

RAMSEY COUNTY

RECYCLING GUIDE

Household Recycling, Food Scraps Collection,
Yard Waste, Household Hazardous Waste & More

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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AskEH@ramseycounty.us

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

Business recycling:

Learn how your business can save money by recycling. Visit BizRecycling.com.



Online recycling and disposal guide for residents:

For recycling and disposal options, visit RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ.



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RECYCLE THESE ITEMS

Place recyclables in a paper bag or loose in the recycling cart or recycling dumpster.



METAL CANS

- Empty and rinse.
- Do not crush.

GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

- Empty and rinse.
- Replace cap.

CARTONS

- Empty and rinse.
- Do not flatten.
- Replace cap.



PLASTIC CONTAINERS

- #1, #2 and #5 containers, bottles and jugs.
- Empty and rinse.
- Do not flatten.
- Replace cap.

PAPER AND BOXES

- Cardboard boxes (all types, except frozen food boxes).
- Flatten and keep dry.
- Mail, magazines and newspapers (with inserts).
- Office, school and scrap papers.
- Paper towel and toilet paper tubes.



Do not include plastic bags. They can jam sorting machines at recycling facilities.

Please bring plastic bags to a retailer or visit PlasticFilmRecycling.org to find drop-off locations.



Apartment and Condo Tenants

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.



Please do not include the following items in your recycling cart or recycling dumpster:

- Batteries (see pages 9-12).
- Containers with paint, used oil, antifreeze and other hazardous products (see page 10, place empty containers in trash).
- Electronics (see pages 17-18).
- Needles and syringes (see page 11).
- Propane and fuel tanks (see page 10).
- Ropes, hoses, chains, string lights and other items that may coil around equipment (see RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ).

Place the following in trash:

- Diapers.
- Dishes, vases and mirrors.
- Foil pouches, bags and wrappers.
- Paper cups, plastic straws and utensils.
- Pipes, hangers, pots and pans, and other scrap metal.
- Plastic bags, Styrofoam™, bubble wrap and other plastic wrap, and black plastic.
- Wrapping paper.

FOOD SCRAPS COLLECTION

Items Accepted

- Fruit and vegetable scraps.
- Meat and bones.
- Breads, pasta and other grains.
- Eggs and eggshells.
- Dairy.
- Coffee grounds and filters.

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

Put your food scraps to work year-round

Bring your food scraps and other organic waste to a Ramsey County yard waste collection site or 24/7 drop-off site. See RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps for list of locations.

Open year-round. Ramsey County residents only. No business waste.

Recycle your food scraps in 3 easy steps

- 1 Pick up a compostable bag at a collection site. Then visit RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps and find out what items are accepted.



- 2 Place food scraps in a compostable bag inside a bin. Any leak-proof bin will do.



- 3 Bring your filled compostable bag to a collection site. Pick up a new bag while you are there.



YARD WASTE COLLECTION SITES

How to recycle at a yard waste collection site in 3 easy steps

- 1 Gather leaves, grass and garden waste separately from trees, branches and shrubs. No stumps.



- 2 Bring yard waste to a Ramsey County collection site. See pages 7-8 for hours, locations and accepted items (not all sites accept branches).



- 3 Add waste to designated yard waste piles. If you have questions, ask a site monitor.



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



Do you use a fire pit?

Be considerate of your neighbors – never burn wet wood, recently cut wood, plastic, garbage or yard waste. They can be toxic and create more smoke.



Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Quarantine

To prevent the spread of EAB, please dispose of all tree waste at a Ramsey County yard waste site (see pages 7-8).

Visit www.mda.state.mn.us/eab to learn more.

YARD WASTE & FOOD SCRAPS COLLECTION SITES

Free and open to Ramsey County residents.

