

WasteP2 Listserve

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News and Updates

1. Safelite AutoGlass Recycles Windshields at 70% of Locations

Safelite Autoglass implemented a windshield recycling program in 2012 in partnership with Shark Glass Recycling North America. Safelite reported that it recycled more than [1.3 million windshields](#) from a majority of locations. The company explained that it hopes to achieve recycling at 100% of its locations. Windshields are made from laminated glass which uses two sheets of glass with a clear resin in between which keeps the glass from shattering when damaged. Shark Glass uses a patented technology to process the glass for use by other industries. One use for the glass is in the backing for carpet and to close the loop, Safelite uses rugs with recycled content at many locations. <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2015/02/12/safelite-recycling-saves-23000-tons-of-waste-from-landfill/>

-Environmental Leader

2. Plastic News Reports Price Drops

Plastic News published an article on February 12, 2015 explaining that regional prices for PET bottle resin fell an average of 11 cents per pound in November and December of 2014. This is after the prices fell five cents per pound earlier in the fall. [Plastic News](#) also reported that soda sales are down, and that combined with the lighter weight of today's plastic bottles (therefore less plastic/bottle) has reduced demand for PET bottle resin. http://www.plasticsnews.com/article/20150212/NEWS/150219957/pet-bottle-resin-recycled-pe-prices-drop#email_matalert

-Plastic News

3. Stillwater Mine Patent News

Resource Recovery reports that the Stillwater Mining Company was awarded the Patent Application #2014037377597 for a new method of [recovering precious metals](#). The Abstract mentions palladium, rhodium and platinum metals specifically. resource-recycling.com/node/5682

-Resource Recovery

4. Worldwatch Institute Study: Plastic Industry

The [Worldwatch Institute](#) recently released their study on plastic manufacturing and recycling around the world. The introductory paragraph explains that demand for plastic continues to rise globally, with the market being driven "by consumerism and convenience, along with the comparatively low price of plastic materials". The introduction also includes the Institute's conclusion that "Recovery and recycling, however, remain insufficient, and millions of tons of plastics end up in landfills and oceans each year." The Institute estimates that "10 million to 20 million tons of plastics end up in oceans each year." The study also notes that Europe recycled plastic at a rate of 26%, and that the U.S. recycled just 9% of the plastic generated here in 2012.

-Plastic News

Plastic News: www.plasticsnews.com/article/20150209/NEWS/150209933/report-plastics-production-increasing-but-recycling-falling-behind#

Worldwatch Institute article: <http://vitalsigns.worldwatch.org/vs-trend/global-plastic-production-rises-recycling-lags>

5. Port Labor Dispute Slowing Exports of Recyclables

The situation with West Coast ports continues to impact recycling operations in the U.S. by preventing the export of tons of recyclable commodities. Far West Recycling based in Oregon reports that they are ‘sitting on 7,200 tons of material’ while waiting for the ports to resume normal operations. <http://resource-recycling.com/node/5683>

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6. Webinars, Trainings, Conferences and More

Date	Topics
February 17, 2015 11:30 am – 12:45 pm Free	Recycled Paper & Plastics Markets Update Sponsored by NRC and RMC Register Here
February 18, 2015 11 am – Noon Free	Recycler’s Guide to Understanding Sustainable Materials Mgmt (Part 2) Sponsored by NRC and RMC Register Here
February 26, 2015 11 am – 1 pm Free	Food Recovery Challenge: Data Analysis, Creating/Implementing Reduction Sponsored by EPA Sustainable Materials Management Register Here
February 26, 2015 11 am – 12:30 pm Free	Getting Credit for Recycling & Materials Management Sponsored by College& University Recycling Coalition Register Here
February 26, 2015 11 am – 12:30 pm Free	Sustainability & Electronic Office Equipment: What’s the Connection? Sponsored by the State Electronics Challenge Register Here
March 17, 2015 11:30 am – 12:45 pm Free	Carbon Credit Markets Sponsored by NRC and RMC Register Here
March 26, 2014 11 am – 1 pm Free	Food Recovery Challenge: Tracking Progress Sponsored by EPA Sustainable Materials Management Register Here
April 9, 2015 11 am – 12:30 pm Free	Is Your Education Outreach Changing Behavior? Sponsored by College& University Recycling Coalition Register Here
April 21, 2015 11:30 am – 12:45 pm Free	Animal Mortality Composting Sponsored by NRC and RMC Register Here
April 23, 2014 11 am – 1 pm Free	Food Recovery Challenge: Measuring Impact Sponsored by EPA Sustainable Materials Management Register Here