Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Recycling Outreach Team Program Update Presented by Angelina Brandt, Director of Sustainability



DECEMBER 2022 RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

MONTHLY OUTREACH TOPICS

Eco-Friendly Holiday Tips

Americans generate 25% more trash during the Holiday season. This month we are highlighting simple ways to cut down on excessive packaging and other wasteful holiday habits. The biggest culprits – gift wrapping, dinner parties (food waste), and decorations. We are also sharing Recycle Right tips targeting specific items people may be recycling this time of year.

MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENTS

1,167 FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS	1,006 INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS	4,473 MAILCHIMP SUBSCRIBERS	YOUTUBE 24 VIEWS / 0.6 HRS (NOVEMBER)	WEBSITE METRICS 663 VISITS (NOV)	
SOCIAL MEDIA	December Repair Cafes, Eco-Friendly Holiday Tips, Upcoming Events and facility Holiday Closings				
RADIO	December Repair Cafes, Eco-Friendly Holiday Tips, Upcoming Events an				

PRINT	None this month
WEBSITE/BLOG	Eco-friendly Holiday Tips blog article coming soon!
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS	None this month

OUTREACH EDUCATION EVENTS

RECYCLING HOTLINE 123 CALLS // 9.03 HRS (1,628 CALLS/133.79 HRS YTD)		41 ADULT PARTICIPANTS (726 ADULTS YTD)	0 YOUTH PARTICIPANTS (317 YOUTH YTD)	5.5 HOURS (101 HOURS YTD)
PRESENTATIONS	 12/09 Upcycled F Woodstock Public 	Holiday Ornaments C Library	for Kids at the Tow	n of
FACILITY TOURS	None this month / Closed for Season			
EVENTS	None this month			
SITE VISITS & CONSULTATIONS	None this month			
NEW MEDIA OR TEACHING TOOLS	 NEW Recycling Ranger program in development for Ulster County Schools & Youth groups 			
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS	 12/01 Recycling Educators Working Group Kick-off meeting 12/09 Recycle Right NY - Focus Group meeting 12/13 Webinar: Strategies for Residential Food Waste Reduction & Composting 12/14 Tour of Republic Services MRF Beacon NY 12/15 NYS Organics Summit planning meeting 12/16 2023 Radio Campaigns planning meeting Ulster County MRDC Contact List annual update 			



Uster County Resource Recovery Agency

Photo: 2022 Compost Bin & Rain Barrel Sale



Photo: UCRRA Booth at Kingston Farmers Market

2022 PROGRAM IMPACT

25 PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENTS



26 FACILITY TOURS



9 TABLING EVENTS



3 CONSULTATIONS/SITE VISITS



7 INTERVIEWS



2 COMMUNITY INSTALLATIONS







2022 PROGRAM IMPACT DIRECT ENGAGEMENTS



101.75 HOURS







4,474 NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS

+723 new subscribers this year!



Photo: Eco Friendly Home Class



Photo: Recycling Outreach Team at the JUST EAT IT film screening Celebrating Compost Awareness Week



Photo: Ellenville Middle School Environmental Club



Photo: Upcycled Sea Turtle from Oceans of Possibilities Program

2022 Monthly Outreach Themes

January

Implementing State & Local laws (Polystyrene Ban, Composting)

February

National
Skip the
Straw Day

Valentines Day Sustainability

March

Eco-Friendly Spring Cleaning

April

Meet the UCRRA Staff

Spring Events &
Service
Highlights

May

International Compost Awareness Week

June

National Waste & Recycling Workers Week

World Oceans Day











Repairing or donating unwanted items to

be reused extends the useful life of our

goods and materials, which can help divert solid waste sent to landfills.

Find your nearest repair shop/café or

where to donate unwanted items in

Ulster County by visiting our website.

Waste & Recycling - Waste Reduction Tel



2022 Monthly Outreach Themes

July

Plastic Free July Summer Sustainability Tips

August

10 year Composting Anniversary

Black Plastic

|September

Back to School Sustainability Tips

October

Go Green on Halloween

International Repair Day

November

America Recycles Day Reducing Wasted Food

December

Greening the Holidays

















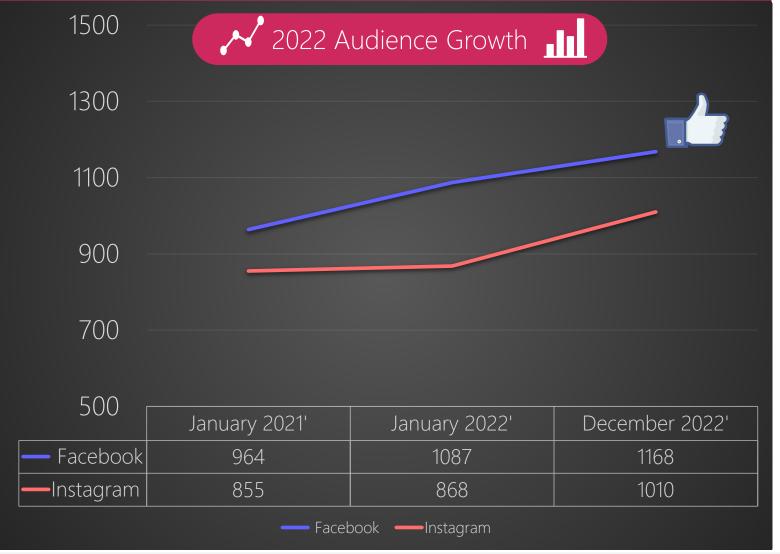


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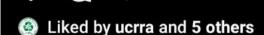
@UCRRA SOCIAL MEDIA METRICS