Items Accepted	Leaves & Grass	Shrubs & Branches	Food Scraps Collection
1 ARDEN HILLS* 3530 Hudson Ave. Arden Hills	✓	✓	✓
2 BATTLE CREEK* 389 S. Winthrop St. Saint Paul	✓		✓
3 FRANK AND SIMS* 1150 Sims Ave. Saint Paul	✓	✓	✓
4 MIDWAY 1943 Pierce Butler Rt. Saint Paul	✓	✓	✓
5 MOUNDS VIEW 8307 Long Lake Rd. Mounds View	✓		✓
6 SUMMIT HILL 870 Pleasant Ave. Saint Paul	✓		✓
7 WHITE BEAR TWP* 5900 Sherwood Rd. White Bear Township	✓	✓	✓

April - November

Weather Permitting

Mon., Wed., Fri.: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tues. and Thurs.: closed

December - March

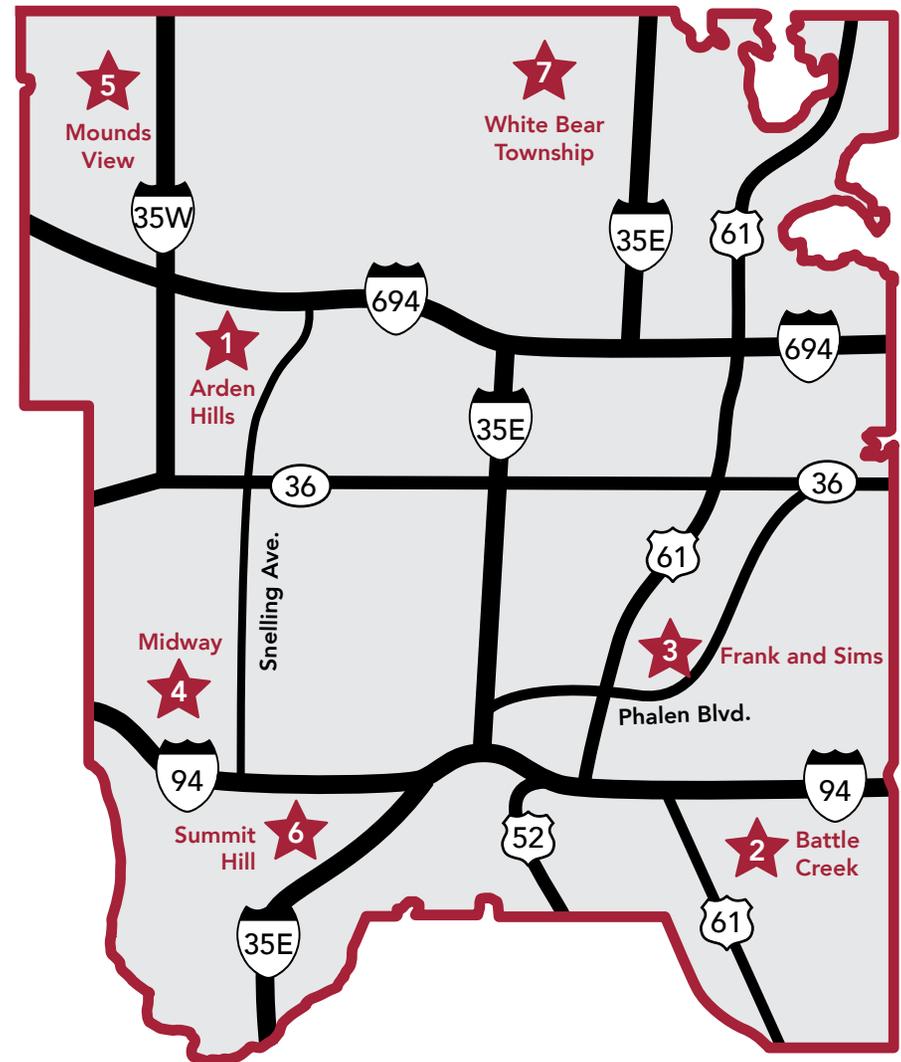
Weather Permitting

Saturday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Mon. - Fri.: closed

Closed: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Christmas Day.



We also have several 24/7 drop-off sites for food scraps collection. For details, go to [RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps](https://www.RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps).

*Site also open to Washington County residents.

Year-Round Collection Site

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

April – November
Tuesday – Friday
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

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

Antifreeze is also accepted. Keep them separate.



Items Accepted

- Antifreeze.
- Batteries (all types). **New!**
- Bug killers/repellents.
- Cell phones.
- Cleaners.
- Cooking oil (must be liquid).
- Electrical cords and string lights (no battery packs).
- Fluorescent lights.
- Gasoline.
- Mercury thermometers.
- Needles (see page 11).
- Paint (see page 11).
- Propane tanks.
- Used motor oil and filters.
- Vaping devices (rechargeable).
- Weed killer.

Visit RamseyRecycles.com/HHW for more items.

