

# How to remove the Recommended section of the Start menu in Windows 11

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Although this section was added to make related content more accessible, some users don't like it because it takes up space in the Start menu and makes sensitive information easier to find. If you are one of those users, here's how to remove the Recommended section from the Start menu on Windows 11.

## How to remove the "Recommended" section of the Start menu using Group Policy Editor

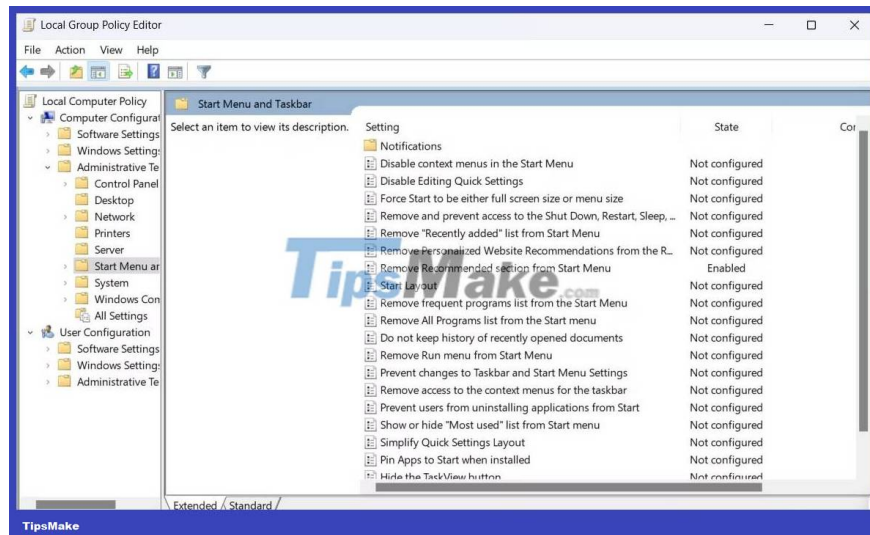
Before continuing, note that you can only remove the Recommended section of the Start menu in the Education edition of Windows 11 (SE). If your computer is running Windows 11 Pro or Home, you can only configure files and applications to be hidden from the Recommended section. This section will still appear in the Start menu.

Additionally, here's how to remove the Recommended section from the Start menu in Windows 11 Education edition:

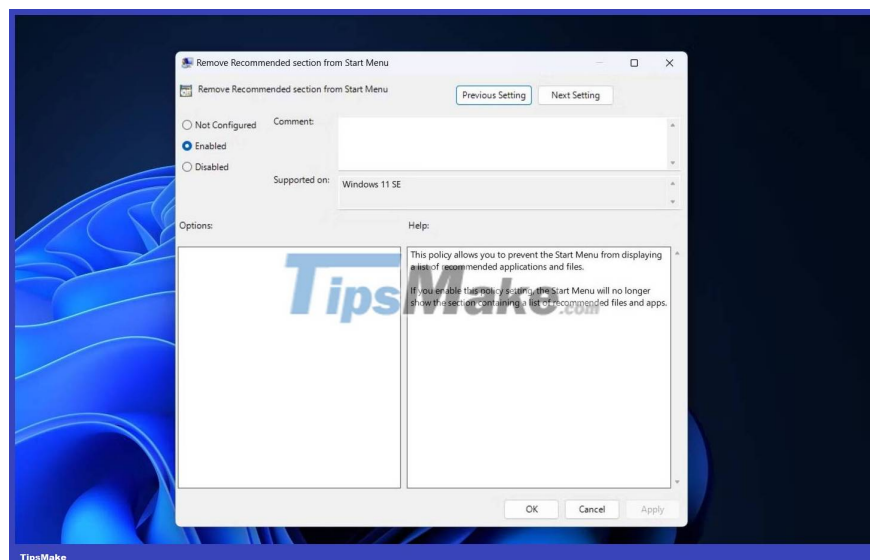
1. Press **Win + R** to open the Run dialog box.
2. Type **gpedit.msc** in the search bar and press **Enter**. This will open the Group Policy Editor.
3. In Group Policy Editor, navigate to the following location:

User Configuration > Administrative Templates > Start Menu and Taskbar

4. Double-click the **Remove Recommended section from Start Menu** policy on the right.



5. Select **Enabled** from the policy editing window that appears.



6. Click **Apply** > **OK** .

Then, restart your computer. When you reboot, you will see that the Recommended section has disappeared from the Start menu.

