

**Policy Title: Mechanical Dumping Trailers and
Dump Truck Policy**

**Revision Date:
June 16, 2023**

Purpose: To prohibit the use of mechanical dumping trailers and dump trucks at Ramsey County yard waste sites.

Policy: St. Paul – Ramsey County Public Health prohibits the entry and use of mechanical dumping trailers and dump trucks at Ramsey County yard waste sites.

Applicability: This policy applies to any hydraulic, electric or other mechanical dumping trailer or dump truck, regardless of use for residential or commercial purposes. This policy does not apply to municipal, organizational, or institutional hauling activities.

Rationale:

1. **Safety:** Branches and logs pose a safety risk to residents when being dumped from hydraulic trucks and trailers as they fall, uncontrolled from the raised truck box or trailer. Ramsey County currently prohibits other mechanical equipment such as chainsaws, log splitters, skid-steer loaders, and leaf blowers for safety concerns.
2. **Contamination:** Dumping trucks and mechanical dumping trailers have led to increased contamination (hidden trash and other unacceptable materials) and mixed loads of tree/shrub and plant waste at the yard waste sites.
3. **Commercial Use:** Ramsey County yard waste sites are for residents only. Mechanical dumping trailers and dump trucks tend to be associated with commercial activities. Site workers have no means of validating incoming materials as being generated from commercial or residential activities. Commercial site use reduces the convenience of the service for residents by increasing traffic and reducing the yard space available for residential yard waste. Ramsey County also bears the additional costs needed to manage commercial yard waste delivered to the sites.

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