






2024
Recycling Guide



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Know Where It Goes

Keep plastic bags, batteries, cell phones and sharps **out** of your recycling cart.

Visit RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ to find out what to do with these items and more.

RAMSEY COUNTY Recycling Guide

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- RamseyRecycles.com
- AskEH@ramseycounty.us
- [Live chat feature online](#)
- [651-633-EASY \(3279\)](tel:651-633-EASY), answered 24/7

Visit RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ to use our online recycling and disposal guide for residents.

Sign Up for Our Newsletter

Find out what Ramsey County is doing for the environment and get tips to go green yourself in our e-newsletter, Green Ramsey.

Visit ramseycounty.us/GreenRamsey to sign up.



Compost Bin Sale – Save \$20

The Recycling Association of Minnesota is selling compost bins for \$76 plus tax this year. Ramsey County residents can receive a \$20 discount.

Order online at RecycleMinnesota.org and enter promo code “Ramsey” to receive the discounted price. Or call 651-641-4589 and mention that you are a Ramsey County resident.

Pick up your pre-ordered bin on Saturday, April 27 in Maplewood. Find additional sales at RecycleMinnesota.org.

Improve Your At-Home Recycling



Apartment and Condo Residents



State law requires that all residents have the opportunity to recycle. Contact your building manager, landlord or city to request recycling service if it is not currently available. Property managers should visit BizRecycling.com for grants, free recycling totes and resources for tenants.



Place recyclables loose (not bagged) in the recycling cart or recycling dumpster.

Do not include plastic bags. They jam sorting machines at recycling facilities. Bring plastic bags to a retailer that accepts them.

Items Accepted for At-Home Recycling

These are general guidelines. Please follow instructions from your city or recycling hauler.



Metal cans.



Glass bottles & jars.



Cartons.



Plastic containers (#1, #2 and #5).

► **Rinse all containers. OK to leave caps on. Do not crush or flatten.**



Cardboard boxes (all types, except frozen food boxes).



Newspapers, magazines & mail.



Office & school papers.



Paper towel & toilet paper tubes.

► **Flatten boxes. Keep boxes and paper items dry.**

Bring To Collection Site

- Batteries (page 15).
- Containers with paint, used oil, antifreeze and other hazardous products (page 15, place empty containers in trash).
- Electronics (pages 22-23).
- Needles and syringes (page 16).
- Plastic bags, chains, string lights and other items that may coil around equipment (see RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ).
- Propane and fuel tanks (page 15).
- Scrap metal (see RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ).

Place in Trash

- Diapers.
- Dishes, vases and mirrors.
- Plastic pouches, bags and wrappers.
- Masks, gloves and wipes.
- Paper cups, plastic straws and utensils.
- Plastic bags, plastic wrap, Styrofoam™ and black plastic.
- Shredded paper.
- Wrapping and tissue paper.

Learn What To Do With Food Scraps









Recycle Food Scraps in 3 Easy Steps

1. Find a container to collect food scraps. Get free BPI certified compostable bags. Details at RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps.
2. Line your container with a compostable bag and fill it with food scraps and other accepted items.
3. Bring your filled compostable bag to a free collection site.

See pages 8-9 for a list of locations.

Items Accepted

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|  Bread, pasta & other grains. |  Eggs & eggshells. |
|  Coffee grounds & filters. |  Fruit & vegetable scraps. |
|  Dairy products. |  Meat, seafood & bones. |

Visit RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps for a full list of items accepted.

Food: Too Good to Waste

Wasted food wastes more than just food—it wastes all the resources that went into producing that food, like water for growing crops and fuel for transporting them. Reducing food waste saves you money and helps the planet. Test your knowledge on food waste reduction at RecyclingandEnergy.org/Food-Waste-Reduction.



Free Food Scraps Collection Sites

These sites are open year-round, 24 hours a day.

Household waste only. No business waste.

