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Llame al 651-266-1199 para una Guía de reciclaje en español.



KNOW WHERE IT GOES

Keep plastic bags, batteries and cell phones out of your recycling cart.

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











COMPOST BIN SALE – SAVE \$20

The Recycling Association of Minnesota is selling compost bins for \$76 plus tax this year. Ramsey County residents can receive a \$20 discount.

Order online at 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, April 29 in Maplewood. Find additional sales at RecycleMinnesota.org.



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RamseyRecycles.com

AskEH@ramseycounty.us

Live chat feature online

(3279), answered 24/7

Visit 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 to view current and past issues and sign up to receive future newsletters in your email.

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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** 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 or visit **BagandFilmRecycling.org** to find drop-off locations.

Items Accepted for At-Home Recycling

These are general guidelines. Please follow instructions from your city or recycling hauler.



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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 15).
- Containers with paint, used oil, antifreeze and other hazardous products (page 15, place empty containers in trash).
- Electronics (pages 22-23).
- Needles and syringes (page 16).
- Plastic bags, chains, string lights and other items that may coil around equipment (see RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ).
- Propane and fuel tanks (page 15).

Place in Trash

- Diapers.
- Dishes, vases and mirrors.
- Foil pouches, bags and wrappers.
- Masks, gloves and wipes.
- Paper cups, plastic straws and utensils.
- Plastic bags, plastic wrap,
 Styrofoam™ and black plastic.
- Shredded paper.
- Wrapping and tissue paper.





Recycle Food Scraps in 3 Easy Steps

- 1. Find a container to collect food scraps. Get free BPI certified compostable bags from Ramsey County. 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 free collection site.

See pages 8-9 for a list of locations.

Open year-round. Household waste only. No business waste.

Items Accepted













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

Free Food Scraps Collection Sites

These sites are open year-round, 24 hours a day.

- 1 COMO PARK 1149 Beulah Lane Saint Paul
- 2 FALCON HEIGHTS 2077 Larpenteur Ave. W. Falcon Heights
- 3 HIGHLAND PARK 800 S. Snelling Ave. 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

Ramsey and Washington counties are working together to bring food scraps pickup services to all residents, with rollout beginning in 2023. Learn more at FoodScrapsPickup.com or call 651-661-9393.

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.





These sites collect both food scraps and yard waste.

They are open during yard waste collection site hours (see page 13).

- 11 ARDEN HILLS* 1881 Hudson Road Arden Hills
- 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

- MOUNDS VIEW 8307 Long Lake Road Mounds View
- SUMMIT HILL 870 Pleasant Ave. Saint Paul
- WHITE BEAR TWP*
 5900 Sherwood Road
 White Bear Township

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^{*}Also open to Washington County residents.





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 12-13 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.



For residential use only. No commercial lawn, landscape or tree services.



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 (see pages 12-13). Visit www.mda.state.mn.us/eab to learn more.



Don't put leaves, grass clippings, branches or other plant material in the trash. It's against the law!

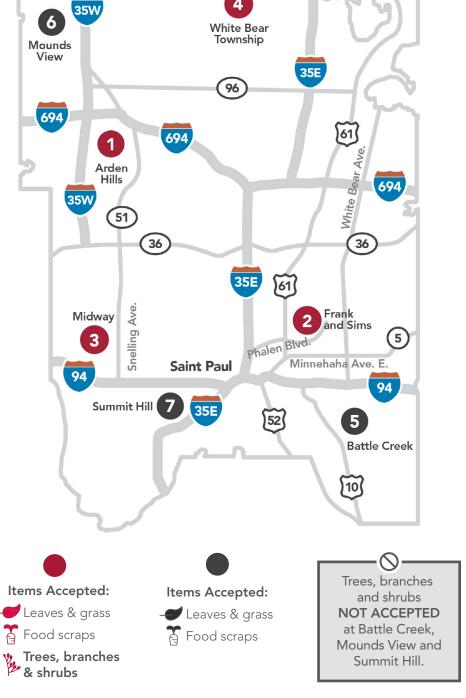


Due to the threat of jumping worms, Ramsey County no longer accepts dirt or sod at its yard waste sites. Find other disposal options at RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ.

Have a Recreational 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.

Yard Waste and Food Scraps Collection Sites





Free Yard Waste and Food Scraps Collection Sites

- 1 ARDEN HILLS* 1881 Hudson Road Arden Hills
- **PRANK AND SIMS***1150 Sims Ave.
 Saint Paul
- MIDWAY
 1943 Pierce Butler Route
 Saint Paul
- WHITE BEAR TWP*
 5900 Sherwood Road
 White Bear Township

- BATTLE CREEK*
 389 S. Winthrop St.
 Saint Paul
 No trees, branches or shrubs
- MOUNDS VIEW 8307 Long Lake Road Mounds View

No trees, branches or shrubs

SUMMIT HILL 870 Pleasant Ave. Saint Paul No trees, branches or shrubs

Ramsey County has several 24/7 drop-off sites for food scraps collection. See page 8 for details.

