…*

**https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/30/climate/oil-kenya-africa-plastics-trade.html**