

Ramsey and Washington County Businesses Saving Thousands via Recycling

To help local businesses improve their recycling, Ramsey and Washington counties started [BizRecycling](#). BizRecycling provides free resources and assistance to businesses, including grants of up to \$10,000 to start or enhance recycling programs, as well as free recycling consulting, and free labels for recycling, organics and trash bins.

Why Should Businesses Recycle?

There are many reasons why businesses of all sizes should not only recycle, but also maximize their recycling efforts:

- **Cost savings** – By recycling and composting, a business may require a smaller trash container, less frequent trash pickups, or both.
- **Tax savings** – Your trash bill not only includes a fee for trash hauling, but also county and state taxes. These taxes total 70 percent in Ramsey County, and 53 percent in Washington County. However, there is no tax in these counties on traditional recycling or food scraps recycling. That means the more you recycle, the greater your tax savings.
- **Environmental benefits** – When organic materials go into a landfill, they quickly break down into methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Removing organics from the waste stream and turning them into compost substantially improves our environment.
- **Brand benefits** – According to research, consumers are more likely to support and purchase from a business that recycles than businesses that do not.
- **Health and sanitation benefits** – Businesses can substantially improve their sanitation and protect public health and safety by placing organic waste into closed, leak-proof, durable and reusable recycling containers bound for composting.

Businesses in Ramsey and Washington counties have free access to county-approved recycling experts, who are available to work with you and assist your business in designing a new recycling program, or enhancing your existing one. Plus, getting started is as easy as dialing 651-266-1199 or [filling out a brief form](#) on the BizRecycling website.