

2025
Recycling Guide



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It's no myth Recycling Exists

Your recycled items become new products.



Clear glass bottles and jars recycled in the Twin Cities are sent to Shakopee to be made into new glass bottles and jars.



Minnesota companies take metal cans to foundries and steel mills in the Midwest, where they are made into new products like wire and parts for cars and appliances.



Some of the recycled plastics in the Twin Cities get made into decking, fencing and landscaping products.



Learn more: [RecyclingExists.com](https://www.RecyclingExists.com)



Compost Bin Sale – Save \$20

The Recycling Association of Minnesota is selling compost bins for \$80 plus tax this year. Ramsey County residents can receive a \$20 discount.

Order online at [RecycleMinnesota.org](https://www.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, May 3, 2025 at the Environmental Service Center. Find additional sales at [RecycleMinnesota.org](https://www.RecycleMinnesota.org).

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More Information

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

Visit [RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ](https://www.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](https://www.ramseycounty.us/GreenRamsey) to sign up.

Get to Know the New Environmental Service Center



What will the new facility provide?

Residents can drop off:

-  Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics (see page 8 for list of accepted items).
-  Household Recycling (see page 13 for list of accepted items).
-  Food Scraps (see page 19 for list of accepted items).

Environmental Service Center Hours and Location

1700 Kent Street, Roseville
Free for residents of Ramsey, Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Scott and Washington counties.

🕒 Year-Round Hours

Tues. – Fri. 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sun. & Mon. Closed

Closed: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Friday after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The Environmental Service Center will open April 1, 2025.

This center will make it easier for residents to reduce waste, reuse and recycle.

Learn more at ramseycounty.us/ESC.

You Are Invited!

Environmental Service Center Open House

April 22-26

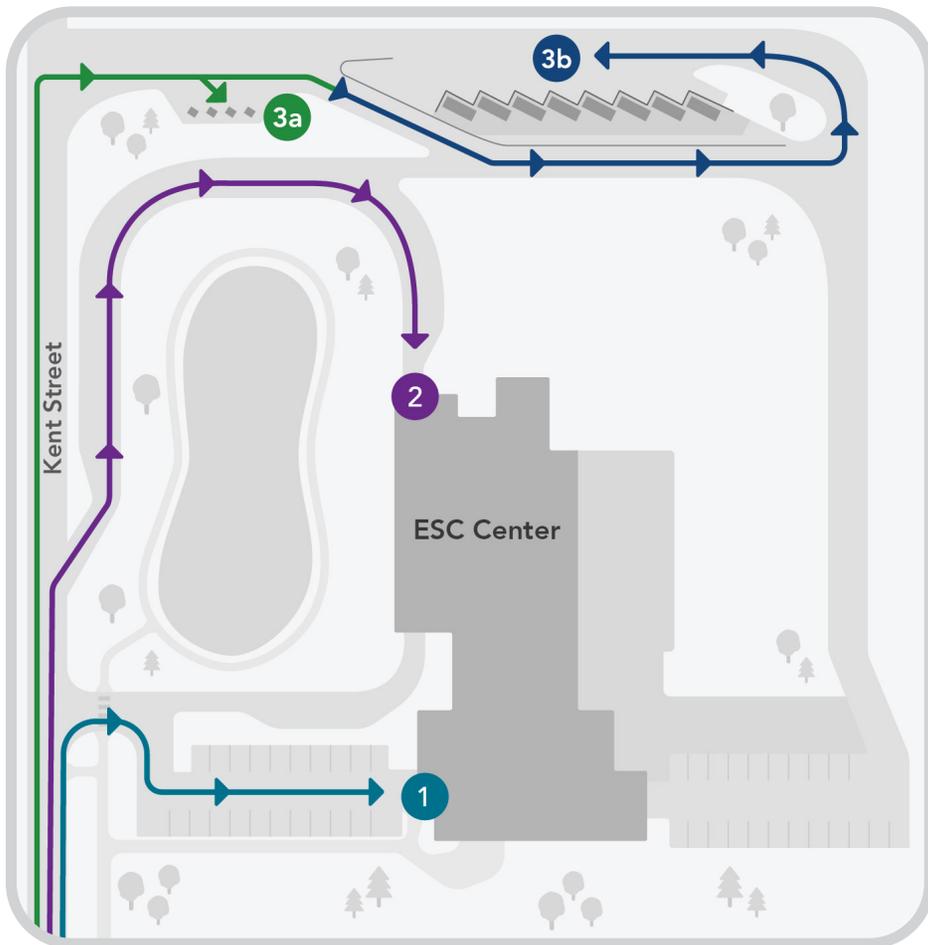
Join us for our community open house events.

Learn more about the week-long open house activities, including tours, giveaways and events at ramseycounty.us/ESC.

