

# ORGANICS RECYCLING

## Tips for success

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Thank you  
for including  
recycling at  
your event!

Use these green  
containers for  
food scraps,  
napkins and  
compostable  
plates, cups  
and utensils.



### Place organics recycling container next to trash cans.

Bases are available to place under the container to catch spills and provide extra stability if needed.

### Recruit and train volunteers or staff.

Train volunteers and staff to set up and monitor containers. Show them how to set up containers and replace bags and where to transport the organics.

### Choose a transfer method.

Decide how you will transfer the organics to a recycler.

Here are three options:

1. Ask if your trash service or recycling service provider also collects organics for composting and can provide pick-up service at your event.
2. Transport your cans and bottles directly to:  
The Mulch Store (operated by SET, Inc.)  
[mulchstore.com/organics](http://mulchstore.com/organics)  
952-946-6999
3. If you collected a few bags, drop them off at a Ramsey County organics collection site.

### Encourage your guests to recycle.

Let guests know through invitations, flyers or ads that organics recycling will be available. Post signage at the event to encourage organics recycling. The county can provide signs that attach to the ClearStream containers. Communicate with your food vendors about the recycling program, and ask them to serve food in compostable containers.

### Additional ways you can green your event.

Find resources online at [RamseyRecycles.com/EventRecycling](http://RamseyRecycles.com/EventRecycling).

### Questions?

Call Ramsey County at 651-266-1199 or email [AskEH@ramseycounty.us](mailto:AskEH@ramseycounty.us)

[RamseyRecycles.com](http://RamseyRecycles.com)

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

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# HOW TO SET UP RECYCLING CONTAINERS



1

Stand facing one of the green frame's Secure Bag Locks (the loops). Place one foot on the bottom rung to stabilize the frame. Insert empty green bag inside of the frame. Using two hands, pull approximately 6" of bag through the loop as shown. For best chance of visibility, be sure the printed side is completely facing one of the open ends of the frame. *(pictured on left)*



2

Still using two hands, pull the bag 6" over the loop and toward the center, making sure to wrap it around the corners. *(pictured on left)*



3

Let go of the end of the bag and grasp the bag as shown on the left. Pull down and in until it tightens around the corners. The bag will tighten around the Secure-Lock so it cannot slip off. Repeat on the other side.

4

Press down on the green frame to extend to full opening width and attach lid. This will make the lid fit snugly.

5

TO REMOVE BAG: Raise bag slightly, unwrap the bag from the Secure-Lock loops and slide it through the opening of the frame. Tie the top of the bag in a loose knot to close. No heavy lifting required!

6

Arrange for pick up or drop off with a recycler. **Remember to remove recyclables from the bag when you make the transfer.**

## REMEMBER:

Clean the green container lid and frame with a soapy rag or disinfectant cloth before returning it to the Ramsey County Environmental Health office.