***INSTRUCTIONS: The following email can be sent to Gwinnett County commissioners to show your support for establishing recycling drop-off locations in Gwinnett. Simply edit the body of the email here and copy and paste it into a blank email in your email program.***

***Not sure who to contact? Find your*** [***commission district***](https://www.gwinnettcounty.com/web/gwinnett/departments/boardofcommissioners/districtmap) ***and*** [***commissioners’ contact information***](https://www.gwinnettcounty.com/web/gwinnett/departments/boardofcommissioners/aboutyourcommissioners)***.***

**Email Subject: Recycling Education Needed in Gwinnett**

Dear Commissioner [NAME],

I live in your district but have cc’d the other Gwinnett county commissioners here since these issues are countywide.

I am writing with a request for the Commission’s consideration and action to invest in resident education on the topic of curbside recycling. The lack of a meaningful education program has directly contributed to resident confusion and high contamination in Gwinnett’s recycling stream. It also results in our county’s low recycling rate of 15% in 2022, which compares very poorly to the national average of 32% and EPA’s estimated maximum recycling rate of 75%.

Gwinnett County needs to allocate additional dedicated funding for education to ask residents to participate in recycling, encourage them to upgrade their recycling bins to free carts to capture more materials, and give them regular reminders about which materials do—and do not—go into curbside recycling.

In addition, the county should communicate transparently about the issue of recycling contamination with residents, inviting them to the table to be part of the solution instead of part of the problem. Addressing the issue of contamination and improving the quality of recycling collected from our large county would position Gwinnett County as a leader on sustainability and make a big difference in helping bring about all the benefits of recycling: Well-paying local jobs, less litter, conservation of natural resources, and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Thank you for your support,

[YOUR NAME]
[YOUR HOME ADDRESS]