Items safe to put in trash

- Dried up latex paint (remove lid).
- Empty aerosol cans and other containers (except propane cylinders).
- Latex or water-based caulk.



Danger

Do not put propane tanks or rechargeable batteries in the trash or recycling cart.

They can cause a fire or an explosion.

Bring them to an HHW site.



Safe Transport Tips:



- Keep products in original container, upright and tightly sealed.
- Transport in a box or tote in trunk of vehicle.
- Never mix chemicals.

Appliances and Electronics: See pages 17-20.

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

HHW MOBILE COLLECTION SITES

Free Mobile Collection Sites, April – October

Friday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Locations and Schedule

- ★ **1 April · Maplewood** · 1850 White Bear Ave. N.
- ★ **2 May · Arden Hills** · 1352 Ben Franklin Rd.
- ★ **3 June · Roseville** · 1725 Kent St.
- ★ **2 July · Arden Hills** · 1352 Ben Franklin Rd. (Closed July 3-4.)
- ★ **6 July · White Bear Lake** · Bald Eagle Ave. & 12th St. (Closed July 3-4.)
- ★ **4 August · Summit Hill** · 848 Pleasant Ave.
- ★ **5 September · Saint Paul** (near Fairgrounds) · 1660 Como Ave.
*Open after Labor Day
- ★ **1 October · Maplewood** · 1850 White Bear Ave. N.

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 a 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 15-16).

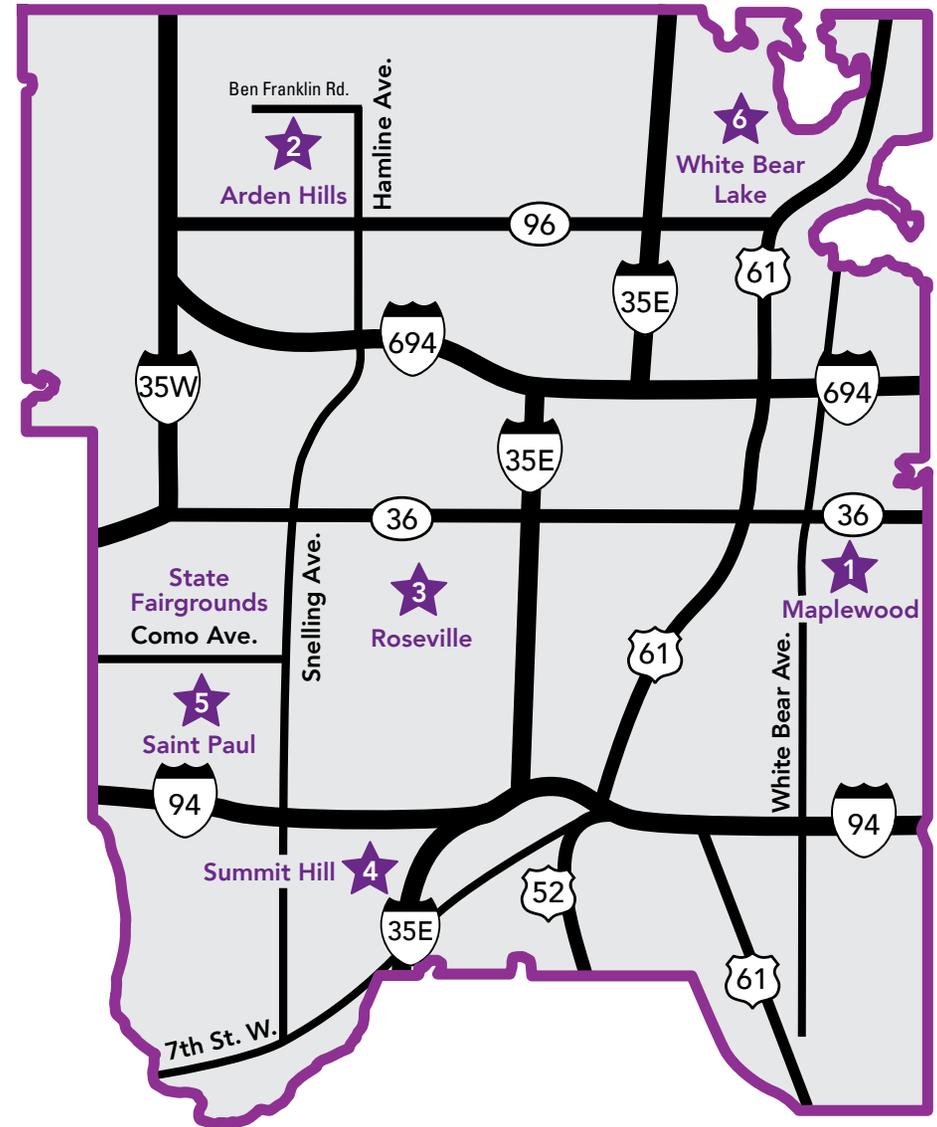
Do you only have paint to recycle?