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.

^{*}Also open to Washington County residents.



Items Accepted at HHW Collection Sites

Antifreeze.

Cell phones.

Cleaners.



Gasoline.



Batteries (all types).

Bug & weed killers.



Mercury thermometers.



Needles & syringes (empty) see page 16.



Paint (see below).



Propane tanks (full or empty).



Skin lightening products.



Used oil & filters.



Vaping devices.



Fluorescent lights.

(remove AC adapters).

Place empty containers in the trash. Visit RamseyRecycles.com/HHW for more items. See pages 16-18 for collection site hours and locations.

Items Safe to Place in Trash

Cooking oil (must be liquid).

Electrical cords & string lights

- 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.





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 an HHW site.

Safe Transport Tips

- 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.



ONLY HAVE PAINT TO RECYCLE?

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

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Mobile HHW Collection Site Hours

April - October

Fridays 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturdays 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

See map on next page for locations. The free mobile collection moves to a different community each month.



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 an HHW collection site. 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 20-21).



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 them to an HHW collection site 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.

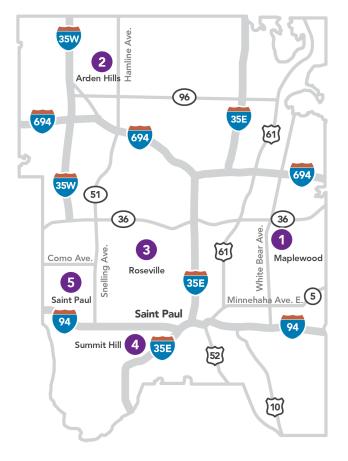


DID YOU KNOW?

It's illegal to throw fluorescent light bulbs in the trash because they contain mercury.

Free Mobile HHW Collection Sites

APRIL - OCTOBER



- 1 APRIL Maplewood 1850 White Bear Ave.
- MAY Arden Hills 1352 Ben Franklin Road
- 3 JUNE Roseville 1725 Kent St.
- 2 JULY Arden Hills 1352 Ben Franklin Road

- AUGUST
 Summit Hill (Saint Paul)
 848 Pleasant Ave.
- 5 SEPTEMBER
 Saint Paul
 1660 Como Ave.
 *Open after Labor Day
- OCTOBER
 Maplewood
 1850 White Bear Ave.

Year-round site on page 18.

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Free Year-Round HHW Collection Site

5 Empire Drive (Bay West) Saint Paul

Open to residents of Ramsey, Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Scott and Washington counties.

Photo ID required.

April - November

Tues. – Fri. 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

December - March

Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.



Closed: New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Friday after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Used Motor Oil and Filter Collection Shed

1352 Ben Franklin Road Arden Hills

The self-service used motor oil and filter collection shed is open 24/7.

Antifreeze is also accepted. Keep them separate.

Disposal of items other than used oil, used oil filters or antifreeze at this site is prohibited.



No business waste.



Appliances and Electronics: See pages 22-25.

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





Find Free Paint and More

Visit the Product Reuse Center at Ramsey County's year-round household hazardous waste collection site (page 18). Leftover products are available on a first-come, first-served basis and selection will vary. Must be 18 years or older to participate.

Types of Items Available

- Automotive products, oil, antifreeze and motor additives.
- Charcoal lighter fluid and camp stove fluid.
- Driveway and roof sealers.
- Fertilizers.
- Household cleaners, polishes and waxes.
- Paint, spray paint, paint solvents, cleaners, turpentine and paint thinners.
- Wood stains, preservatives, oils and polyurethanes.

Note: Reuse items are not available at the mobile collection sites listed on page 17.

TEST YOUR HOME FOR RADON

Did you know that two in five homes in Minnesota have radon levels that could pose a major health risk?

Radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas and is the second leading cause of lung cancer behind smoking. It occurs naturally in the environment and can enter your home through the foundation and floor-wall joints.

Purchase test kits from Ramsey County for only \$2.

More information: **\begin{align*} \text{ramseycounty.us/Radon} & \begin{align*} \begin{align*} \text{651-266-1199} \end{align*}

🖄 HealthyHomes@ramseycounty.us



Items Accepted



Blister packs.



Capsules & pills.



Creams & gels.



EpiPens (unused).



Inhalers.

IV bags.

Liquids.