- 1** COMO PARK
1149 Beulah Lane
Saint Paul
- 2** FALCON HEIGHTS
2077 Larpenteur Ave. W.
Falcon Heights
- 3** HIGHLAND PARK
800 Snelling Ave. S.
Saint Paul
- 4** MAPLEWOOD
2100 White Bear Ave.
Maplewood
- 5** NEW BRIGHTON
700 5th St. NW
New Brighton
- 6** ROSEVILLE
2580 Dale St.
Roseville
- 7** SAINT ANTHONY
3301 Silver Lake Road NE
Saint Anthony
- 8** VADNAIS HEIGHTS
3595 Arcade St. N.
Vadnais Heights
- 9** WHITE BEAR LAKE
3950 Hoffman Road
White Bear Lake
- 10** UNION PARK
Corner of Carroll Ave.
and N. Griggs St.
Saint Paul

Visit RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps for up-to-date information.



Ramsey and Washington counties are rolling out a new way for residents to recycle food scraps from home—the Food Scraps Pickup Program! The program is rolling out over multiple years and will eventually be available for free to all residents of the two counties.

Visit FoodScrapsPickup.com or call **651-661-9393** to see if the program is available in your area. Not yet eligible to participate? Sign up to receive email notifications when the program becomes available to new areas.



These sites collect both food scraps and yard waste. They are open during yard waste collection site hours (see page 13).

- 11** ARDEN HILLS*
1881 Hudson Road
Arden Hills
- 12** BATTLE CREEK*
389 S. Winthrop St.
Saint Paul
- 13** FRANK AND SIMS*
1150 Sims Ave.
Saint Paul
- 14** MIDWAY
1943 Pierce Butler Route
Saint Paul
- 15** MOUNDS VIEW
8307 Long Lake Road
Mounds View
- 16** SUMMIT HILL
870 Pleasant Ave.
Saint Paul
- 17** WHITE BEAR TWP*
5900 Sherwood Road
White Bear Township

*Open to Washington County residents.

Recycle Your Yard Waste



How To Recycle Yard Waste at a Collection Site

1. Gather leaves, grass and garden waste separately from trees, branches and shrubs. No tree or shrub roots, dirt or sod.
2. Bring yard waste to a Ramsey County collection site. See pages 12-13 for hours, locations and accepted items (**not all sites accept trees, branches or shrubs**).
3. Add waste to designated yard waste piles. Take your containers and bags home with you. If you have questions, ask a site monitor.



Site Policies



Mechanical or hydraulic dumping trailers and dump trucks are not allowed at Ramsey County yard waste sites—this includes both residential and commercial equipment.



For residential use only. No commercial lawn, landscape or tree services.



Don't put leaves, grass clippings, branches or other plant material in the trash. It's against the law!



Due to the threat of jumping worms, Ramsey County no longer accepts dirt or sod at its yard waste sites. Find other disposal options at [RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ](https://www.ramseyrecycles.com/AtoZ).



Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine

To prevent the spread of emerald ash borer, please dispose of all tree waste at a Ramsey County yard waste collection site that accepts brush (see pages 12-13).