How to Drop Off Materials at the Environmental Service Center

Key: Follow the driveway number and color.

- 1 Reuse Room and Fix-It Clinics. 
- 2 Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling. 
- 3a Food Scraps. 
- 3b Household Recycling and Scrap Metal. 



Services at the Environmental Service Center

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), Electronics Recycling, Fix-It Clinics, Food Scraps and Household Recycling drop-off and more.

How to Drop Off HHW and Electronics

- 1. Follow signs for the HHW and electronics drive through (Driveway #2, highlighted in purple on the map).
- 2. Pull into the drive through and staff will remove HHW and electronics from your vehicle.

Safe Transport Tips for HHW

- 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.



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 the Environmental Service Center.

How to Drop Off Household Recycling and Food Scraps

- 1. Follow signs to the drop-off bins for household recycling and food scraps (Driveway #3, highlighted in green and dark blue on the map).
- 2. Park your vehicle and place recyclables and food scraps in the correct bin. Lists of accepted items are on page 13 (Recyclables) and 19 (Food Scraps).



Only Have Batteries to Recycle?

Visit Call2Recycle.org to find a participating store for free recycling.



Only Have Paint to Recycle?

Visit PaintCare.org to find a participating paint store for free recycling.

Items Accepted at Environmental Service Center

HHW Items Accepted

-  Antifreeze.
-  Batteries (**all types**).
-  Bug & weed killers.
-  Cleaners.
-  Cooking oil (must be liquid).
-  Electrical cords & string lights (remove AC adapters).
-  Fluorescent lights.
-  Gasoline.
-  Mercury thermometers.
-  Needles & syringes (empty) see page 9.
-  Paint (see page 7).
-  Propane tanks (full or empty).
-  Skin lightening products.
-  Used oil & filters.
-  Vaping devices (no cannabis products).

Place empty containers in the trash. Visit RamseyRecycles.com/HHW to see more accepted items.

Electronic Items Accepted

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

All data from electronics is destroyed physically or electronically wiped.



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.



Learn more about electronics recycling.

RamseyRecycles.com/Electronics

How to Safely Manage Household Hazardous Waste



Bring HHW and electronics to the new Environmental Service Center. This new, centrally located facility replaces Ramsey County collections at Bay West, Repowered and HHW mobile sites.

Items Safe to Place in Trash

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



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 the Environmental Service Center. 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 22-23).



DID YOU KNOW?

It's illegal to throw fluorescent light bulbs in the trash because they contain mercury. Starting in 2025, the Clean Lighting bill will end the sale of fluorescent lamps in Minnesota.

Learn more at ramseycounty.us/CleanLighting

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 energy-saving light bulbs to the Environmental Service Center for free recycling 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, Open 24/7

Items Accepted

- Motor oil.
- Oil filters.
- Antifreeze.

Keep oil and antifreeze separate. Disposal of other items at this site is prohibited.



No business waste.



Electronics: See page 8.

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



Reuse Room

At the Environmental Service Center!



Find Free Paint and More

Visit the Reuse Room at the Environmental Service Center to pick up paint, automotive products, household cleaners, camp stove fluid and more for free. Leftover products are available on a first-come, first-served basis and selection will vary. Must be 18 years or older to participate.

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



Don't Trash It – Fix It!

Bring small household appliances, clothing and other items in need of repair to our monthly Fix-It Clinics at the Environmental Service Center. Volunteer fixers will help you repair your item for FREE! Limit three items per person.

Learn more at RamseyRecycles.com/FixItClinics.

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](https://www.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 Recycling

Please follow instructions from your city or recycling hauler. Items below are accepted at the Environmental Service Center.



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 7-8).
- Containers with paint, used oil, antifreeze and other hazardous products (page 9-10, place empty containers in trash).
- Electronics (page 8).
- Needles and syringes (page 9).
- Plastic bags, chains, string lights and other items that may coil around equipment (see [RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ](https://www.RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ)).
- Propane and fuel tanks (page 7).
- Scrap metal (page 6) (see [RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ](https://www.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 plastic utensils.
- Plastic bags, plastic wrap, Styrofoam™ and black plastic.
- Shredded paper.
- Wrapping and tissue paper.

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 16-17 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 16-17).