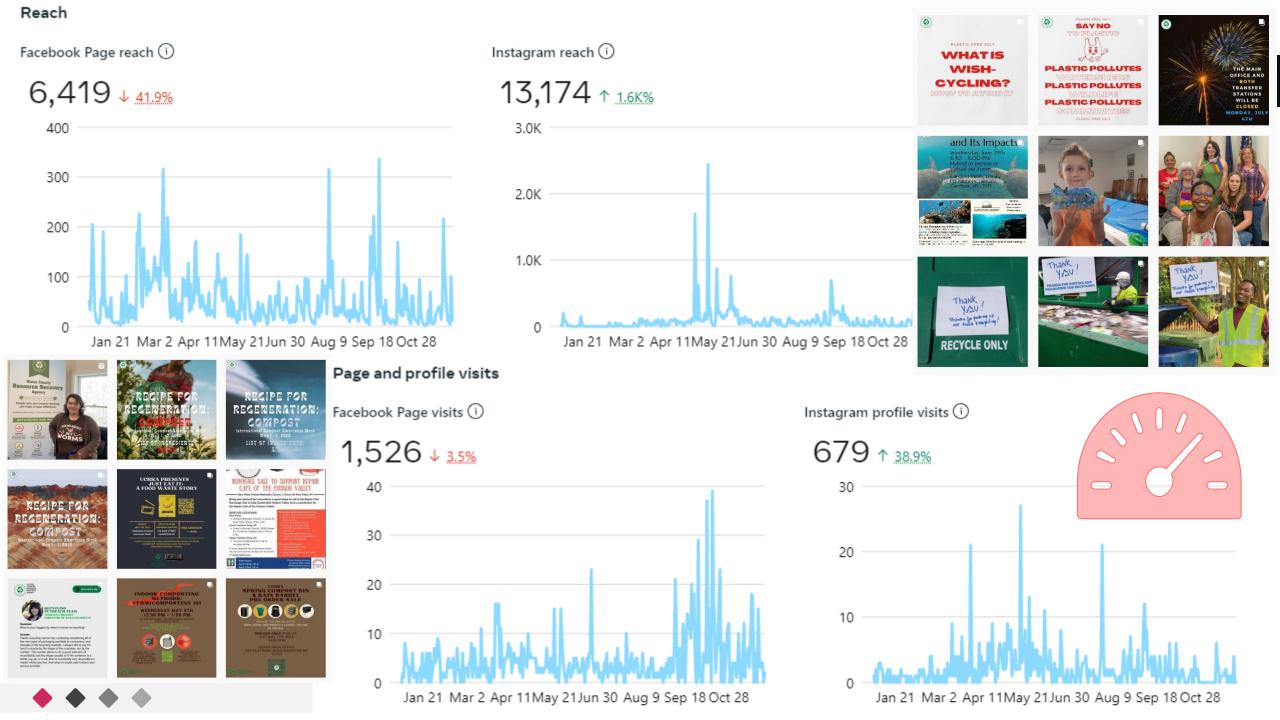




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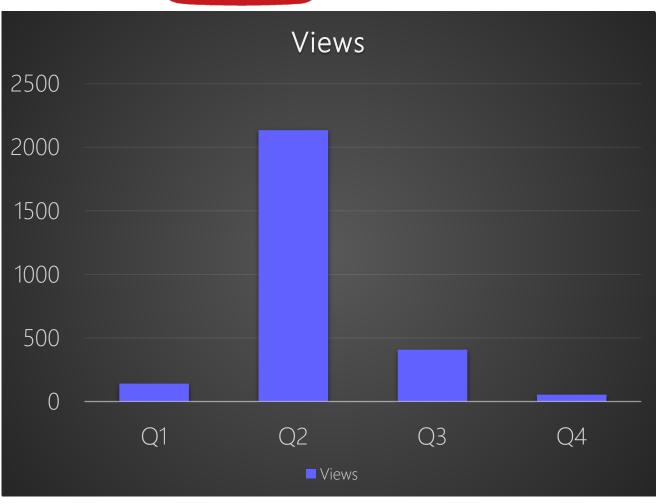
cce_ulster 4-H club 'Animals & Company' joined forces with @ucrra today to plant a pollinator garden at the new composting demonstration area. Thanks for hosting @ucrra! #compost #ch4 #co2 #sustainability #garden #pollinators
ucrra Thank you for coming!

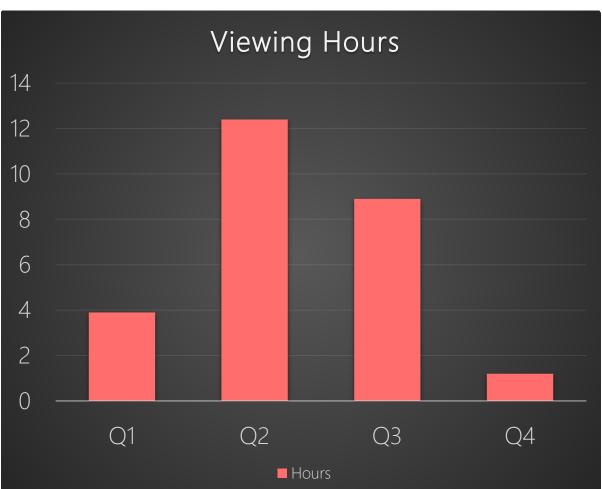
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@UCRRA on Youtube