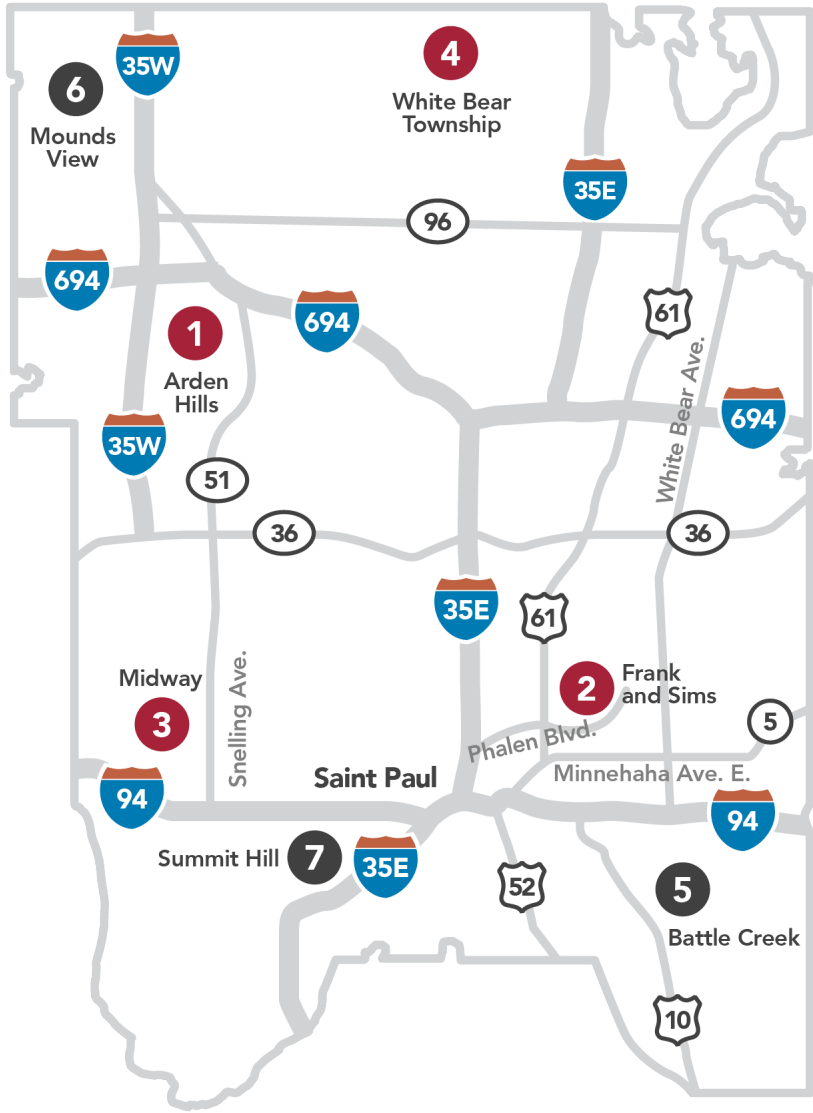
Visit www.mda.state.mn.us/eab to learn more.

Have a Backyard Fire Pit?

Be considerate of your neighbors – burning trash is illegal and can produce toxic fumes. Burning wet or recently cut wood creates excess smoke.

Learn more at www.epa.gov/burnwise/best-wood-burning-practices.

Yard Waste and Food Scraps Collection Sites



- **Items Accepted:**
- Leaves & grass
- Food scraps
- Trees, branches & shrubs**

- **Items Accepted:**
- Leaves & grass
- Food scraps

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 Trees, branches and shrubs
NOT ACCEPTED
 at Battle Creek, Mounds View and Summit Hill.



Free Yard Waste and Food Scraps Collection Sites

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 ARDEN HILLS*
1881 Hudson Road
Arden Hills ● 2 FRANK AND SIMS*
1150 Sims Ave.
Saint Paul ● 3 MIDWAY
1943 Pierce Butler Route
Saint Paul ● 4 WHITE BEAR TWP*
5900 Sherwood Road
White Bear Township | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5 BATTLE CREEK*
389 S. Winthrop St.
Saint Paul
No trees, branches or shrubs ● 6 MOUNDS VIEW
8307 Long Lake Road
Mounds View
No trees, branches or shrubs ● 7 SUMMIT HILL
870 Pleasant Ave.
Saint Paul
No trees, branches or shrubs |
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*Also open to Washington County residents.

Ramsey County has several 24/7 drop-off sites for food scraps collection. See page 8 for details.

Ⓘ Collection Site Hours (Weather Permitting)

April – November		December – March	
Mon., Wed., Fri.	11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Saturday	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Sunday	11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday	11 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Mon. – Fri.	Closed
Tues. & Thurs.	Closed		

Closed: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Christmas Day.

















Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)



Safe Transport Tips

- Keep products in original container, upright and tightly sealed.
- Transport in a bag, box or tote in trunk or cargo bed of vehicle.
- Never mix chemicals. It can be dangerous and prevents recycling.



Items Accepted at HHW Collection Sites

-  Antifreeze.
-  Gasoline.
-  Batteries (**all types**).
-  Mercury thermometers.
-  Bug & weed killers.
-  Needles & syringes (empty) see page 16.
-  Cell phones.
-  Paint (see below).
-  Cleaners.
-  Propane tanks (full or empty).
-  Cooking oil (must be liquid).
-  Skin lightening products.
-  Electrical cords & string lights (remove AC adapters).
-  Used oil & filters.
-  Fluorescent lights.
-  Vaping devices.

Place empty containers in the trash. Visit [RamseyRecycles.com/HHW](https://www.ramseyrecycles.com/HHW) for more items. See pages 16-18 for collection site hours and locations.

Items Safe To Place in Trash

- Dried latex paint (remove lid).
- Empty aerosol cans and other containers (except propane tanks).
- Drywall compound (including joint, taping and filler).
- Latex or water-based caulk.

  **Do not put propane tanks (full or empty) or batteries in the trash or recycling. They can cause fires or an explosion. Bring them to an HHW site.**



Only Have Batteries To Recycle?

Visit [Call2Recycle.org](https://www.call2recycle.org) to find a participating store for free recycling.



Only Have Paint To Recycle?

Visit [PaintCare.org](https://www.paintcare.org) to find a participating paint store for free recycling.

Free Year-Round HHW Collection Site

5 Empire Drive (Bay West)
Saint Paul

Open to residents of Ramsey, Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Scott and Washington counties.

Photo ID required.

April – November

Tues. – Fri. 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

December – March

Friday and Saturday
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.



Closed: New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Friday after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

🕒 Mobile HHW Collection Site Hours

April – October

Fridays 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturdays 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

See map on next page for locations. The free mobile collection moves to a different community each month.

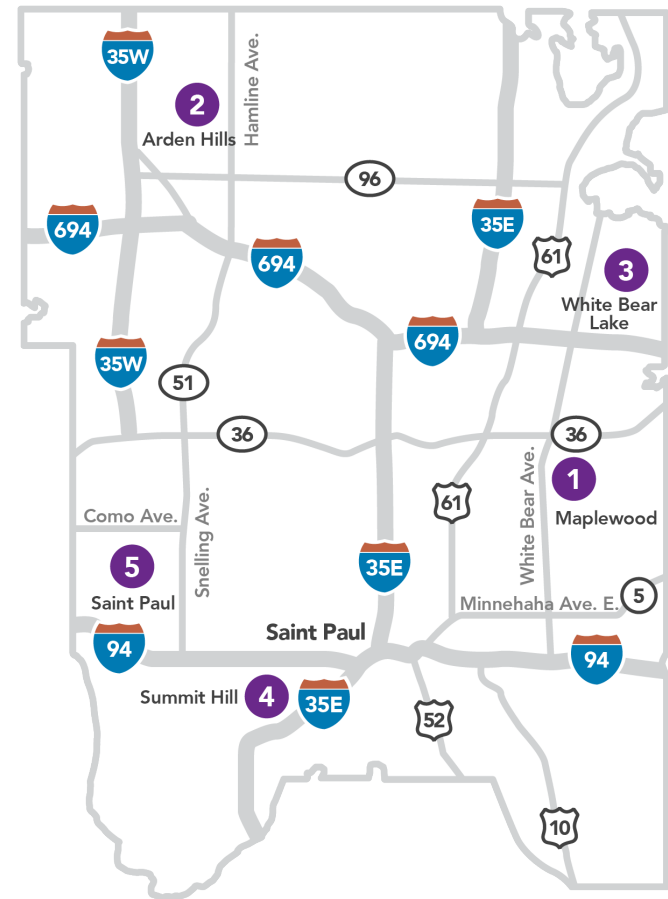


Needles and Syringes (Sharps)