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



HHW MOBILE COLLECTION SITES

Mobile Collection Site Map





Find FREE Paint and More

Visit the Product Reuse Center at Ramsey County's year-round household hazardous waste (HHW) collection site (page 9). 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, motor additives.
- Charcoal lighter fluid, camp stove fluid.
- Driveway and roof sealers.
- Fertilizers.
- Household cleaners, polishes, waxes.
- Paint and spray paint.
- Paint solvents, cleaners, turpentine, paint thinners.
- Wood stains, preservatives, oils, polyurethanes.

Note: Reuse items are not available at the mobile collection sites listed on pages 11-12.

Safe Disposal of Your Energy-Saving Light Bulbs

Energy-saving light bulbs are good for the environment and your wallet, plus they can be recycled. Bring them to a Ramsey County HHW collection site (see pages 9-12) or check with a local hardware store.

Recycle these types of bulbs:

- Fluorescent bulbs of all shapes and sizes.
- High-intensity discharge lamps (HID).
- Neon lights of all shapes and sizes.
- LED 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.

Test your home for radon for only \$2

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

Test your **home**.
Protect your **health**.



2 of 5 Minnesota homes have high radon levels.

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

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

For more information, call 651-266-1199 or email HealthyHomes@ramseycounty.us

MEDICINE COLLECTION SITES

Dispose of Unwanted Medicine Safely

Free Collection Sites

- ★ **1 Arden Hills** • Sheriff's Patrol Station • 1411 Paul Kirkwold Dr.
Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (drop box is inside building)
- ★ **2 Maplewood** • Police Department • 1830 County Rd. B E.
Open 24/7 (drop box is outside building)
- ★ **3 New Brighton** • Public Safety • 785 Old Hwy. 8 NW
Open 24/7 (drop box is inside building)
- ★ **4 North St. Paul** • 2400 Margaret St.
Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (drop box is inside building)
- ★ **5 Saint Paul** • Law Enforcement Center • 425 Grove St.
Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (drop box is inside building)
- ★ **6 White Bear Lake** • Police/Fire Department • 4701 Hwy. 61
Monday – Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. (drop box is inside building)

Items Accepted

- Blister packs.
- Capsules and pills.
- Creams and gels.
- Inhalers.
- IV bags.
- Liquids and sprays.
- Patches.
- Powders.
- Vials.

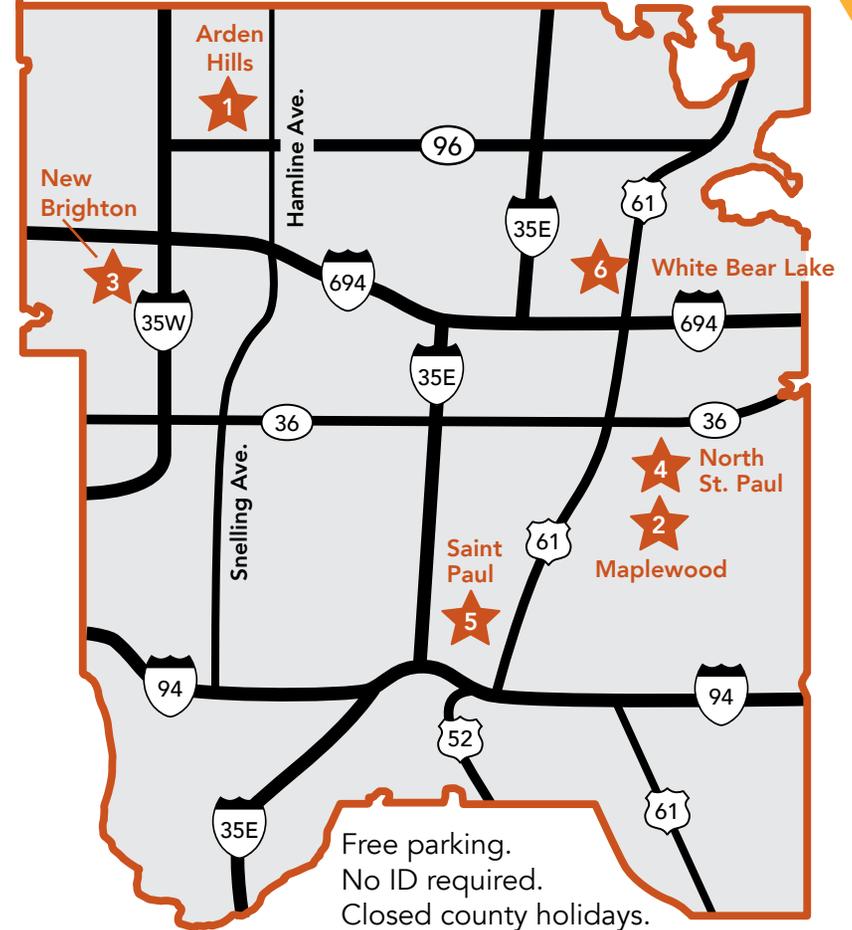
Visit RamseyRecycles.com/Medicine for more information and other disposal options.

