



Event Recycling

Help Reduce Waste at Your Event

Waste Reduction and Disposal Guidelines

For small events, consider using your own recycling cart or a large cardboard box. If you need multiple bins or want to include food scraps collection:

1. First check if your city or neighborhood district council has containers to borrow.
2. Or reserve them through Ramsey County by calling 651-266-1199. Pick-up and drop-off details will be given at time of reservation. There is a limited quantity available.

There is no charge to reserve event recycling and food scraps containers from Ramsey County, or participating cities and district councils.

Waste Reduction

Provide products that are easy to recycle and compost. Please consider these strategies to minimize waste:

1. Buy supplies in bulk to avoid individual packaging.
2. Encourage customers to take only the number of napkins they need.
3. Provide condiments in bulk dispensers instead of single-serve packets.

Recycling

The items listed below will be collected for recycling:

1. Cans and plastic bottles and cups (#1, #2 and #5). Foam and paper cups are not recyclable.
2. Paper and cardboard boxes. Please break down boxes and leave next to recycling bin if too large.

Food Scraps

Providing more **BPI certified** compostable products will increase event planners and vendors participation in collecting food scraps. When products are clearly labeled and advertised as compostable (must be BPI certified), there is less sorting required and less confusion. The items listed below will be collected for composting:

1. Food scraps, including pizza, corn on the cob, cheese curds, mini donuts, ice cream, corn dogs (including the wooden sticks) and other food items.
2. BPI certified compostable serving ware, including plates, cups, forks, spoons and other items. All items must be BPI certified compostable; Look for the BPI certification symbol on the product or the product packaging. For more information, visit bpiworld.org.

Thank you for including foods scraps recycling at your event!

Supplies to Avoid

We ask that you avoid using or distributing the following types of supplies that are not recyclable or compostable:

1. Plastic wrap/bags, foil-lined paper.
2. Plastic forks, knives, spoons and straws that are not BPI certified compostable.
3. Foam/Styrofoam plates, bowls and cups.
4. Individually packaged condiments such as ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise and coffee creamer.

+ Find additional ways you can green your event. Resources online at RamseyRecycles.com/EventRecycling