- Do not place sharps in the trash or recycling cart.
- Place empty needles and syringes in a hard-sided plastic container with a screw-on cap (like an empty detergent bottle) and label it "Sharps".
- Bring your sharps container to an HHW collection site. Please inform staff when you drop them off. They will ask you to place your sharps in the collection bin.
- Sharps containing medicine should be brought to a medicine collection site (see pages 20-21).

Free Mobile HHW Collection Sites

APRIL – OCTOBER



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| <p>1 APRIL
Maplewood
1850 White Bear Ave.</p> <p>2 MAY
Arden Hills
1352 Ben Franklin Road</p> <p>3 JUNE
White Bear Lake
3551 McKnight Road N.
*Open starting June 8</p> <p>2 JULY
Arden Hills
1352 Ben Franklin Road</p> | <p>4 AUGUST
Summit Hill (Saint Paul)
848 Pleasant Ave.</p> <p>5 SEPTEMBER
Saint Paul
1660 Como Ave.
*Open after Labor Day</p> <p>1 OCTOBER
Maplewood
1850 White Bear Ave.</p> |
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DID YOU KNOW?

It's illegal to throw fluorescent light bulbs in the trash because they contain mercury.

Safe Disposal of Energy-Saving Light Bulbs

Energy-saving light bulbs are good for the environment and your wallet, plus they can be recycled. Bring them to an HHW collection site or check with a local hardware store.

Recycle these types of bulbs:

- Fluorescent bulbs of all shapes and sizes.
- High-intensity discharge lamps (HID).
- LED lights of all shapes and sizes.
- Neon lights of all shapes and sizes.

Incandescent light bulbs are safe to throw in the trash.

Used Motor Oil and Filter Collection Shed

1352 Ben Franklin Road
Arden Hills

The self-service used motor oil and filter collection shed is open 24/7.

Antifreeze is also accepted. Oil and antifreeze are collected separately at the site.

Disposal of items other than used oil, used oil filters or antifreeze at this site is prohibited.



No business waste.



Appliances and Electronics: See pages 22-25.

Business Waste: Call 651-266-1199 for business waste assistance.



Product Reuse Room



Find Free Paint and More

Visit the Product Reuse Room at Ramsey County's year-round household hazardous waste collection site (page 16). Leftover products are available on a first-come, first-served basis and selection will vary. Must be 18 years or older to participate.

Types of Items Available

- Automotive products, oil, antifreeze and motor additives.
- Charcoal lighter fluid and camp stove fluid.
- Driveway and roof sealers.
- Fertilizers.
- Household cleaners, polishes and waxes.
- Paint, spray paint, paint solvents, cleaners, turpentine and paint thinners.
- Wood stains, preservatives, oils and polyurethanes.

Note: Reuse items are not available at the mobile collection sites.

Test Your Home for Radon

Did you know that two in five homes in Minnesota have radon levels that could pose a health risk?

Radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas and is the second leading cause of lung cancer behind smoking. It is naturally occurring and can enter your home from the soil through the foundation or basement walls.

Purchase test kits from Ramsey County for only \$2.













More information: ramseycounty.us/Radon 651-266-1199

HealthyHomes@ramseycounty.us

Dispose of Medicine



Items Accepted

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|  Blister packs. |  Inhalers. |  Powders. |
|  Capsules & pills. |  IV bags. |  Sprays. |
|  Creams & gels. |  Liquids. |  Syringes (full & capped). |
|  EpiPens (unused). |  Patches. |  Vials. |

Collection program is free. Visit RamseyRecycles.com/Medicine for more information and other disposal options.

