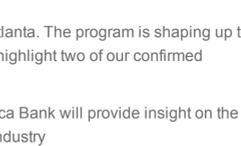


What Is Going on in Your State?

Advocating for C&D recyclers has been part of the CDRA since its inception. While we keep track of what is going on nationally on the legislative and regulatory front, we need everyone to pitch in to make this work. The CDRA Legislative Committee is asking all members to report on any ongoing or future C&D-related legislation and regulation in their states. Perhaps the CDRA can help mold that legislation for the betterment of the industry. All this and more will be discussed during the Legislative Committee's regular monthly meetings, which take place the first Thursday of each month at 12 p.m. EST. All members are invited. For more information, contact CDRA Executive Director William Turley at turley@cdrecycling.org.

Register for C&D World!



Registration is open for C&D World, which will be held March 13-15 at the Loews Midtown in Atlanta. The program is shaping up to be our most dynamic yet, and we are excited to highlight two of our confirmed speakers:

- Joe Ursuy of long-time CDRA member Comerica Bank will provide insight on the merger and acquisition activity going on in our industry

- Chris Whitehead of Enviro-Sciences will provide guidance on handling environmental justice concerns for your recycling facility

A new panel on operations will debut at the meeting, with three different plant operators from different parts of the country talking about their experience operating a mixed C&D recycling facility. In addition, discussions on recycling specific materials, including drywall, concrete, asphalt shingles, and plastics, will take place on the second day of the conference.

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[Learn More and Register](#)

CDRA Awards: Recognizing Excellence in C&D

Submit Your Nominations by January 10, 2022

Applications for the annual CDRA Awards program are now available! The following awards are given to individuals and companies in C&D recycling who have made significant contributions to the industry:

- Construction & Demolition Recycling Hall of Fame
- CDRA Recycler of the Year
- CDRA Member of the Year
- President's Award
- Best Practices in Safety Management Program (keep reading for additional details!)

Nominations are due **January 10, 2022**. Winners are determined by the CDRA Awards Committee. The winners will be presented at C&D World 2022.

[Learn More and Submit an Application](#)

CDRA Safety Awards

Safety is paramount in the C&D industry, and the CDRA wants to recognize those who do it well. For that reason, the Best Practices in Safety Awards were established. Completing the application is an excellent chance for you to benchmark your company's safety program against industry standards.

[Apply by January 10](#)

Key Dates

- December 23, 24 & 31: CDRA Office Closed
- January 6: Membership and Marketing Committee Meeting
- January 6: Legislative Committee Meeting
- January 10: Convention Committee Meeting
- January 17: Product End Markets Committee Meeting
- January 18: HR Special Interest Group Meeting
- January 19: Gypsum Committee Meeting

Questions? Please email info@cdrecycling.org.

CDRA Member Spotlight:

William Cooper

Cooper Recycling

New York City



What materials do you recycle? Can you describe the volume and types of incoming materials you process?

Cooper Recycling recovers all types of construction debris: aggregates, concrete, brick, wood, metals, cardboard and paper, sheetrock and drywall, plastics, glass...basically anything you can find in a dumpster in New York City. We process over 1,300 tons of mixed debris on a typical day through our facility in Brooklyn, NY.

How did you get started in the business?

Our business is family-owned and operated, so technically I was born in it! Been at the transfer station since before I can remember. Photo evidence indicates I was on an excavator at around 3 years old. But I really started working in the business when I was in high school. I got started by shadowing Ray Kvedaras, the longtime General Manager here. He would send me up to the sorting line and put me to work and let me pick plastic out of the garbage pile after it was processed while everyone else was on break.

What are the biggest challenges in your market and C&D recycling?

Operationally speaking, safety is a top priority along with maintaining our system. Every day is different and there's always a new challenge to just keeping the processing system in order. Regular, preventative maintenance is absolutely critical. At the same time, reviewing best practices and being critical of yourself is imperative to maintaining a safe environment.

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Join NDA at Demolition San Diego

The National Demolition Association (NDA) is hosting **Demolition San Diego**, February 26 – March 1, 2022. This Annual Convention and Expo will convene professionals for education, networking, and more. As the industry gets back to work in earnest, don't miss your chance to reengage.

[Register Today](#)

Industry News

An incoming EPA political appointee who will oversee solid waste and recycling thinks waste and recycling facilities can do more to address environmental justice:

[Incoming EPA Assistant Administrator Touts 'Back to Basics' Approach to Climate Change, Circular Economy](#)

This is a good analysis of M&A activity in the environmental services sector, including for solid waste:

[Analysis: Waste M&A—Who Is in the Driver's Seat?](#)

The EPA has announced its National Recycling Strategy. As expected, there is almost a complete narrow focus on MSW, especially packaging and plastics. Here is the main link, which leads to other downloadable documents:

[National Recycling Strategy: Part One of a Series on Building a Circular Economy](#)

Welcome New Members!

Please join us in welcoming the CDRA's newest members!



Geocycle is a leading provider of industrial, municipal, and construction demolition waste management services worldwide. Geocycle provides customized, future-oriented waste management solutions by leveraging technological expertise, standardized systems, and processes. By partnering with the cement industry and using proven technologies, Geocycle provides a sustainable solution for energy recovery and mineral recycling from end-of-life waste streams, leaving no residue. Geocycle rethinks and helps solve waste challenges at planetary scale, promoting the transition toward a more extensive circular economy and a zero-waste future.



Founded in 1956, Malarkey Roofing Products is a family-owned, US manufacturer of residential and commercial roofing products, with production facilities in Oregon, California, and Oklahoma.



Return Polymers is a sustainability leader that has been changing the (life) cycle of Rigid PVC and plastic recycling with development and innovation for over 25 years.



Winters Bros. Waste Systems is a premier solid waste and recycling company, servicing commercial, residential, industrial, and municipal customers. Winter Bros. operates seven transfer stations on Long Island including three C&D processing and recycling facilities.

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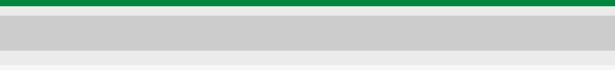
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