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## **Texas Recycling Summit Combined with Compost Summit for 2020 Summit 2020 Will be Held Virtually Registration Now Open**

AUSTIN, Texas—For the first time in its 21-year history, the Texas Recycling Summit, hosted by State of Texas Alliance for Recycling (STAR), will be combined with STAR's 20<sup>th</sup>-annual Texas Compost Summit in 2020. The new **Texas Recycling and Composting Summit** will be held virtually over the week of October 5-9, 2020. Registration is now open for attendees and exhibitors at [recyclingstar.org/2020\\_Summit](https://recyclingstar.org/2020_Summit).

Summit has moved to an all-virtual event this year for the safety of all members, staff, and participants. STAR will be utilizing a top-notch virtual conference platform that enables networking events, face-to-face exhibitor and attendee interactions, and more—including **auctions, raffles** and a **Wine and Beer Tasting Event**. Attendees will get to interact with exhibitors virtually joining them for the **Summit Kick-Off celebration** (October 5<sup>th</sup>), attend STAR's annual **Texas Environmental Leadership Awards** live online (October 7<sup>th</sup>), and join over 25 different sessions and panels over five days.

This year's theme, "Rethinking Recycling," was selected pre-pandemic, but is now more fitting than ever with the current changes the industry has experienced. Engaging speakers in over 25 live panels will cover the most pertinent topics in the recycling and composting industries, such as:

- **Tom Szaky, the CEO of TerraCycle**, speaking about "Recycling and Reuse Before, During and After COVID-19" (Tuesday, Oct. 6th, 10am CST);
- **"The Environmental Industry's Race Problem: Re-thinking Recycling and Reuse and the Narrative around Food, Farming, and Fashion,"** with panelists from the City of Austin, Huston-Tillotson University's Center for Sustainability and Environmental Justice, McComb-Veazey Community Coterie, The Cook's Nook, and No Waste Louisiana (Wednesday, Oct. 7th, 11am CST); and

- **“Composting and Reducing Food Waste: It’s Still Important,”** with panelists from Rubicon Technologies, City of Fort Worth, and Risa Weinberger & Associates (Tuesday, Oct. 6th, 1:30pm CST).

The 2020 Texas Recycling and Composting Summit is the premiere recycling conference in Texas, bringing together over 300+ industry professionals from schools, cities, businesses, and NGOs to virtually collaborate, educate, and network as we collectively advance recycling and composting in Texas. STAR is applying for CEUs for SWANA and TCEQ licenses.

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**About STAR:** The State of Texas Alliance for Recycling (STAR) is a 501c3 non-profit whose mission is to advance recycling through partnerships, education, and advocacy for the benefit of Texas. STAR hosts various events on a number of industry topics throughout the year, in addition to hosting the Texas Recycling and Composting Summit. For more information, please visit [recyclingstar.org](http://recyclingstar.org) or call the STAR office at 512-828-6409.