


APRIL

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS MONTH

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1. PREVENT WASTE  nzwcc.ca	2. You can't manage what you don't measure  wastedive.com	3. What is ZERO WASTE?  grnn.org	4. Reusables RULE!  wastefreelunches.org	5. Got uneaten food?  mealconnect.org	6. Compost indoors  wormwoman.com	7. Find a compost service provider  illinoiscomposts.org
8. REUSE  freecycle.org	9. Donate SHOES  shareyoursoles.org	10. Donate Prom Wear  glassslipperproject.org	11. Donate Books & Supplies  scarce.org	12. Save Wine bottle CORKS  recork.org	13. Collect Pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities  rmhccni.org	14. Find A Unique Treasure  evanstonrebuildingwarehouse.org
15. RECYCLE  swancc.org	16. Aluminum Cans  aluminum.org	17. Cartons & Juice boxes  recyclecartons.com	18. Paper and cardboard  afandpa.org	19. Steel cans  recycle-steel.org	20. Glass bottles & jars  gpi.org	21. No STRAW for me!  plasticpollutioncoalition.org
22. EARTH DAY GET INVOLVED IN A CAMPAIGN earthday.org	23. Join a Community initiative  faithinplace.org	24. Learn about Safer/healthier Products  ewg.org	25. How many NEIGHBORS do we have?  populationeducation.org	26. Global program for youth  rootsandshoots.org	27. ARBOR DAY  arborday.org	28. How does your garden GROW?  kidsgardening.org
29. LESS BAD ≠ GOOD mcdonough.com	30. unplugged SCREEN-FREE WEEK  screenfree.org	<p>"One individual cannot possibly make a difference, alone. It is individual efforts, collectively, that makes a noticeable difference – all the difference in the world!"</p> <p>– Dr. Jane Goodall, http://www.janegoodall.org/</p>				

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SWANCC PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

SWANCC offers the following programs to residents that live in a member community for materials that can be recycled or need to be safely disposed. No business, school or institutional materials will be accepted. IDs will be checked.

- ❑ Battery Recycling (from households only)
Alkaline and rechargeable batteries ❑ tape ends
- ❑ Document Destruction Events
- ❑ Electronics Recycling (permanent drop-offs locations and one-day events)
- ❑ Fluorescent Light Bulb Recycling
- ❑ Holiday Lights
- ❑ Pharmaceutical Disposal
- ❑ Sharps Disposal

SWANCC offers a variety of resources to educate individuals about reducing, reusing and recycling opportunities, as products that can be healthier for our families and environment:

Books, Curriculum, and DVDs For Loan

- ❑ *Closing the Loop Brochure*
- ❑ *Eco Cleaning Guide*
- ❑ *Eco-Friendly Marketplace Guide*
- ❑ *Eco Landscaping Guide*
- ❑ *Green Pages Reuse and Recycling Directory*
- ❑ *Waste Reduction Solutions Brochure*

Informational YouTube Videos:

- ❑ *Composting at Home*
- ❑ *Electronics Recycling: Know the Law*
- ❑ *How to Dry Latex Paint and Dispose of Household Chemical Wastes*
- ❑ *Managing Special Materials*
- ❑ *Recycling 101: The Dos and Don'ts*







For details regarding the above programs and resources, or for additional information, visit **swancc.org** or call the Agency at (847) 724-9205.

Connect With SWANCC

Join the Agency's online community for upcoming event reminders and information on waste reduction, recycling and sustainability.



GENERAL RECYCLING GUIDELINES

PLACE IN RECYCLING CONTAINER	 ACCEPTABLE	 NOT ACCEPTABLE
PAPER 	Includes newspaper, magazines, junk mail, office paper, cardboard boxes, aseptic cartons to include milk, juice and soup containers, cereal/food boxes and paper egg cartons. Flatten all boxes.	Materials should be free of plastic bags and wrappers. DO NOT include bath tissue, paper towels, photos, laminated paper, or paper coated with food, wax or foil.
PLASTIC 	Plastic containers numbered 1-5 and 7. Caps can be left on empty bottles. Labels do not need to be removed.	Containers should be empty and free of excess liquids and food residue. DO NOT include utensils, plates, toys, plant pots, garden hoses or pools.
METAL 	Includes clean aluminum, tin and steel cans, foil trays and empty aerosol cans. Labels may remain on the containers. Place metal lids inside cans.	Containers should be empty and free of excess liquids and food residue. DO NOT include fire extinguishers, propane and helium gas tanks, utensils, hangers, small appliances, batteries or auto parts.
GLASS 	Rinse glass bottles and jars to include clear, amber, blue and green glass. Labels do not need to be removed.	DO NOT include light bulbs, mirrors, bakeware, ceramics, drinking glasses, window or auto glass.

What About Plastic #6? Many recycling programs on a national level no longer include #6 PS plastic, known as polystyrene (check with your local hauler). It comes in expanded (fluffy) and rigid (clear) forms. According to	industry experts, #6 PS plastic is not easily recycled because it is mostly air, often coated with food contaminants, and can cost more than other commodities to recycle due to its lightweight nature, lack of competitive markets and high	transportation costs. However, <i>Abt Electronics</i> , 1200 N Milwaukee Ave., and <i>Dart Container Corp.</i> , 315 Evergreen Dr., in Aurora take polystyrene from homeowners.	Both companies have drop-off programs for plastic foam packaging and washed out food service items. Visit Abt at abt.com/green/ and Dart Container Corp., Inc. at dartcontainer.com for details.
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RECYCLE
PLASTIC BAGS

Plastic bags and wrappers should be stuffed into one bag and tied closed. Recycle them at your nearest participating grocery or retail store.

Items on the NOT ACCEPTABLE list may contaminate an entire load of recyclables and SHOULD NOT be placed in your recycling cart or bin.

NO auto parts	NO combustibles	NO holiday lights	NO toys
NO batteries	NO foam	NO needles/syringes	NO utensils
NO clothes hangers	NO food/garbage	NO paint cans	NO wires

NO Household Chemical Waste. Visit swancc.org for information on proper disposal.

For additional information about properly recycling or disposing of items, contact SWANCC at (847) 724-9205 or visit **swancc.org**.

RESOURCES FOR HOME LIFE

Our individual and collective health and well-being depend on the health of the natural environment. And the health of the natural environment can be impacted in many ways by the choices we make as consumers.

A Fresh Squeeze
afreshsqueeze.com

Earth911
earth911.com

The Environment Defense Fund
www.edf.org/our-work

The Fair Trade Federation and the World Fair Trade
fairtradefederation.org

Greener Choices is an initiative from Consumer Reports
GreenChoices.org

Healthy Child Healthy World
healthychild.org/

Midwest Pesticide Action Center
midwestpesticideaction.org

Mother Nature Network
mnn.com

New Dream
NewDream.org

Organic Consumers Association
organicconsumers.org

PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES FOR YOUTH

- ❑ ClimateKids.nasa.gov/go-green
- ❑ EcoKidsUSA.org
- ❑ KidsFace.org
- ❑ Kids.niehs.nih.gov
- ❑ PBSKids.org/seekoworld
- ❑ PopulationEducation.org
- ❑ RootsandShoots.org
- ❑ ScienceKids.co.nz/sciencefacts/recycling.html
- ❑ Soils4kids.org
- ❑ StoryofStuff.org
- ❑ Wonder-Works.org