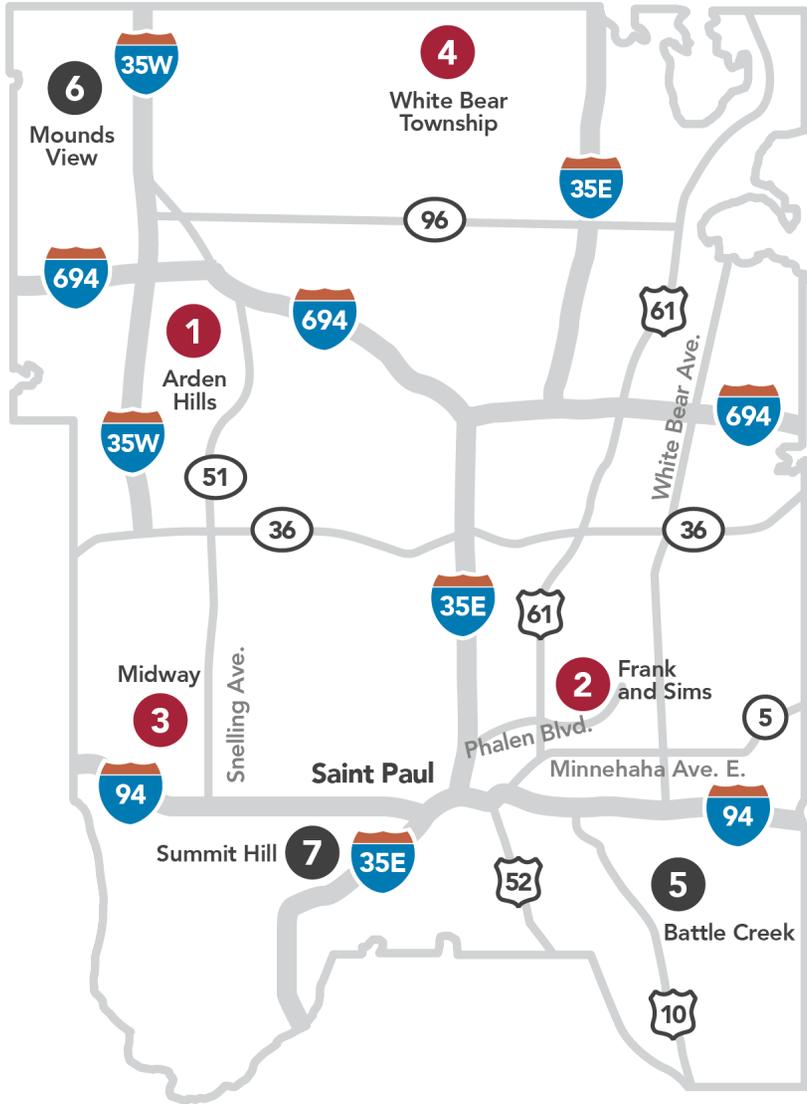
Visit www.mda.state.mn.us/eab to learn more.

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
- Wood waste

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Wood waste (trees, branches and shrubs) are **NOT ACCEPTED** at Battle Creek, Mounds View and Summit Hill.



Free Yard Waste and Food Scraps Collection Sites

- 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
- 5 BATTLE CREEK***
389 S. Winthrop St.
Saint Paul
No wood waste
- 6 MOUNDS VIEW**
8307 Long Lake Road
Mounds View
No wood waste
- 7 SUMMIT HILL**
870 Pleasant Ave.
Saint Paul
No wood waste

*Also open to Washington County residents.

Ramsey County has several 24/7 drop-off sites for food scraps collection. See page 20 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.

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 collection site or the Environmental Service Center for free.

See pages 20-21 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 17).

- 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.

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](https://www.RamseyRecycles.com/Medicine) for more information and other disposal options.

Items Not Accepted

- **NO** empty or uncapped needles or syringes. Bring them to the Environmental Service Center (see pages 8-9).
- **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>2 NEW BRIGHTON
Public Safety
785 Old Hwy. 8 NW
Open 24/7</p> <p>3 NORTH ST. PAUL
City Hall
2400 Margaret St.
Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</p> | <p>4 SAINT PAUL
Law Enforcement Center
425 Grove St.
Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>5 WHITE BEAR LAKE
Public Safety Department
4701 Highway 61
Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.</p> |
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Drop boxes are located inside these buildings.



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**
Environmental Service Center 1700 Kent Street, Roseville 651-266-1199							● Recycled		
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			● Clean wood recycled
Keith Krupenny & Son Disposal 565 Barge Channel Road, Saint Paul 651-457-3680	● Recycled	●	●	● Certain items recycled	● Recycled	● Recycled	● Recycled	● Recycled	● Clean wood recycled
Recycle Technologies 10040 Davenport St., Blaine 763-559-5130	● 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 and treated wood 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.



Know Where It Goes

Keep plastic bags, batteries, cell phones and yard waste **out** of your garbage cart.

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

Recycle at Your Next Event

For your next event, borrow portable, collapsible recycling containers for free. Containers can be borrowed from several cities and district councils. They come with custom signage, bags and easy to follow instructions. You can also use your own recycling carts.

Learn more at RamseyRecycles.com/EventRecycling.



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.

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.

Buy Used

Be a thrifting trendsetter.

Buying used can help you save money and the environment.

RamseyRecycles.com/Reuse



 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

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