

REC Calendar Topics for Statewide Education Plan for 2021

Main Themes

= Primary

= Secondary



No Batteries



No Shredded Paper



No Tangles, Cords, Hoses or Chains



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

January	February	March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Tanglers/holiday lights</u> • <u>E-waste</u> (small electronics, games, cell phones) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Batteries</u> (rechargeable and non-rechargeable) • <u>Sharps and needles</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Plastic bags</u> (no bagging recyclables) Why is it a challenge? • <u>Plastic bags</u> wrap and film (recycling options) Why is it a challenge? • <u>Plastics 101</u> What is recyclable?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Reuse</u> Donating unwanted gifts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Waste prevention and reuse</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Large plastic items</u> • <u>Green travel tips</u> (road, air or sea trip)
April	May	June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Hazardous waste</u> from cleaning out your house/garage • <u>Paper shredding</u> resources where to take it • <u>Random metal items</u> (hangers, pots and pans, pipes, poles) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Tanglers/hoses</u> • <u>Paper shredding</u> • <u>Random metal items</u> (hangers, pots and pans, pipes, poles) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Large plastic items</u> • <u>Plastic bags</u> (no bagging recyclables) Why is it a challenge? • <u>Plastic bags, wrap and film</u> (recycling options) Why is it a challenge?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Earth Day:</u> April 22 • <u>Preventing food waste.</u> planning parties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Boat film wrap</u> • <u>Backyard composting</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Summer parties</u> waste prevention and reuse • <u>Public space recycling</u> • <u>Organics</u> drop offs/curbside (for areas that have it): What is accepted, what isn't?

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July	August	September
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Batteries (rechargeable and non-rechargeable) • Small plastic items (Straws, coffee pods, caps) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanglers: hoses and chains • Large plastic items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic bags (no bagging recyclables) Why is it a challenge? • Plastic bags, wrap and film (recycling options) Why is it a challenge?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 4th waste What to do with sparkler rods, fireworks? • Public recycling: parks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycled products Paper - Who recycles paper in MN? What products are made with this material? • Textiles Shop used first 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing food waste • Organics drop offs/curbside (for areas that have it): What is accepted, what isn't?
October	November	December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Random metal items (hangers, pots and pans, pipes, poles) • Paper shredding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanglers/holiday lights • Batteries and small electronics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanglers/holiday lights • Plastic bags (no bagging recyclables) Why is it a challenge? • Batteries (rechargeable and non-rechargeable)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second-hand Halloween costumes • Textiles Donating • Halloween treats candy wrappers (not recyclable or compostable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • America Recycles Day: November 15 • Black Friday Think before you buy. Do you really need it? • Preventing food waste 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing food waste • Greener/sustainable gifting (gifting experiences rather than stuff) • Green gatherings

Primary - Messaging that should take priority for that month

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