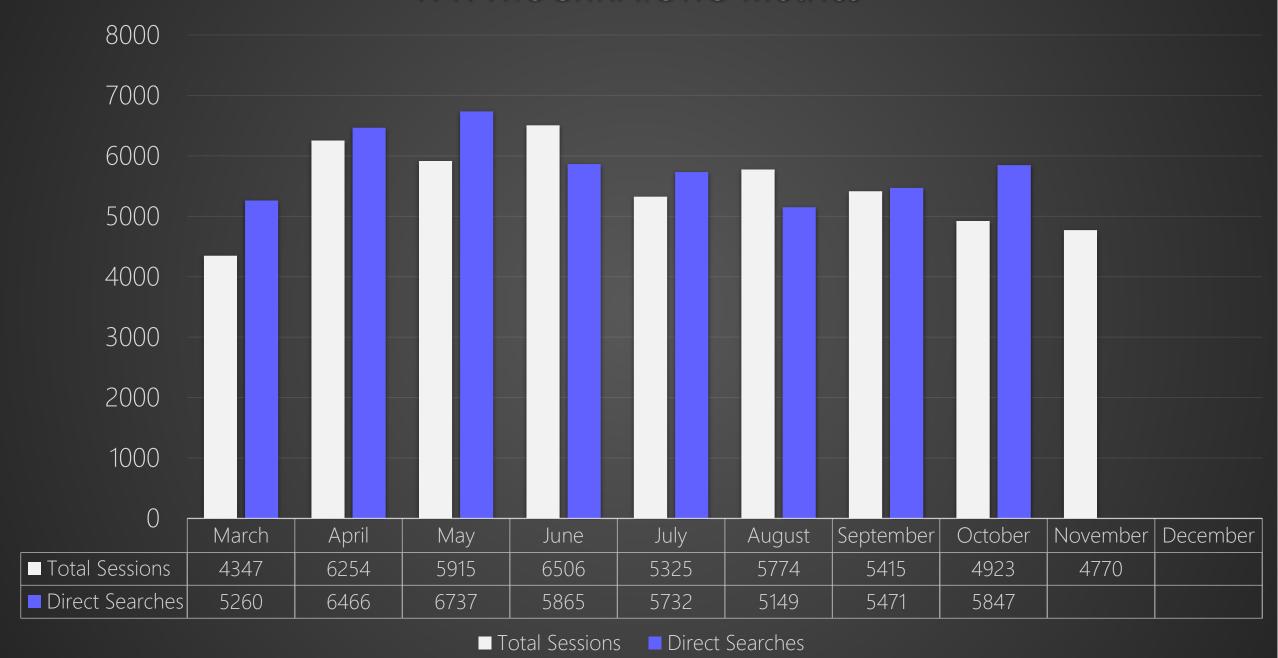




2,739 total views over 26.4 hours



WWW.UCRRA.ORG Metrics







RADIO ADVERTISING







Composting PSA Reduce Food Waste

RADIO WOODSTOCK WDST

Reach: Ulster, Duchess, Columbia, Greene, & parts of Orange County





RADIO KINGSTON WKNY

Reach: Kingston, as far north as Catskill, as far south to New Paltz, east to Northern Dutchess



April	•	Spring Compost Bin Sale (15)	
	•	Earth Day message (30)	
May	•	Reduce Food Waste – ICAW (30)	
	•	Grow Ulster Green (30)	
June	•	Recyclopedia (15)	
	•	Electronics Recycling (15)	
	•	What Happens to Trash (30)	
July	•	Plastic Free July (15)	
	•	What Happens to Trash (30)	
October	•	Electronics Recycling (15)	
	•	Recyclopedia (15)	
November	•	America Recycles Day (15)	
	•	Recyclopedia (15)	
December	•	Holiday message (30)	
	•	What Happens to Trash (30)	





PRINT ADVERTISING

Ulster Publishing Circulation ~45,000 readers

Rethinking Our Waste

Plastic makes up 12% of the waste stream in America! Plastic is made from non-renewable resources, and not all plastics can be recycled. Researchers estimate it takes 500+ years for plastics to start to break down!

Did you know? Each year 8 million metric tons of plastic enters the world's oceans. Plastic debris comes from litter in our environment, and the top 10 plastic items found in the ocean are single-use items that can be easily avoided!

TOP 5 TO REDUCE & REFUSE





est 500 millio



est. 100 million

ULSTER COUNTY RECYCLES You Can Make A Difference!

Bring your own reusable bags and

4. Grab a fork 8 spoon from your kitchen for a plastic-free travel kit 5. Say "NO" to plastic cutlery at

2. Choose package-free, reduced packaging, or refillable options

6. Buy products made from post-3. Do not purchase items whose consumer recycled content packaging is not recyclable

ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

www.UCRRA.org

999 Flatbush Road, Kingston, NY 12401 (845) 336-0600

FREE & SAFE DISPOSAL OF **HOUSEHOLD PAINTS & CHEMICALS**

Hosted by Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

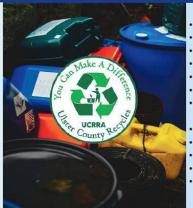
SATURDAY AUGUST 20

1 Clearwater Road New Paltz

SUNDAY OCTOBER 23

999 Flatbush Road Kingston

ULSTER COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY ALL EVENTS HELD 8AM-12PM ~ BY APPOINTMENT ~ PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!



Accepted Items Include:

- Aerosols cans
- Automotive fluids
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Household cleaners
- Lawn & garden chemicals
- Paints (lead, oil-based, & latex
- Photography chemicals
- Pool chemicals
- Stains & varnishes, etc.
- Sealants & adhesives
- Waste fuels

Program rules & special criteria apply.

Sign up online: WWW.UCRRA.ORG/EVENTS-CLASSES Questions? Call (845) 336-0600



AMERICA RECYCLES DAY IS NOVEMBER 15TH



PLASTIC GLASS BOTTLES, JUGS. BOTTLES **JARS & TUBS** & JARS ONLY



Recycle by the SHAPE, not by the NUMBER



METAL

CANS. TRAYS.

