

2026
Recycling Guide



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Community open
house at the
**Environmental
Center.**

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Follow the journey of your plastic recyclables.



It's no myth.
Recycling Exists.



See what happens to the items you put in your cart at [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 2, 2026 at the Environmental Center.

Find additional sales at [RecycleMinnesota.org](https://www.RecycleMinnesota.org).

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More Information

-  [RamseyRecycles.com](https://www.ramseyrecycles.com)
-  [Live chat feature online](#)
-  AskEH@RamseyCountyMN.gov
-  [651-633-EASY \(3279\)](tel:651-633-EASY), 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 [RamseyCountyMN.gov/GreenRamsey](https://www.RamseyCountyMN.gov/GreenRamsey) to sign up.

Visit the Environmental Center



The Ramsey County Environmental Center is a convenient drop-off site for many items that shouldn't go in the trash. Learn more at RamseyRecycles.com/EC.

Environmental Center Location and Hours

1700 Kent Street, Roseville

Open to 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.

Free Residential Drop-off Services

-  Scrap Metal (see page 8 for list of accepted items).
-  Plastic Bags and Plastic Film (see page 8 for more information).
-  Household Hazardous Waste (see page 9 for list of accepted items).
-  Electronics and Small Appliances (see page 10 for a list of accepted items).
-  Household Recycling (see page 12 for list of accepted items).
-  Food Scraps (see page 18 for list of accepted items).



Reuse Room

At the Environmental Center!



Find Free Paint and More

Visit the Reuse Room at the Environmental Center to pick up paint, automotive products, household cleaners 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.



Don't Trash It – Fix It!

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

Learn more at RamseyRecycles.com/FixItClinics.

Recycle at Your Next Event

For large events, borrow portable recycling containers for free from the Environmental Center. Several cities and district councils have them too. Containers come with custom signage, bags and easy to follow instructions. Consider using your own recycling cart for home parties.

Learn more at RamseyRecycles.com/EventRecycling.

You Are Invited!

Environmental Center Open House

Saturday, April 18

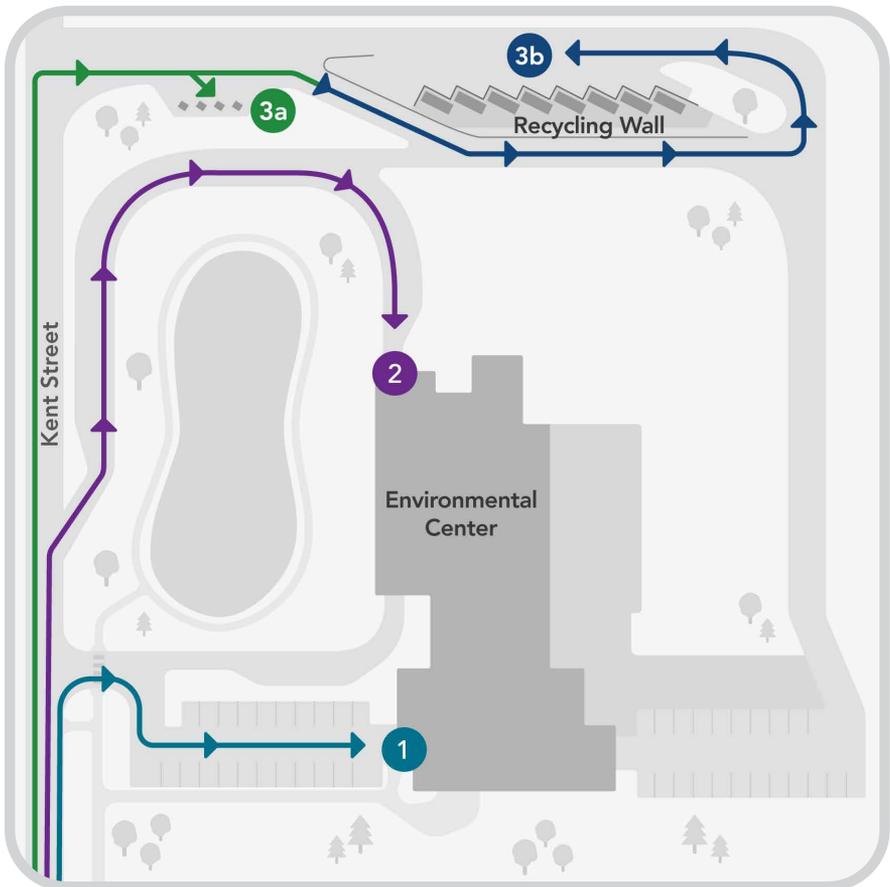
Join us for our community
open house events.

