

FOOD WASTE DIVERSION LICENSE FEE DISCOUNT APPLICATION

Many food business owners are unaware of the [hefty fees](#) on their garbage. Ramsey County food establishments have a unique opportunity to save 20% on their food establishment license fees in addition to the significant savings from less fees paid on garbage and overall reduced garbage costs.

Participating in a food waste diversion program and providing documentation will reduce your Ramsey County food license fee by 20%.

Mail the completed application to the address above, or email to RamseyCEH@CO.RAMSEY.MN.US

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Food Business Name:

Address:

City/Town:

Zip/Postal Code:

Contact Name:

Contact Title:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Ramsey County
Food License ID
Number:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FOOD LICENSE RENEWALS

This application and required supporting documents listed on Page 4 must be received by Ramsey County no later than **Oct. 15, 2025**.

Once approved, the 20% discount will be shown on your 2026 License Renewal Fee Statement which is sent out in November.

If you have any questions about this application process or need help completing any of the forms, please call 651-266-1199.

Does your business currently have a food waste diversion program in place?

☐ Yes – Complete the application and provide documentation of your diversion program.

See Option A on Page 4.

☐ No – Must establish a food waste diversion program and submit documentation.

See Option B on Page 4.

Indicate the type(s) of food waste diversion programs your business uses, or plans to use:

☐ **Food Donations to Hunger Relief Agencies (Food Shelves, Food Banks, Free Meal Services)**

Name of Agency:

Address:

City/Town:

Zip/Postal Code:

Contact Information for Hunger Relief Agency

Contact Name:

Contact Title:

Contact Phone:

Contact Email:

Frequency of
donations:

☐ **Food Collected by Permitted Livestock Producers (food-to-hogs or other farm animal feeding)**

Name of Farmer:

Address:

City/Town:

Zip/Postal Code:

Contact Information for Livestock Producer

Contact Name:

Contact Title:

Contact Phone:

Contact Email:

Frequency of
Collections:

☐ **Organics Collection by Your Contracted Waste Hauler (pick up for composting)**

Waste Hauler:

Address:

City/Town:

Zip/Postal Code:

Contact Information for Waste Hauler

Contact Name:

Contact Title:

Contact Phone:

Contact Email:

Frequency of
Collections:

Do you consent to having your business' participation in the food waste diversion program promoted in materials dispersed to residents and other businesses?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

What is your PRIMARY motivation for participating in the Waste Diversion Initiative?

- ☐ Potential cost savings through decreased trash
☐ Increase and promote public image
☐ Environmental Stewardship
☐ 20% discount on License Fee
☐ Other: _____

Option A – Provide at least ONE (1) of the following forms of documentation if you have an EXISTING food waste diversion program:

Food Donations to Hunger Relief Agencies (Food Shelves, Food Banks, Free Meal Services)

- ☐ Two (2) months of donation records or letter from hunger relief agency describing recent history of donations, or

Food Collected by Permitted Livestock Producers (food-to-hogs or other farm animal feeding)

- ☐ Two (2) months of pick up records (such as an invoice or pick up receipt or letter of verification from livestock producer), or

Organics Collection by a Waste Hauler (food scraps to composting)

- ☐ Proof-of-payment for two (2) months of organics collection service (such as a hauler invoice).

Option B - Provide at least ONE (1) of the following forms of documentation if you are establishing a NEW food waste diversion program:

Food Donations to Hunger Relief Agencies (Food Shelves, Food Banks, Free Meal Services)

- ☐ Provide a written agreement with hunger relief agency with contact information for future verification.
- The attached template agreement may be used if needed, or
 - Provide evidence of registration with [MealConnect donation app](#), or

Food Collected by Permitted Livestock Producers (food-to-hogs or other farm animal feeding)

- ☐ Provide a written agreement with a farmer for food scrap pick ups which includes contact information.
- The attached template agreement may be used if needed, or

Organics Collection by a Waste Hauler (food scraps to composting)

- ☐ Contact BizRecycling via the link below and have a free consultation completed within 90 days.



<https://bizrecycling.com/why-recycle/food-waste-organics/>

By submitting this application, I certify that the information above is correct to the best of my knowledge.

If any information provided above is found to be incorrect, I understand that this may result in any discounts applied to my food establishment license fees to become due for immediate payment in full.

I acknowledge my duties and responsibilities as a food waste diversion program participant and am aware that food waste diversion program documentation and records may be reviewed by Ramsey County to determine the level of participation in a food waste diversion program by my food establishment.

Signature:

Printed name:

Date:

NEW FOOD DONATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT

This document establishes an agreement for future food donations between a licensed food business (Donor) and a hunger relief agency, or animal producer (Recipient). For more information on liability protection for food donations, review the Public Health Law Center [fact sheet](#) and the [Minnesota Good Samaritan law](#) (MS 604A.10)

DONOR INFORMATION

Licensed food business name:

Address:

Name of person in charge:

Email:

Phone number:

Ramsey County food license number:

RECIPIENT INFORMATION

Recipient organization name:

Address:

Name of person in charge:

Email:

Phone number:

Type of recipient:

- ☐ Hunger Relief Agency (Food Bank/Food Shelf/Free Meal Service)
or
☐ Livestock Producer

By submitting this form, the Donor agrees that surplus food from the licensed food business will be donated to the Recipient when possible, rather than disposed of as trash. The Recipient agrees that donated food will be collected and/or received when feasible. Both Donor and Recipient certify they understand and acknowledge responsibilities to ensure food safety as required by the Minnesota Food Code and any other applicable requirements.

Signature of Donor:

Printed name of Donor:

Date:

Signature of Recipient:

Printed name of Recipient:

Date: