



12th Annual School Recycling Workshop

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

8:30–11:35 a.m.

Continuing education units or clock hours are available.

Agenda:

- 8:30–8:35 a.m. Welcome**
Ali Vandercook, Dakota County
- 8:35–9:00 a.m. Minnesota updates: Recycling, reuse & green cleaning**
Alison Cameron, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- 9–10:00 a.m. Reuse is for everyone: Creative waste reduction initiatives**
Megan Butler, Macalester College
Kim Benton, Garlough Environmental Magnet School
Ali Vandercook, Dakota County
- 10:00–10:15 a.m. Group spark session**
- 10:15–10:40 a.m. Composting 101: Food scraps composting**
Dustin Montey, Dakota Prairie Composting
- 10:40–11:10 a.m. Top recycling contaminants and solutions**
Meghan Bernard, ISD 197
Ali Vandercook, Dakota County
- 11:10–11:35 a.m. Dakota County: Resources for schools**
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