Learn more about our spring celebration
at RamseyRecycles.com/EC.

How to Drop Off Materials at the Environmental Center

Key: Follow the driveway number and color.

- 1** Reuse Room and Community Room. —
- 2** Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics Recycling and Small Appliances. —
- 3a** Food Scraps. —
- 3b** Household Recycling and Scrap Metal. —



How to Drop Off HHW, Electronics and Small Appliances

1. Review the list of items accepted (see pages 9 and 10).
2. Follow signs for the drive through (Driveway #2, highlighted in purple on the map).
3. Pull into the drive through and stay in your vehicle. Staff will remove items 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.
- Let site staff know if you have items with mercury or are dropping off sharps.



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 Center.

How to Drop Off Household Recycling, Scrap Metal and Food Scraps

1. Review the list of items accepted at the Recycling Wall (see page 8).
2. Follow signs to the drop-off area for household recycling, scrap metal and food scraps (Driveway #3, highlighted in green and dark blue on the map).
3. Park your vehicle and place recyclables, scrap metal and food scraps in the correct dumpster. Lists of accepted items are on page 13 (Recyclables), Page 8 (Scrap Metal) and 19 (Food Scraps).



Stay Up-to-Date With the Environmental Center

Services and programs continue to expand at the Environmental Center. Subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter, Green Ramsey, to get informed when new changes happen at the Environmental Center.

Visit RamseyCountyMN.gov/GreenRamsey to sign up.

Items Accepted at the Recycling Wall

Driveway #3 on the Map (see page 6)

Scrap Metal

Items must have plastic, canvas, glass, or webbing removed. Disassemble items as much as possible. Drain any fluids from equipment. Check with the site attendant if you are unsure which scrap metal bin your items belong in.

Scrap Aluminum

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|  Deck chairs & tables. |  Beverage cans. |
|  Gutters & downspouts. |  Storm door frames. |
|  Pots & pans (aluminum only, use magnet on site to test). | |

Scrap Steel

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|---|--|
|  Bed frames. |  Pots & pans (steel only, use magnet on site to test). |
|  Fencing. |  Hitches & steel automotive parts (fluids must be drained). |
|  Pipe & rebar (no concrete). |  Wire hangers. |
|  Plumbing fixtures. | |

Other Accepted Items at the Recycling Wall

 See a list of accepted household recyclables on page 13.

 See a list of accepted food scraps on page 19.



DID YOU KNOW?

Ramsey County accepts plastic bags and plastic film at the Environmental Center for recycling. Items must be clean, dry and free of food residue. (Driveway #2, highlighted in purple on the map on page 6).

Items Accepted in the Drive Through

Driveway #2 on the Map (see page 6)

HHW Items Accepted

- | | |
|---|--|
|  Antifreeze. |  Gasoline. |
|  Batteries (all types). |  Mercury thermometers & other mercury products. |
|  Bug & weed killers. |  Needles & syringes (empty). |
|  Cleaners. |  Paint. |
|  Cooking oil (must be liquid). |  Propane tanks (full or empty). |
|  Electrical cords & string lights (remove AC adapters). |  Used motor oil & filters. |
|  Fluorescent & LED lights. |  Vaping devices (no cannabis products). |

Items Safe to Place in Trash

- Dried latex paint (remove lid).
- Drywall compound (including joint, taping & filler).
- Latex or water-based caulk.
- Empty hazardous aerosol cans & other containers (except propane tanks). Some empty aerosol cans may be recyclable. Check with your hauler.

Place empty containers in household trash. Visit [RamseyRecycles.com/HHW](https://www.RamseyRecycles.com/HHW) to see more accepted items.



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 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).

Items Accepted in the Drive Through

Driveway #2 on the Map (see page 6)

Electronic Items Accepted



Cable boxes.



Gaming consoles.