LIDS. & FOIL

Do not bag recyclables or put bags in the bin

PAPER

NO PLATES, CUPS,

OR TISSUES!



inner packaging

CARDBOARD

NO PIZZA BOXES!

THIS MESSAGE BY ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY









When in doubt, ask

your service

provider

Uister County Resource Recovery Agency

Proudly serving Ulster County for 30+ years

999 Flatbush Road Kingston NY (845) 336-0600 www.UCRRA.org @UCRRA

Let's Rethink Waste & Grow Ulster Green!

- Join UCRRA Partners in Composting Program
- FREE Dual Stream Recycling
- FREE Electronics Recycling
- FREE guidebooks, recycling posters, recycling bin stickers, and more!

- and much more!





Contact the Recycling Outreach Team for your FREE Business Guide!

www.UCRRA.org



THURSDAY, OCT 6TH, 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Rosendale Public 264 Main St.



FRIDAY, OCT 7TH, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM **UCRRA** Kingston Facility PRE-REGISTER BY MONDAY, OCT 3RD



RECYCLE

RIGHT!

WED, OCT 12TH.

6 PM - 7:30 PM

Wallkill Public

Libraru:

7 Bona Ventura Ave.

Wallkill, NY 12589

2022 UCRRA FALL CLASSES

Free workhops hosted by **ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY**

999 Flatbush Road, Kingston, NY 12401 🕻 845-336-0600 🌐 www.UCRRA.com 🧿 @UCRRA









INTRO TO

BOKASHI

FRIDAY, OCT 21ST.

1PM - 2 PM

UCRRA Kingston

Facility

PRE-REGISTER BY

MONDAY, OCT 17TH

TOUR THE UCRRA!

THURSDAY, OCT 13TH **OPTION 1: 10 - 11AM OPTION 2: 1 - 2PM**

UCRRA Kingston Facility





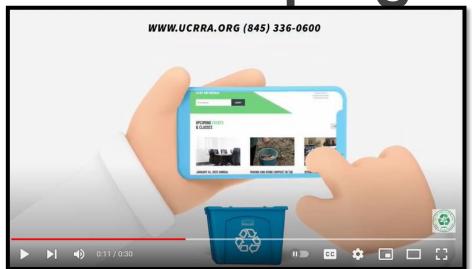


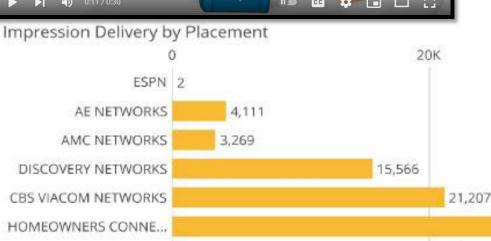






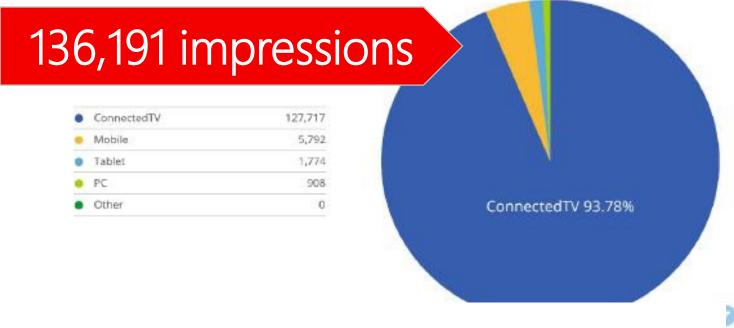
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OTT Campaign

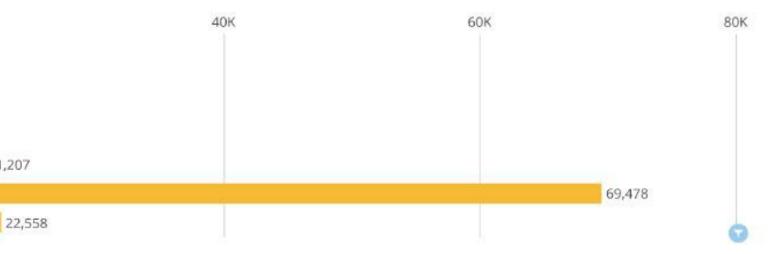




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Commercial aired on unauthenticated platforms (connected devices such as Roku, Sling, Tubitv, Pluto tv) as well as authenticated cable subscriptions (HGTV, DISCOVERY, TRAVEL, CNN, etc) Impressions by Device





2022 New Program Media



250 views

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40DQJz6AGaU

CREDITS This video was created by Jeremy Warg for ART263 Digital Visual Narrative, SUNY Ulster County Community College (May 2022) under the direction of Sean Nixon, Professor of Art - COIL & Applied Learning Coordinator.

2022 New Program Media

Find a Food Scraps Drop-off Spot

CAN'T COMPOST AT HOME? COLLECT YOUR FOODSCAPS AND DROP THEM OFF AT ONE OF THESE CONVIENT LOCATIONS!

Greenway Environmental Services

845-687-9198

New Paltz Recycling & Reuse Center

UCRRA

Eco-Friendly Home Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Recycling Outreach Team

#1 Household Hazardous Waste

Products or chemicals that are flammable corrosive, or chemically reactive are consid Never put these items in the trash or pour chen down the drain. When improperly managed, they

ad the label! ok for labels such Warning, Caution, the environment, cause fires or explosions, and ca nger, Poisonous,

ic, or Flammable. Inderstand the uctions for how to roperly use the chemical.

ys keep chemicals n their original container.

> e in the know about chemicals you use. Refer to a MSDS.

A's HHW Collection

Keep chemicals out of reach of child ly dispose of old or chemicals. Sign up for



ectrical panels or heat sources.

hazardous wastes.

serious injuries.