Patches.



Powders.



Sprays.



Syringes (full & capped).



Vials.

Collection program is free. Visit RamseyRecycles.com/Medicine for more information and other disposal options.

Items Not Accepted

- NO empty needles or syringes.
 Bring them to an HHW collection site (see pages 16-18).
- NO uncapped needles or syringes. Bring them to an HHW collection site (see pages 16-18).
- 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.

- 1 ARDEN HILLS Sheriff's Patrol Station 1411 Paul Kirkwold Drive Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Public Safety
 785 Old Hwy. 8 NW
 Open 24/7
- 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
 Police/Fire Department
 4701 Hwy. 61
 Monday Friday
 8 a.m. 4 p.m.

Drop boxes are located inside these buildings.



Ramsey County partners with Repowered (formerly Tech Dump) to offer residents free electronics recycling at their Saint Paul location.

Items Accepted



Cable boxes.



Cellphones & tablets.



Chargers, adapters & headphones.



Computer accessories (mice, keyboards, etc.)



Computers & laptops.



Gaming consoles.



Printers & scanners.



Speakers.



Televisions & monitors.



VCRs, DVRs & Blu-ray players.

Items Not Accepted

- NO bulbs/lamps, including fluorescent tubes, CFLs, LED and incandescent.*
- NO car parts, power tools or solar panels.
- NO hazardous waste, including aerosols, paint, chemicals, radioactive materials, etc.*
- NO holiday string lights.*
- NO items with freon, including A/C units, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, etc.

- NO large or small appliances, including microwaves.
- NO loose batteries.*
- NO VHS tapes, cassettes or compact discs.
- NO business waste. Businesses can visit getrepowered.org for options.

Find disposal options for these items at RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ.

*Accepted for free at Ramsey County household hazardous waste collection sites.

651-633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7

Repowered Hours and Location

860 Vandalia St., Saint Paul

Free for residents of Ramsey County.

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Second and fourth Saturday of each month

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

For more information visit: ramseycounty.us/Electronics



Electronics Drop-Off Guidelines

- Check the list on page 22 for items accepted.
- Put your unwanted electronics in a labeled box that is easily accessible in your vehicle.
- Follow signs and staff directions when you arrive.

Other Electronics Recycling Options

Call ahead to verify items accepted, hours and fees.

- Washington County Environmental Center (no cost) co.washington.mn.us/EnviroCenter | 651-275-7475 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury
- For more electronics recycling companies, see the A to Z Recycling & Disposal Guide at RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ.



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.



Disposal Options for Large Bulky Items

- 1. Consider donating or selling usable items.
- 2. Bring to a city cleanup event.

- 3. Bring to a company listed below. Contact the company for hours and fees.
- 4. 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**
Fra-Dor 3101 Country Drive, Little Canada 651-484-8180						Recycled No dirt			
J & J Recycling 607 Barge Channel Road, Saint Paul 651-227-4457	Recycled		Recycled/ processed	Certain items recycled	Recycled	No dirt	Recycled		•
Keith Krupenny & Son Disposal 565 Barge Channel Road, Saint Paul 651-457-3680	Recycled	•		Certain items recycled	Recycled	Recycled No sod, no dirt	Recycled	Recycled	Clean wood recycled
Recycle Technologies (formerly Green Lights Recycling) 10040 Davenport St., Blaine 1-800-969-5166	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	•	•	•	•		Recycled	Recycled	Lumber only
Waste Management (formerly Advanced Disposal) 309 Como Ave., Saint Paul 651-487-8546	Recycled	•	•	•	•	No dirt or sod	Recycled	Recycled	No railroad ties



DID YOU KNOW?

It's illegal to place major appliances like microwave ovens and air conditioners in the trash.

Visit RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ for items not listed. Visit RamseyRecycles.com/Reuse for donation options.

^{*}Asphalt, concrete, dirt, rock and sod.

^{**}Lumber, railroad ties and treated wood.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Don't Trash It — Fix It!

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

Items we typically see include:

• Clothing.

Coffee makers.

- Lamps.

• Fans.

- Radios.
- Sewing machines.

For dates, locations and more information visit RamseyRecycles.com/FixItClinics or call 651-633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7.

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.

Buy Used

It's as good as new!

Buying used can help you save money and the environment.

RamseyRecycles.com/Reuse



• Toasters.

Vacuum cleaners.

Recycle at Your Next Event

Many cities, Ramsey County and Saint Paul district councils lend portable, collapsible recycling containers for free. They come with custom signage, bags and easy to follow instructions. You can also use your own recycling containers.

Learn more at RamseyRecycles.com/EventRecycling.

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.



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recycling and energy recovery.

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