Cell phones & tablets.



Printers & scanners.



Chargers, adapters, headphones, mice & keyboards.



Speakers.



Computers & laptops.



Televisions & monitors.



VCRs & video players.

All data from electronics is destroyed.

Small Appliances Accepted



Blenders & mixers.



Microwaves.



Bread makers.



Rice cookers.



Coffee makers.



Toasters & toaster ovens.



Hair dryers & irons.



Shavers.



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



DID YOU KNOW?

It is illegal to throw items with non-removable batteries like laptops, tablets and cell phones in the trash.



Learn more about electronics recycling.

RamseyRecycles.com/Electronics

Safe Disposal of Energy-Saving Light Bulbs

Bring energy-saving light bulbs to the Environmental Center for free recycling or check with a local hardware store. It is illegal to throw light bulbs that contain mercury in the trash.

Recycle these types of bulbs:

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

Incandescent light bulbs are safe to throw in the trash.

Not sure? Bring any light bulbs to the Environmental Center.

Used Motor Oil and Filter Collection Shed

1352 Ben Franklin Road, Arden Hills

Visit RamseyRecycles.com/HHW for hours.



Items Accepted



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

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

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 the Environmental Center or to a retailer that accepts them.

Items Accepted for Recycling

Please follow instructions from your city or recycling hauler. Items below are also accepted at the Environmental 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 9).
- Containers with paint, used oil, antifreeze & other hazardous products (page 9, place empty containers in trash).
- Electronics (page 10).
- Needles & syringes (page 9).
- Plastic bags, chains, string lights & other items that may coil around equipment (see RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ).
- Propane & fuel tanks (page 9).
- Scrap metal (page 8).

Place in Trash

- Diapers.
- Dishes, vases & mirrors.
- Plastic pouches, snack bags & wrappers.
- Masks, gloves & wipes.
- Plastic straws & plastic utensils.
- Plastic bags, plastic wrap, Styrofoam™ & black plastic.
- Shredded paper.
- Wrapping & 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.
Note: It is illegal to throw yard waste and garden waste in the trash.
2. Bring yard waste to a Ramsey County collection site. See pages 16-17 for hours, locations and accepted items (**not all sites accept wood waste**).
3. Add waste to the correct yard waste piles. Take your containers and bags home with you. If you have questions, ask a site monitor.



Site Policies



No mechanical or hydraulic dumping trailers or dump trucks. This includes both residential and commercial equipment.



No commercial lawn, landscape or tree services. Yard waste sites are for residential use only.



No dirt or sod. To prevent the spread of jumping worms, Ramsey County does not accept dirt or sod at 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 wood waste (see pages 16-17).

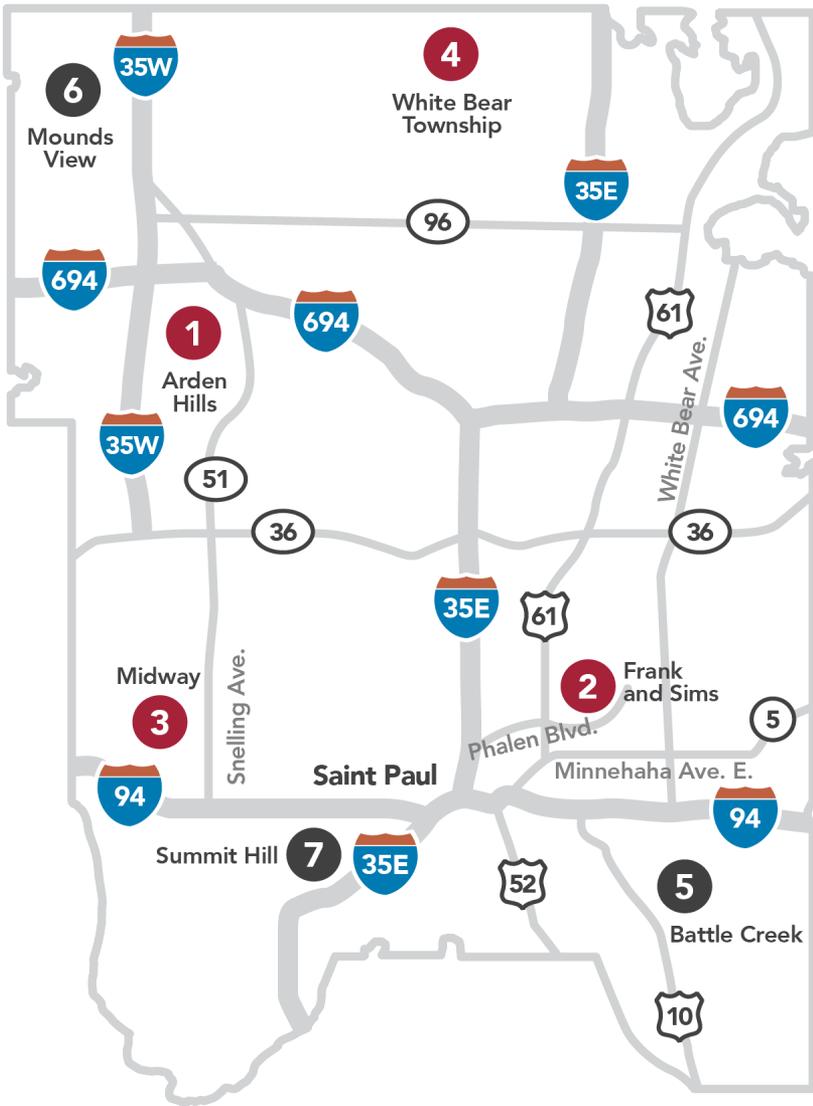
Visit www.mda.state.mn.us/eab to learn more.