Town of Rochester Transfer Station

tact the Town Transfer Station

Town of Saugerties Transfer Station

- -It's easy!
 - -Does not require yard waste Drawbacks:
 - Worms can't eat everything
 - Harvesting castings can be

Why Compost?

- 40% of food grown in the U.S. is never eaten
- 20 pounds of food per person per month is wasted
- 90% of us throw away food
- before it has spoiled - The average family could
- save \$1,500 per year - 1 in 8 Americans face food

Benefits vs Drawbacks

- Compost indoors all year-round

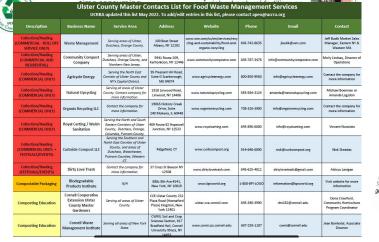
What is Vermicomposting?

The decomposition of organic materials through the use of worms.

Worms live in an enclosed container called a "worm bin" or a "worm farm."

- Very low cost to build your own. The worms digest the food scraps, and the product is a humus-substance called "castinas" or "vermicompost."

Worm castings are the





Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency



How does composting work?

composting is a natural process where organic materials are mixed together lowly break down (decompose) in a controlled way, resulting in a soil-like m alled compost. Soil microbes (bacteria/molds/fungi) and other macro orga eate a mini ecosystem inside of a compost pile. Different microbes thrive at c stages of the process. As materials decompose, the pile heats up and progra ough distinct heat phases, cooling overtime, creating finished compost. Con takes time, but certain management practices can help speed up the proce

Why should you try Bokashi composting?

 Manage food scraps that are harder
 Not a stand-alone method of Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency o comp method · The re mater 7R's to Rethink Waste (deter Simple acts and creative thinking can greatly reduce · Acce the amount of waste we make. Be mindful of your down Bags & Film Plastics consumption and your relationship with 'things' comp · Doc Plastic bags do not belong in the recycling bin. Recycle · Fur Refuse thin plastic films at a local grocery or retail store:

Don't consume what you don't need! it's okay to say no to excess packaging and unnecessary plastic waste. Reduce

Small acts make a big difference! Buy in bulk. Shop plastic-free at your local farmers' market. Make your own products! And try to avoid purchasing items whose packaging is not recyclable.



sring your own bottles, mugs, and shopping bags! Look ar creative ways to reuse and upcycle unwanted items.



Fix broken items before you toss them! Visit a Repair Café for free! www.repaircafelw.org



Regift
Donate unwanted items that are still in usable Donate univarreu i temo that are sum in usane condition! Furniture, home goods, clothing, toys, books, and more can be donated to charitable organizations!



Recycle Know your program and follow recycling rules! Contact your service provider or call 845-336-3336 (Recycling Hotline) for assistance.

Fabrics & Textiles

Visit www.ucra.org/about-us/laws/ to learn about local laws that reduce single use plastic waste.

Shrink wrap from paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, etc.)

Bags must be clean, dry, & empty

New York banned single use bags in 2022!

New Yorkers throw away 1.4 billion pounds of textiles every year! Donate and recycle fabrics and textiles at a clothing drop-off bin near you:

Hewspaper bags

Fresh produce bags

Food storage bags

Cereal bags

- All types of dothing All types of shoes & boots
- Linens & bedding Towels & throw rugs
- Curtains & canvas doths Bookbags, purses, & more

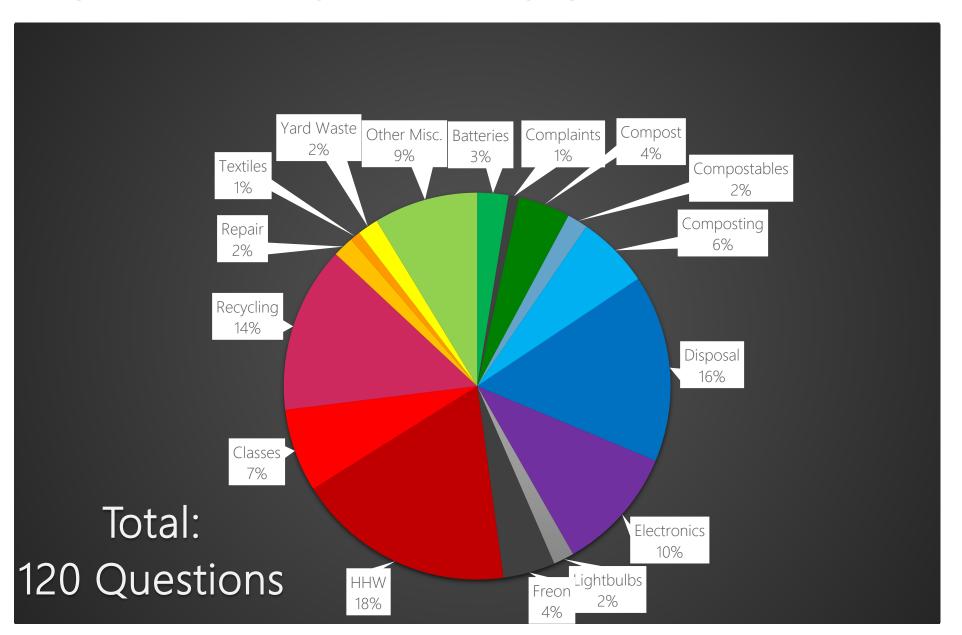
Fabric must be odorless, dry, and free of blood stains or grease

Recycle fabrics regardless of condition. Items can be tained, ripped, missing buttons, broken zippers etc.

