



**Virginia Recycling Association:
Annual Conference Agenda
Great Wolf Lodge
October 4-6, 2021**



Monday, Oct 4

9am-3pm: Registration and Exhibitor Set-up

10am: Tour of the Recovery Operations Center located at 520 Atkinson Blvd, Newport News VA 23608. Facility Tour will include processing areas and the receiving areas for trash, brush conversion, composting, recycling, white goods recycling, Household Hazardous Waste and E-cycling, as well as a tour of the retired landfill at Denbigh.

1pm: Tour of Owens Illinois, Recycled Glass Bottle Manufacturer, 150 Industrial Blvd, Toano, VA 23168. Plant tour will include an overview of how glass is made from recycled cullet and other raw materials, which participants will also get to see first-hand. All participants MUST wear face masks and steel/carbon-toed boots or shoes. Jeans or slacks and long-sleeved shirts are highly recommended.

Tuesday, Oct 5

8-9am: Registration

- **8-9am: Breakfast with Exhibitors**

- **9-10:30am: Recycling Reality Check: Regional Recycling Session**
 - Central VA - Kim Hines
 - Shenandoah Valley - Mike Neese
 - NOVA - Erik Grabowski
 - SWVA - Toby Edwards
 - Tidewater - Kristy Rines

- **10:30-11am: Exhibitor Meet and Greet/Coffee Break**

- **11am-12pm Market Updates**
 - Glass Packaging Institute - Scott DeFife
 - Greif - Mike Felker
 - McGill Compost - Gary Gittere

- **12-1PM: Keynote TBD and Lunch**

- **1-2pm: Collegiate Recycling Panel**
 - Virginia Tech - Teresa Sweeney
 - Radford University - Neil Thompson
 - NOVA Community College - Robert Johnson

- **2-2:30pm: Exhibitor Meet and Greet/Coffee Break**

- **2:30-3:15pm: Recycling Outreach and Education**
 - James City County and O/I Glass Program - Kate Sipes and Cassie Cordova
 - SCS Engineers - Brent L. Dieleman

- **3:15-4:00pm: MRF Technologies and Litter Prevent (KVB)**
 - RDS – Joe Benedetto
 - Keep Virginia Beautiful – Tracey Leverty
 - Door prize drawing

- **5-6:30pm: Hide Your Wild Side Exhibitor Reception: Camo attire encouraged**

Wednesday, Oct 6

- **8-9am: Registration**
- **8-9am: Breakfast with Exhibitors**

- **9-10am: DEQ**
 - Single Use Plastics Legislation Overview - Meghann Quinn, DEQ
 - DEQ UPDATE - Prina

- **10-10:30am: Exhibitor Meet and Greet/Coffee Break**

- **10:30-11:15: What do you want from *your* VRA? Townhall meeting**
 - Lead by Executive VRA Board Members —Teresa, Stephanie, and Billy
 - Door prize drawing