

#### **Know Before You Go**

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2025 BPI Summit at the Loudermilk Conference Center. This event would not be possible without the support and generosity of <u>our sponsors</u>.

Prior to your arrival, we encourage you to check out the <u>conference website</u> to review detailed information about the 2025 BPI Summit. Below you'll find details to help you prepare for your time at the BPI Summit.

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### **Sustainability Statement**

The 2025 BPI Summit is committed to being a sustainable event by prioritizing waste reduction, compostable product use, and responsible sourcing. All serviceware used during the summit will be certified compostable and properly collected for composting. We are minimizing single-use materials, promoting digital resources over printed materials, and partnering with local composters and vendors to reduce our environmental impact. Through these efforts, the Summit reflects BPI's mission to advance compostable solutions and support a circular bioeconomy.

#### Location

Conference Venue (Google Maps Link)
Loudermilk Conference Center
40 Courtland Street NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

## **Conference Registration**

Please plan to arrive with enough time to pick up your conference badge before the keynote that begins at 9:00am on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 in the Ballroom.

Registration Location: Ballroom Foyer

#### **Open Hours**

Wednesday, September 17: 7:00 am - 7:00pm Thursday, September 18: 7:00am - 3:00pm

All attendees must be registered for the BPI Summit.

## **Mobile App**

This year, we will be utilizing the Whova Mobile App. With the app you can:

- View the event agenda and plan your personal schedule
- Find who else is attending this event and reach out to people ahead of time
- Receive updates such as last minute session changes from the organizers

To download the app, use this link:

https://whova.com/portal/O3wTNjmkiES8KyleXCUOyXfR17pFopCstwHtFYx41ow=

Once downloaded, you will need to **login using the email address associated with your conference registration** or enter invitation code: 8iqnjhzsrc.

#### **Time Zone**

Atlanta, Georgia observes Eastern Standard Time (GMT -5)

### Weather

## **Travel & Transportation Tips**

There are 3 major airports in Atlanta, one which the majority of attendees will fly into which is the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. Regardless which airport you are flying into, you have a few travel options once in Atlanta:

- Metro Train MARTA
- Uber/Lyft
- Taxi

We highly recommend that you carpool or take the Metro with your colleagues/friends if you are coming into the same airport within a reasonable amount of time.

### **Conference Hotel**

The Ellis Hotel is the conference hotel where BPI has negotiated discounted rates for attendees to stay.

Address: 176 Peachtree St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30303

# **Getting to the Loudermilk Conference Center**

If you're staying at the Ellis Hotel, the Loudermilk Conference Center is about a 10-minute walk.

## **Parking**

There is a parking deck at the Loudermilk Center. There is a walk up kiosk near the parking deck elevator - you have 10 minutes from the time you pay at the kiosk to exit. The kiosk will dispense change. You must bring your parking ticket in with you so that they can give you the discounted parking validation.

You can opt to bypass the kiosk, and pay to park at the exit. The exit on Auburn Avenue will take cash or credit/debit cards. The exit on Lynch's Alley only takes credit/debit cards.

Parking at the discount validation:

10min - 2 hours: \$3.002 hours - 4 hours: \$4.00Over 4 hoursL \$6.00

If you do not have the discount validation, the cost is \$12.00

### **Program**

For the full conference program, please visit the conference <u>website</u> or download the mobile app. As noted above, registration opens at 7:00 am on both Wednesday and Thursday, with breakfast beginning at 8:00am on Wednesday and 7:30am on Thursday.

## CompostNow Feedstock Hub & Compost Facility Tour

Paid and pre-registered attendees for the Feedstock Hub & CompostNow Tour, please **meet in The Ellis Hotel lobby no later than 8:15am on Tuesday**. The bus will leave at 8:30am sharp and will return to the hotel after the tour is over. The tour is full so please limit what you are carrying to essentials and a water bottle.

Attire: **Closed-toe shoes needed** - tennis shoes are fine. Hat or sunglasses and a light jacket are suggested.

### **Mercedes Benz Arena Tour**

If you paid and pre-registered up for the Mercedes Benz Arena Tour via registration, please **meet in The Ellis Hotel lobby no later than 9:45am**. The bus will leave at 10:00am sharp and will return to the hotel after the tour is over.

Attire: Comfortable walking shoes

# Food and Beverage

The BPI Summit will be providing the following meals and breaks to all attendees. For dietary information, please look for the signage and ingredient listings.

- Wednesday
  - Breakfast
  - Lunch
  - o Exhibitor Break
  - Reception
- Thursday
  - Breakfast
  - Exhibitor Break
  - Lunch

There will also be small snacks and drinks available throughout the day.

## **Complimentary WI-FI Access Information**

Please select the network "BPI\_Summit" and input the password "BPISUMMIT2025"

## **Nursing Room**

If you need a nursing room, please visit the registration desk in the Foyer.

#### Social Media

Please share your conference experience via social media and make sure to tag BPI's accounts (<u>LinkedIn</u>, Instagram - <u>@bpicertified</u>, and <u>Facebook</u>) and use the conference hashtag #2025BPISummit. We also have a social media toolkit for the event here!

# **What's Nearby and Dinner Options**

The Loudermilk Conference Center has a lot nearby that attendees can do in their down time.

- National Center for Civil and Human Rights
- Georgia Aquarium
- SkyView Atlanta
- World of Coca-Cola
- The Peach Cobbler Factory
- Bomb Biscuit (Vegan friendly)
- Smoky Kitchen BBQ
- Kumo Ramen & Tea
- Skol Brewing Company
- Atlantic Seafood
- It's A Wrap Cafe
- Stir House Atlanta (Vegan friendly)
- Cafe Kulture (Vegan friendly)
- SluttyVegan Edgewood (Vegan friendly)

# **Easy Ways to Reduce Your Environmental Impacts**

- Eliminate the amount of waste that ends up in landfills by bringing your own reusable water bottle and coffee mug and refilling it at the event.
- Reduce your personal carbon footprint by walking or taking public transportation between your hotel and the conference venue.
- Please use the appropriate bins onsite to ensure items are recycled and composted to reduce the waste sent to landfills.
- Reduce your water consumption by limiting your shower time and reusing your towel in your hotel room.

We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta, GA!

Have any questions? Please contact Kate at Kate@meetgreen.com