Find a clothing drop-off bin near you by visiting www.nysar3.org/textile_recovery_locations.php

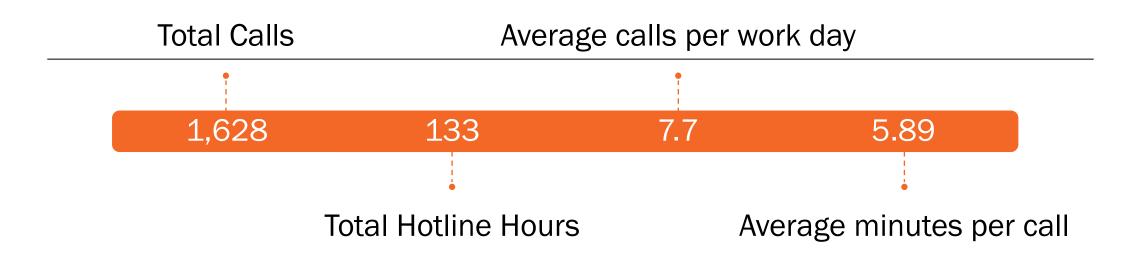


"Contact Us" via UCRRA website

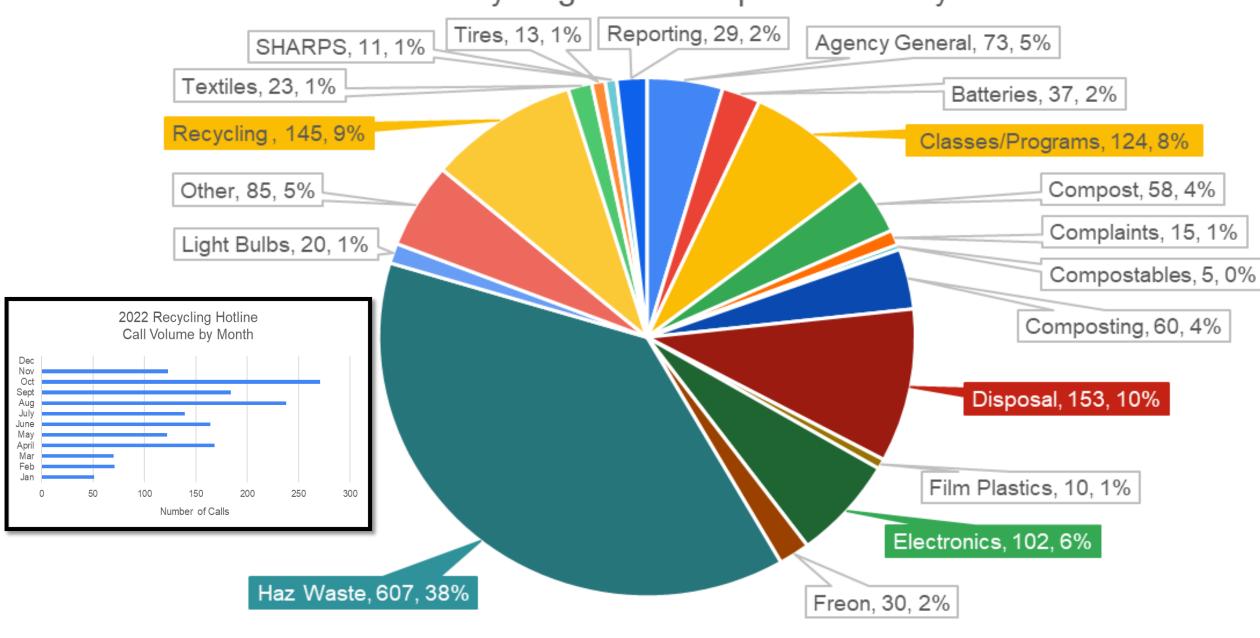


Recycling Hotline

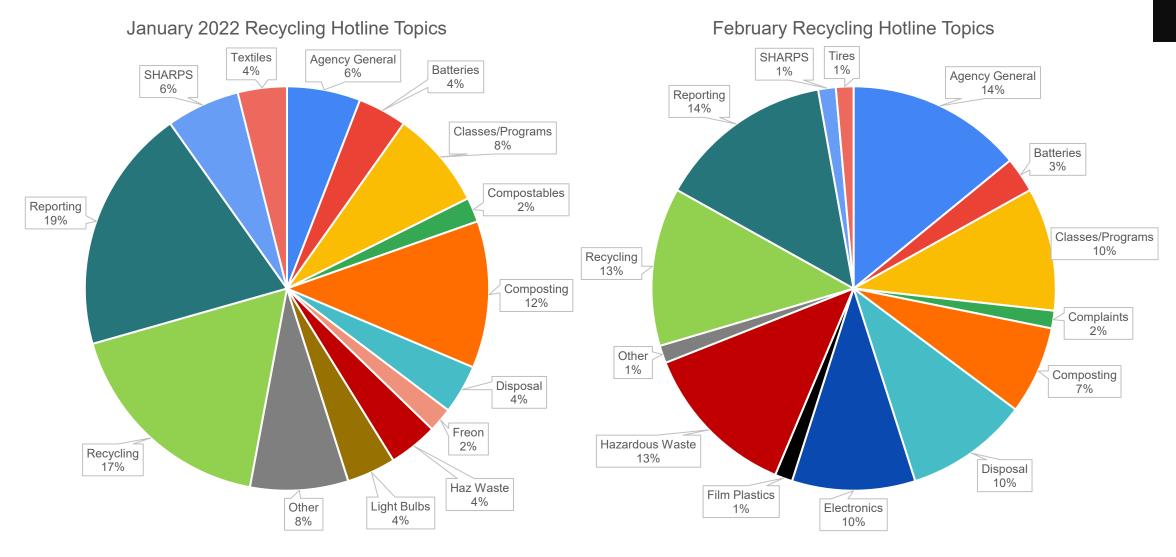
January 1st – November 3oth*



2022 Recycling Hotline Topics Summary

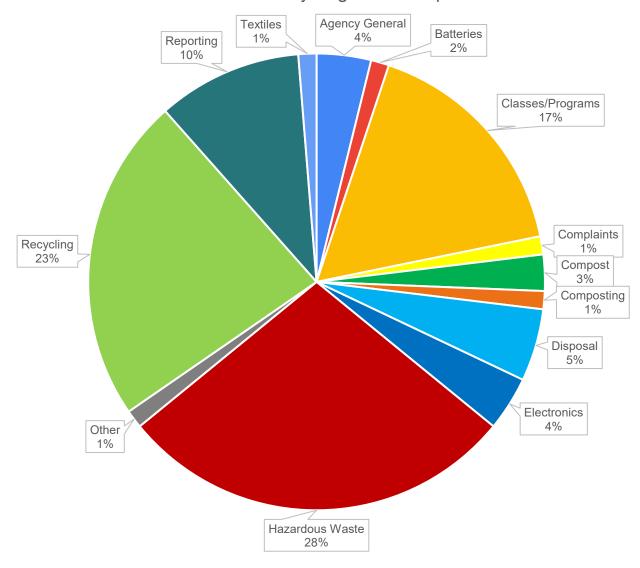


Recycling Hotline Monthly Stats

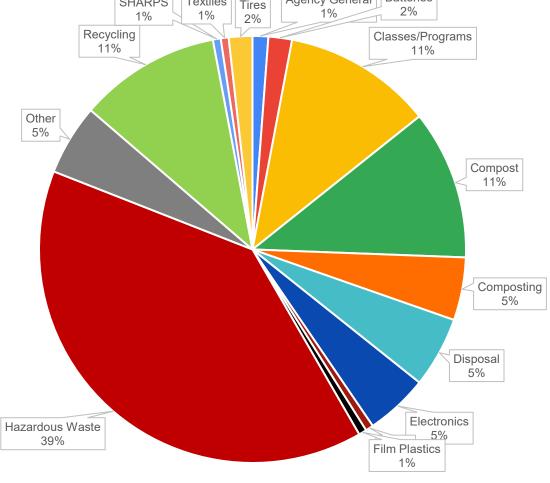




March 2022 Recycling Hotline Topics





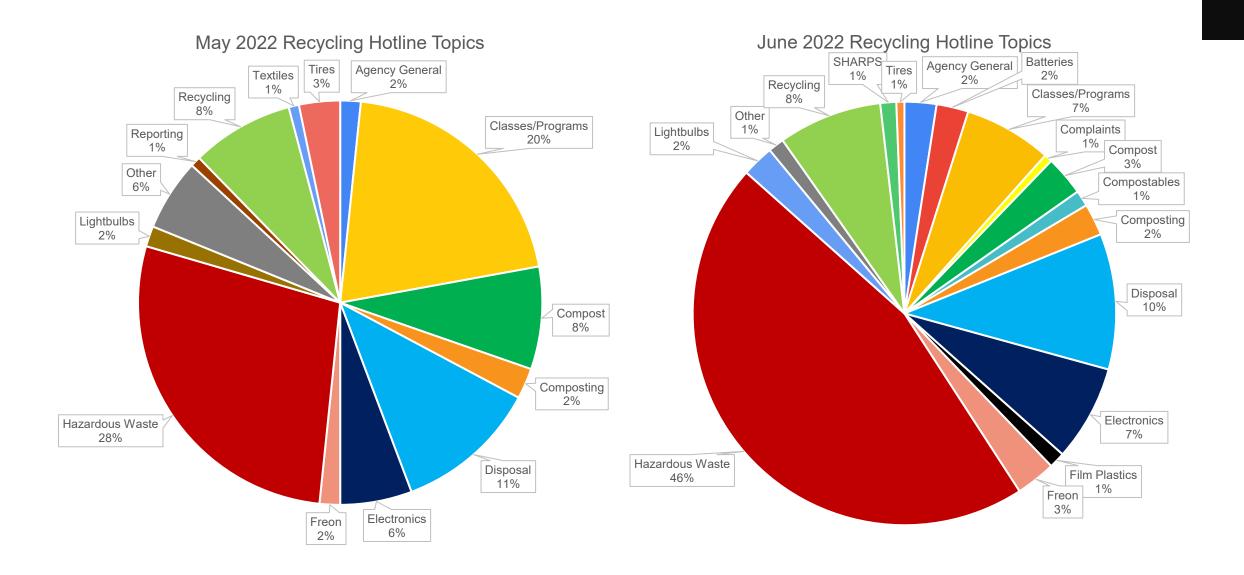




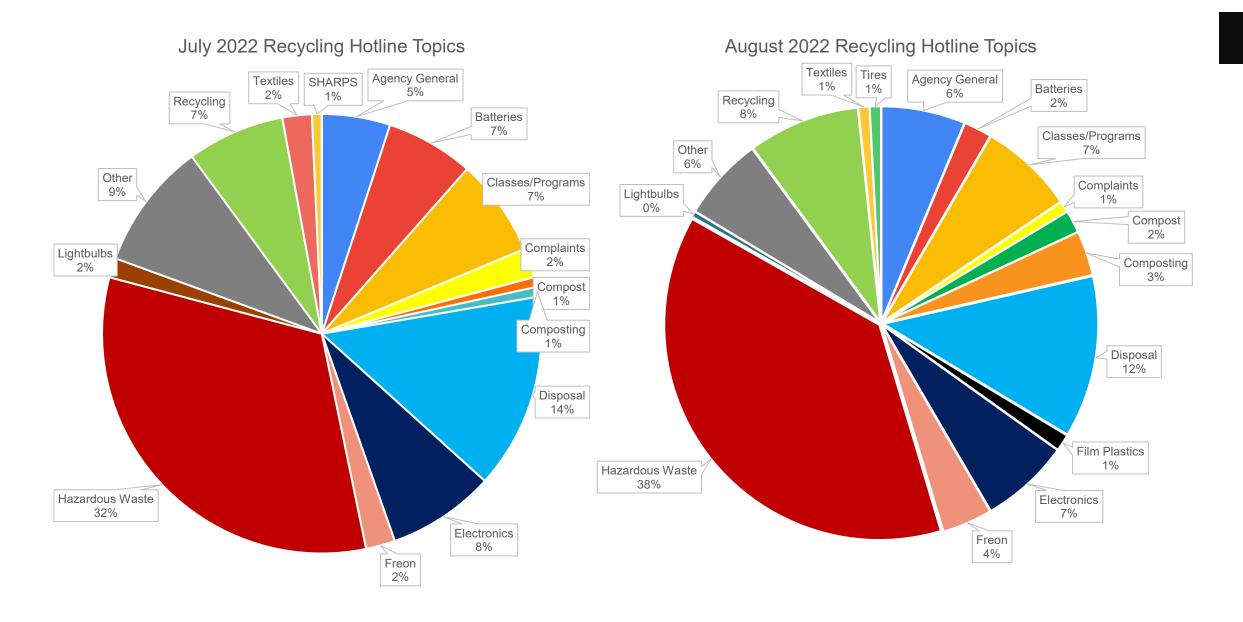




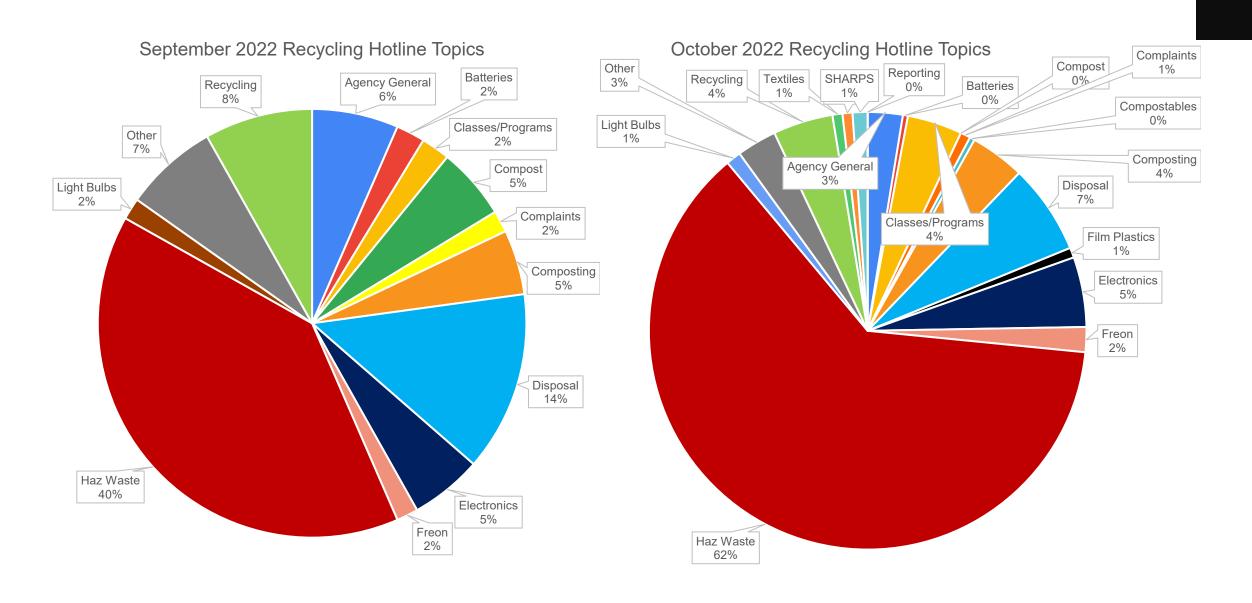






















Composting Education at George Washington Elementary School (ABOVE) and Bennett Elementary (BELOW)

ABOVE: Oceans of Possibilities Program BELOW: Home Compost Demonstration Garden