## How to remove the "Recommended" section of the Start menu using Registry Editor

Another quick way to remove the Recommended section is to edit the registry. Here's what you need to do.

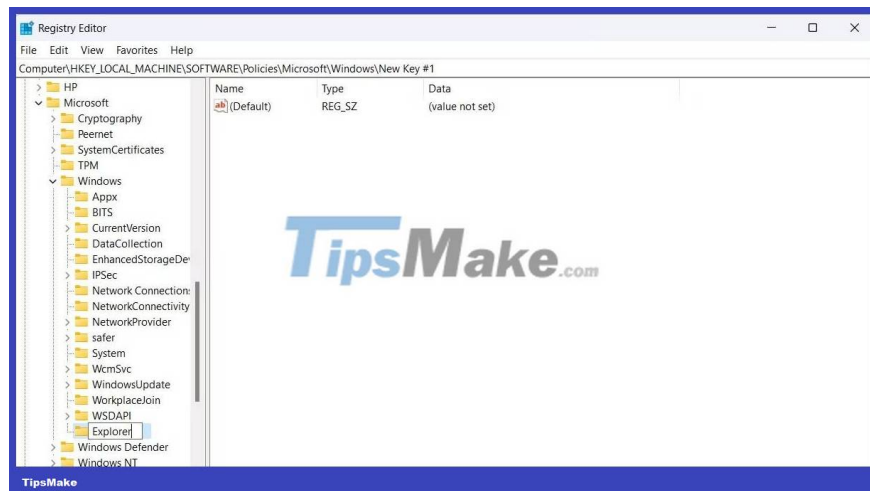
1. Open the Run tool, enter **regedit** in the search bar and press **Enter**.

2. In Registry Editor, navigate to the following location:

Computer\HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows

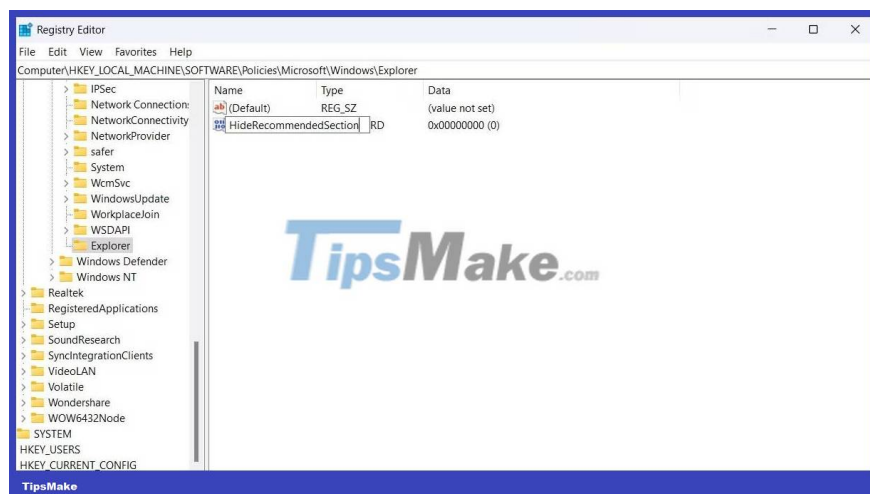
3. Right-click the **Windows** key , hover over **New** and select **Key**.

