

Answering the “So What?” of Recycling

If you’re an irregular recycler, or on the fence about doing so, here are six great reasons why so many in our community choose to recycle:

1. **Recycling helps you be more responsible** – According to academic studies, those who recycle become more self-aware about how much they acquire and how they dispose of things.
2. **Recycling preserves natural resources** – Using recyclable materials such as paper, metal and plastic to make new things reduces the need to use virgin materials, which means reducing the need to cut down trees and mine and drill into the Earth.
3. **Recycling helps our economy** – Recycling translates to several thriving auxiliary businesses dependent on recycling – from companies that provide recycling services to manufacturers dependent on using recycled goods.
4. **Recycling saves energy** – Every product you purchase, from a tube of toothpaste to a new refrigerator, requires enormous amounts of energy to produce – from harvesting a product’s raw materials to transporting and manufacturing these materials into final form to bringing the product to market.
5. **Recycling reduces pollution in our community** – Recycling reduces the need for newly manufactured goods, which helps reduce the pollution generated by material-making industrial processes. Recycling also helps cut down on carbon emissions, which effectively reduces greenhouse gases.

For more information about recycling including lists of recyclable and non-recyclable materials, check out the Ramsey Country [A to Z Recycling & Disposal Guide](#).