New Paltz Climate Smart Task Force tours the UCRRA









UCRRA Staff wears blue for World Oceans Day

2022 Recycling Outreach Team Executive Summary

- The UCRRA Recycling Outreach team completed 101.75 hours of direct community programming in 2022: including 25 classes/public speaking engagements, 26 facility tours, 9 tabling events, 7 interviews, 3 site visits to improve recycling practices, and 2 community installations at local libraries.
- These programs reached approximately 868 adult participants and 328 youth participants.
- The program grew indirect outreach strategies as well; **4,474 newsletter subscribers** received quarterly e-news. @UCRRA social media audience grew to **1,168 followers on Facebook and 1,010 followers on Instagram**, and a combined reach of over **19,500 impressions** on social media platforms. @UCRRA on Youtube has grown to **23 subscribers** and this year the channel had **2,739 total views over 26.4 hours of streaming**.
- Monthly Public Service Announcements for UCRRA Services were aired across two local radio stations (reaching over 70,000 estimated listeners) and print advertising reached an estimated 45,000+ local readers. In Feb-March a digital streaming OTT campaign targeting Ulster County viewers on Roku, Sling, Tubity, Pluto ty, as well as authenticated cable subscriptions reached 136,191 impressions.
- The Recycling Outreach Team received 56 requests for media kits that were sent by mail to various community partners and facilities, and they distributed an additional 764 kits at programs tours and events.
- The team responded to 120 questions through its website contact us form, 1,628 questions through the Recycling Hotline, totaling 130 hours of community engagement over the phone.