Have a Backyard Fire Pit?

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

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**



Items Accepted:

-  Leaves & grass
-  Food scraps

 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

- | | |
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| <p>1 ARDEN HILLS*
1881 Hudson Road
Arden Hills</p> <p>2 FRANK AND SIMS*
1150 Sims Ave.
Saint Paul</p> <p>3 MIDWAY
1943 Pierce Butler Route
Saint Paul</p> <p>4 WHITE BEAR TWP*
5900 Sherwood Road
White Bear Township</p> | <p>5 BATTLE CREEK*
389 S. Winthrop St.
Saint Paul
No wood waste</p> <p>6 MOUNDS VIEW
8307 Long Lake Road
Mounds View
No wood waste</p> <p>7 SUMMIT HILL
870 Pleasant Ave.
Saint Paul
No wood waste</p> |
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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 20 for details.

L Collection Site Hours (Weather Permitting)

April – November

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

December – March

Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Mon. – Fri. 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 Center for free.

See pages 20-21 for a list of locations.



Items Accepted



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.



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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.

Food Scraps
PICKUP
Program®



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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.

NOTE: The Environmental Center also accepts food scraps during business hours, but not yard waste.

Dispose of Medicine



Items Accepted



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 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.

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

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

- 4 SAINT PAUL**
Law Enforcement Center
425 Grove St.
Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- 5 WHITE BEAR LAKE**
Public Safety Department
4701 Highway 61
Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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 Center 1700 Kent St., Roseville 651-266-0220							● 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			●
Remackel Roll Off Services 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	● No railroad ties
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. Take them to a drop-off site above.

*Includes dehumidifiers and air conditioners.

**Asphalt, concrete, dirt, rock and sod.

***Lumber, railroad ties and treated wood.



Visit [RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ](https://www.RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ) for items not listed.
Visit [RamseyRecycles.com/Reuse](https://www.RamseyRecycles.com/Reuse) for donation options.

Know Where It Goes

Learn how to dispose of plastic bags, batteries, sharps, electronics and more!

Check out the [A to Z Green Guide](#).



RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ



Become a Recycling Ambassador!

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

Don't toss it. Donate it!

Before disposing of an item, consider if it can be donated. Make sure items are clean and in working condition.

RamseyRecycles.com/Reuse



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: 📍 [RamseyCountyMN.gov/Radon](https://www.ramseycountymn.gov/Radon) 📞 651-266-1199
✉️ HealthyHomes@ramseycounty.us



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Building Material Reuse Grants Available

Building or remodeling? Apply for a grant to help support the reuse of building materials—up to \$5K for residential properties and up to \$10K for commercial properties.

Learn more at RecyclingandEnergy.org/Deconstruction.

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**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 at BizRecycling.com



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