

# REC Calendar Topics for Statewide Education Plan for 2022

## Main Themes

= Primary - Choose one

= Secondary



No Batteries



No Shredded Paper



No Tangles, Cords, Hoses or Chains



No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap (drop-off only)

[Links to all articles and images for all topics via Drop Box.](#)

January	February	March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Tanglers/holiday lights</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">E-waste</a> small electronics, games, cell phones</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Batteries</a> rechargeable and non-rechargeable</li> <li>• <a href="#">Sharps and needles</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Plastic bags</a> Don't bag recyclables Why is this a challenge? Where should my plastic film go for recycling?</li> <li>• <a href="#">Construction materials;</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Reuse and donation</a> Bridging, ReUse MN, Better Futures, Habitat Restore</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Reuse</a> Donating unwanted gifts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Waste prevention;</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Reuse</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">What plastic resin codes and plastic products are recyclable?</a></li> </ul>
April	May	June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Household Hazardous Waste - HHW</a> Spring cleaning. Don't put paint cans, aerosols, pesticides, or other household hazardous waste in your cart.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Random metal items</a> i.e., hangers, pots and pans, pipes, and auto parts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Plastic bags</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Paper Shredding</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Large plastic items</a> children's toys, lawn chairs, laundry baskets, other bulky plastics</li> <li>• <a href="#">Summer parties</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Public space recycling</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Boat wrap &amp; Agricultural film</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Earth Day:</a> April 22</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Preventing food waste</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Backyard compsting</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Organics</a> Drop-offs/curbside (for areas that have it): What is accepted, what isn't?</li> </ul>

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July	August	September
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Small plastic items</b> straws, coffee pods, caps</li> <li>• <b>Batteries</b> rechargeable and non-rechargeable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Tanglers: hoses and chains</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>Large plastic items</u></b> Children's toys, lawn chairs, laundry baskets, other bulky plastics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Plastic bags</u></b> no bagging recyclables; Why is it a challenge?</li> <li>• <b><u>Paper shredding</u></b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>July 4</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>Public space recycling</u></b> What to do with sparkler rods and fireworks?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Textiles</u></b> Shop used first; thrift stores and garage sales</li> <li>• <b><u>Recycled Paper</u></b> Who recycles paper in MN? What products are made with this material?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Preventing food waste</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>Organics</u></b> Drop offs/curbside (for areas that have it) What is accepted, what isn't?</li> </ul>
October	November	December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Construction materials;</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>Reuse and donation</u></b> Bridging, ReUse MN, Better Futures, Habitat Restore</li> <li>• <b><u>Household Hazardous Waste - HHW</u></b> Fall cleaning: Household Hazardous Waste (HHW); Remove products that may freeze from your garage and take unwanted items to an HHW facility for proper disposal.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Tanglers/holiday lights</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>Random metal items</u></b> (hangers, pots and pans, pipes, poles)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Batteries</u></b> (rechargeable and non-rechargeable)</li> <li>• <b><u>Plastic Bags</u></b> Bring your own bag; no bags in the cart</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Second-hand Halloween costumes</u></b> Shop used first; donate old Halloween costumes</li> <li>• <b><u>Candy wrappers</u></b> Put them in the trash</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>America Recycles Day:</u></b> November 15</li> <li>• <b><u>Black Friday</u></b> Think before you buy. Do you really need it?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Greener/sustainable gifting</u></b> gifting experiences rather than stuff</li> <li>• <b><u>Preventing food waste</u></b></li> </ul>

**Primary - Messaging that should take priority for that month**

**Secondary - Messaging that could be run in addition to the primary messaging for that month**

**Share your organizations images and messages that others may use on DropBox.**