

RECYCLING UPDATE

GOVERNOR REYNOLDS DECLARES NOVEMBER 15 "IOWA RECYCLES DAY"

On November 10, 2021, Governor Kim Reynolds had a proclamation signing ceremony at the Governor's office to declare November 15, 2021, as "Iowa Recycles Day".

"Iowa Recycles Day is a day set aside to renew the State of Iowa's commitment to making environmentally conscious changes in our lives so that our children and grandchildren can live better, cleaner future. The day supports the culture of reducing waste, conserve resources and meet our obligations to our planet and to future generations"



Gov. Kim flanked by Iowa Recycling Association, Keep Iowa Beautiful Board Members and ISU Student Government Sustainability Director, Elizabeth Smith

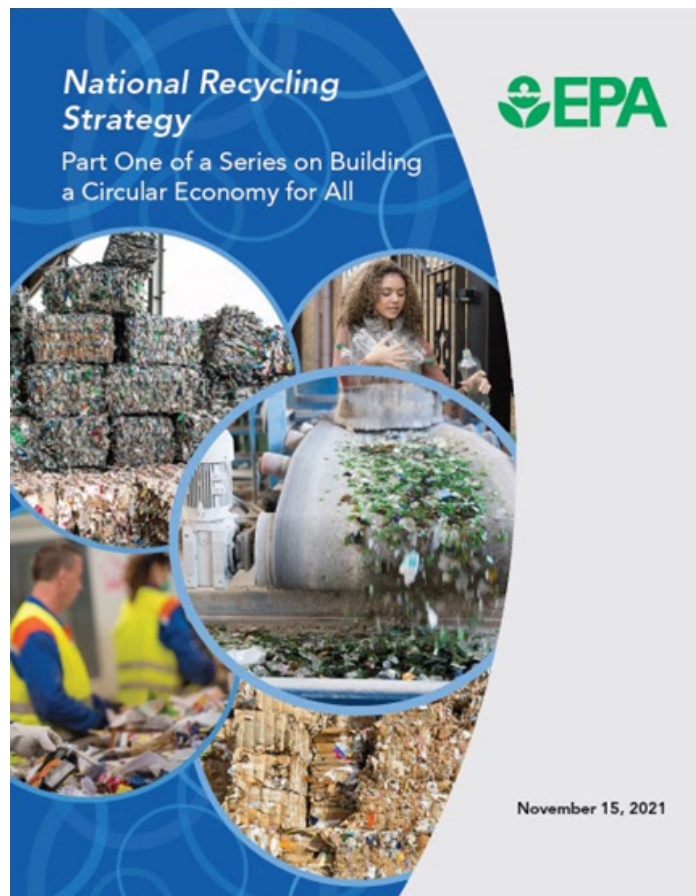


2021 "Iowa Recycles Day" Proclamation

EPA RELEASES NATIONAL RECYCLING STRATEGY: PART ONE OF A SERIES ON BUILDING A CIRCULAR ECONOMY FOR ALL

On November 15, 2021, the EPA released the National Recycling Strategy, which is the first of a series of strategies to build a circular economy for all. This strategy identifies actions needed to address the major recycling challenges facing the country and to create a stronger, more resilient, and cost-effective municipal solid waste recycling system.

In the next few months, EPA will work collaboratively with private and public stakeholders to develop a plan for implementing the National Recycling Strategy. The Strategy outlines EPA's approach to addressing the U.S. recycling system's biggest challenges, including reduced markets for materials, infrastructure that has not kept pace with a changing waste stream, confusion about what materials can be recycled, and varying methodologies to measure performance. The Strategy is also a step toward focusing on the climate impacts of materials and addressing improperly managed waste in overburdened communities.



Source: EPA

EPA IS HIRING RESEARCH SCHOLARS TO SUPPORT RESEARCH ON FOOD WASTE, RECYCLING

Starting with the release of the National Recycling Strategy, EPA is releasing a series of strategies focused on building a circular economy for all. To support the successful development of the implementation of the Strategies, EPA is seeking several undergraduate and graduate scholars through the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) fellowship program to conduct research in the following areas:

- National measurement, data collection, and analysis of municipal solid waste, food waste, and construction and demolition materials.
- Effective strategies for reducing food waste through consumer behavior change and other consumer-focused interventions.
- Best practices and strategies to advance a circular economy for materials in the built environment, with a focus on enhancing community resilience to natural disasters.
- Research on recycled content products, materials, and markets to support EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines program, which provides recommended recycled content levels for products purchased by the federal procurement.
- Methodologies for tracking the lifecycle of materials through the U.S. economy at a detailed level and compatible with EPA's models.
- Methodologies for determining the amount of plastic waste that is escaping into the environment.

For details and to apply, please visit [this website](#). Application Deadline- 12/28/2021 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone.

FIVE REASONS WE SHOULD ALL TRY TO BUY LESS STUFF

As we enter the holiday season, [here](#) are five reasons we should try to buy less stuff and reduce the waste we generate during the holidays.

Source- TriplePundit