Items Not Accepted

- **NO** empty or uncapped needles or syringes. Bring them to an HHW collection site (see pages 16-17).
- **NO** liquid chemo drugs. Bring them back to your clinic.
- **NO** medicine from businesses. This includes healthcare facilities, long-term care facilities, pharmacies, doctors' offices and veterinary clinics.

Medicine Drop-Off Guidelines

- Keep medicines in their original container for legal transport.
- Put loose medicines in a clear, resealable plastic bag and label it with the medicine name.
- Seal all items in a clear, resealable plastic bag, ideally one-gallon or smaller.
- Place bag into drop box.

Free Medicine Collection Sites



Free parking.
No ID required.
Closed on city/county holidays.

Many pharmacies and clinics also accept unwanted medicine. Contact your local pharmacy for more disposal options.











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| <p>1 ARDEN HILLS
Sheriff's Patrol Station
1411 Paul Kirkwood Drive
Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</p> | <p>3 NORTH ST. PAUL
City Hall
2400 Margaret St.
Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</p> |
| <p>2 NEW BRIGHTON
Public Safety
785 Old Hwy. 8 NW
Open 24/7</p> | <p>4 SAINT PAUL
Law Enforcement Center
425 Grove St.
Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</p> |

Drop boxes are located inside these buildings.

Recycle Your Electronics

Ramsey County partners with Repowered to offer residents free electronics recycling at their Saint Paul location.

Items Accepted

-  Cable boxes.
-  Cellphones & tablets.
-  Chargers, adapters & headphones.
-  Computer accessories (mice, keyboards, etc.)
-  Computers & laptops.
-  Gaming consoles.
-  Printers & scanners.
-  Speakers.
-  Televisions & monitors.
-  VCRs, DVRs & Blu-ray players.

Items Not Accepted

- **NO** bulbs/lamps, including fluorescent tubes, CFLs, LEDs.*
- **NO** car parts, power tools or solar panels.
- **NO** hazardous waste, including aerosols, paint, chemicals, etc.*
- **NO** holiday string lights.*
- **NO** items with freon, including A/C units, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, etc.
- **NO** large or small appliances, including microwaves.
- **NO** loose batteries.*
- **NO** VHS tapes, cassettes or compact discs.
- **NO** business waste. Businesses can visit getrepowered.org for options.

Find disposal options for these items at RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ.

*Accepted for free at Ramsey County household hazardous waste collection sites.

Repowered Hours and Location

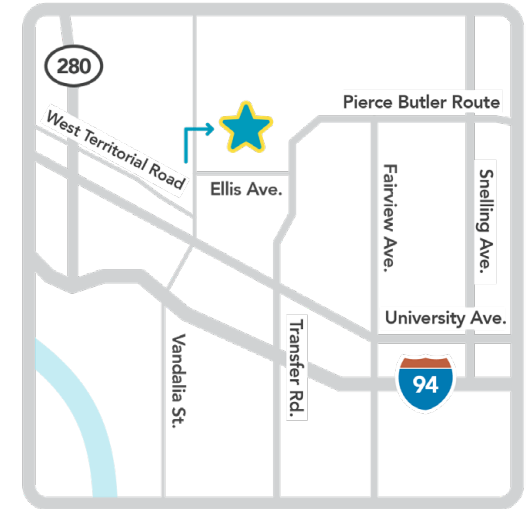
860 Vandalia St., Saint Paul

Free for residents of Ramsey County.

Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Second and fourth Saturday of each month
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

For more information visit:
ramseycounty.us/Electronics



Electronics Drop-Off Guidelines

- Check the list on page 22 for items accepted.
- Do not dismantle TVs or other electronics.
- Put your unwanted electronics in a labeled box that is easily accessible in your vehicle.
- Follow signs and staff directions when you arrive.

Other Electronics Recycling Options

Call ahead to verify items accepted, hours and fees.

Washington County Environmental Center (no cost)

co.washington.mn.us/EnviroCenter | 651-275-7475
4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury

For more options visit RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ.