4. Name the key **Explorer**.



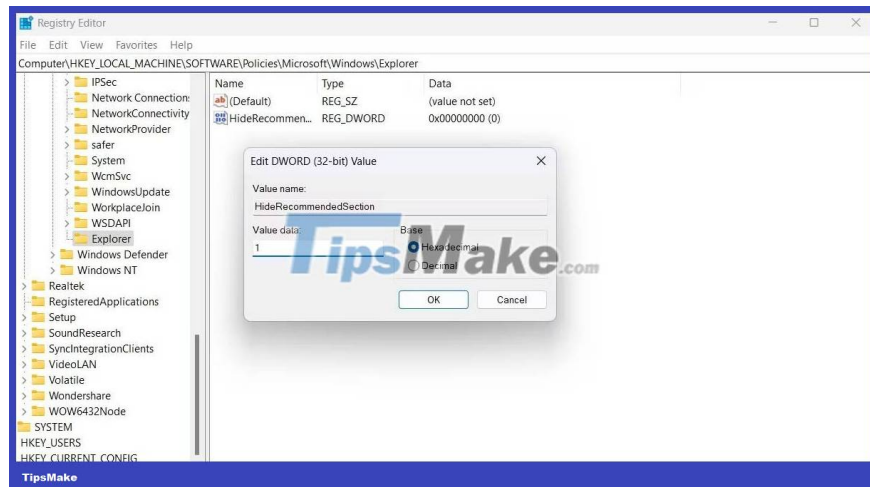
5. Right-click the Explorer key, hover over **New** and select **DWORD (32-bit) Value** .

6. Name the value **HideRecommendedSection**.



7. Double-click the **HideRecommendedSection** value on the right.

8. Enter **1** in the **Value Data** field and click **OK**. This will remove the **Recommended** section. To revert the changes, enter **0** in the **Value Data** field and click **OK**.

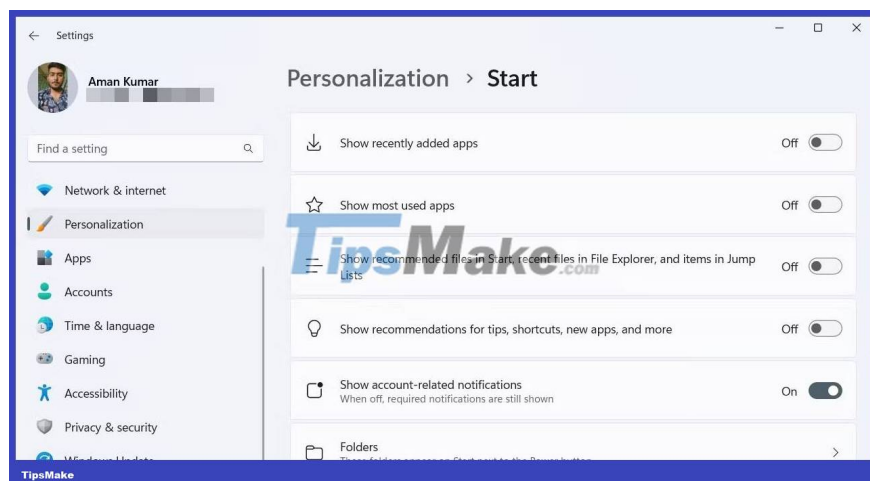


Then, restart your computer to see the changes.

## Remove content from the Recommended section of the Start menu using the Settings app

You can use the Windows Settings app to manage the content displayed in the Recommended section of the Start menu. This can be useful if you only want to display installed applications, recently accessed files, or none of those things.

To remove Recommended content, open the Settings app, select **Personalization** from the left sidebar, and click **Start** on the right. In the Start window, you will see 3 toggles - **Show recently added apps**, **Show most used apps** and **Show recommended files in Start, recent files in File Explorer, and items in Jump Lists**.



You can turn off **Show recently added apps** if you don't want the Recommended section to display apps you recently installed on your computer. **The Show most used apps** toggle manages the apps you frequently access on your computer. You can turn off this switch if you don't want those apps to show up in the Recommended section.

You can turn off **Show recommended files in Start, recent files in File Explorer, and items in Jump Lists** if you don't want the Recommended section to display files and folders you recently accessed.

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