DID YOU KNOW?

It's illegal to throw TVs and computer monitors with cathode ray tubes (CRTs) in the trash. They contain toxic substances like lead.



Disposal Options for Large Bulky Items

- Consider donating or selling usable items.
- Bring to a city cleanup event.

- Bring to a company listed below. Contact the company for hours and fees.
- Contact your trash hauler for bulky item pickup options. Additional fees may apply.

Disposal Companies	Appliances	Carpet/ Carpet Pad	Construction/ Demolition	Furniture	Mattresses/ Box Springs	Outdoor*	Scrap Metal	Tires	Wood**
Fra-Dor 3101 Country Drive, Little Canada 651-484-8180						● Recycled			
J & J Recycling 607 Barge Channel Road, Saint Paul 651-227-4457	● Recycled	●	● Recycled/ processed	● Certain items recycled	● Recycled	● No dirt	● Recycled		●
Keith Krupenny & Son Disposal 565 Barge Channel Road, Saint Paul 651-457-3680	● Recycled	●	●	● Certain items recycled	● Recycled	● Recycled No sod, no dirt	● Recycled	● Recycled	● Clean wood recycled
Recycle Technologies 10040 Davenport St., Blaine 1-800-969-5166	● Recycled				● Recycled		● Recycled	● Recycled	
Second Chance Recycling 1179 15th Ave. SE, Minneapolis 612-332-0664					● Recycled				
Twin City Refuse & Recycling 318 W. Water St., Saint Paul 651-227-1549	● Recycled	●	●	●	● Recycled	● Some materials recycled	● Recycled	● Recycled	● Clean wood recycled
Walters Recycling & Refuse 10191 Xylite St. NE, Blaine 763-780-8464	● Recycled	●	● Certain items recycled	●	●		● Recycled	● Recycled	● Lumber only
Waste Management 309 Como Ave., Saint Paul 651-487-8546	● Recycled	●	●	●	● Recycled	● No dirt, sod, large quantities of rocks	● Recycled	● Recycled	● No railroad ties



DID YOU KNOW?

It's illegal to place major appliances like microwave ovens and air conditioners in the trash.

*Asphalt, concrete, dirt, rock and sod.

**Lumber, railroad ties and treated wood.

Visit RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ for items not listed.

Visit RamseyRecycles.com/Reuse for donation options.

Additional Resources



Don't Trash It — Fix It!

Bring small household appliances, clothing, electronics and other items in need of repair to our monthly Fix-It Clinics. Volunteer fixers will help you repair your item for FREE!

Items we typically see include:

- Clothing.
- Coffee makers.
- Fans.
- Lamps.
- Radios.
- Sewing machines.
- Toasters.
- Vacuum cleaners.

Learn more at RamseyRecycles.com/FixItClinics.



Become a Recycling Ambassador!

Encourage others in your community to reduce, reuse and recycle as a Recycling Ambassador volunteer. Visit ramseycounty.us/RecyclingAmbassador to sign up or request volunteers for your next event.

Buy Used

Be a thrifting trendsetter.

Buying used can help you save money and the environment.

RamseyRecycles.com/Reuse



Recycle at Your Next Event

For your next event, borrow portable, collapsible recycling containers for free. They come with custom signage, bags and easy to follow instructions. You can also use your own recycling containers.

Learn more at RamseyRecycles.com/EventRecycling.



Deconstruction Grants Available

Renovating your home? Consider a deconstruction grant. Deconstruction is taking apart a building so materials — like cabinets, light fixtures, doors and more — can be reused. Grants are available for residential and commercial properties. Property owners and developers may apply.

Learn more at recyclingandenergy.org/Deconstruction.

 BIZRECYCLING

Get up to \$50,000 for your business!

Apply for a grant to reduce waste and improve recycling at your business or apartment building!

Learn more and get a grant at BizRecycling.com