Items NOT Accepted

- Empty or uncapped/unsealed needles and syringes (with and without medicine). Bring them to a household hazardous waste site (see pages 9-12).
- Medicines from businesses, healthcare facilities, long-term care facilities, pharmacies, doctors' offices or veterinary clinics.

MEDICINE COLLECTION SITES

Medicine Collection Site Map



Guidelines for dropping off medicines



- 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.
- Place bag into drop box.



Know What to Throw.

It is illegal to throw TVs and computer monitors with a CRT (cathode ray tube) in the trash.

They contain toxic substances like lead.

Recycling Options for Electronics

City and neighborhood clean-up events

Call your city for dates, hours and fees.

Manufacturer take-back programs

Contact the electronic item's manufacturer.

Curbside pick-up service

Some trash haulers offer pick-up service for their customers (call your trash hauler or city).

Recycle These Electronics

Televisions

Flat screens, projections and older box styles.

Computer Equipment

Computers, monitors, laptops, tablets, keyboards and printers.

Phones and Faxes

Cell phones, corded phones, cordless phones, answering machines and fax machines.

Audio and Video Equipment

CD and MP3 players, radios, speakers, stereos, DVD players, VCRs, record players, video game systems and cameras.



Electronics Recycling Locations

The following businesses in your area accept electronics for recycling. **Call ahead to verify items accepted, hours and fees.**

Advanced Disposal

309 Como Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55103 • 651-487-8546
AdvancedDisposal.com

Best Buy

1795 County Rd. D East, Maplewood • 651-704-1901
1643 County Rd. B2, Roseville • 651-746-0538
BestBuy.com/recycle

Green Lights Recycling, Inc.

10040 Davenport St. N.E., Blaine, MN 55449 • 763-785-0456
GRLNow.com

Office Depot

1615 W. County Rd. C, Roseville, MN 55113 • 651-233-1929
OfficeDepot.com

PCs for People

1481 Marshall Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55104 • 651-354-2552
PCsforPeople.org

Staples

2100 N. Snelling Dr. #42, Roseville, MN 55113 • 651-633-1034
Staples.com

Tech Dump

860 Vandalia St., Saint Paul, MN 55114. • 612-260-9427
TechDump.org

The Retrofit Companies

2960 Yorkton Blvd., Little Canada, MN 55117 • 1-800-795-1230
RetrofitCompanies.com

Washington County Environmental Center (no cost)

4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury, MN 55129 • 651-275-7475
co.washington.mn.us/EnviroCenter

LARGE BULKY ITEMS

Many trash haulers pick up furniture and large household items. Additional fees may apply.

These sites offer self-haul options for bulky items.

Contact them for hours, directions and disposal costs.

Advanced Disposal · Saint Paul
309 Como Ave. · 651-487-8546

Bro-Tex, Inc. · Saint Paul
840 Hampden Ave. N. · 651-645-5721

Fra-Dor · Little Canada
3101 Country Dr. · 651-484-8180

J and J Recycling · Saint Paul
607 Barge Channel Rd. · 651-227-4457

Keith Krupenny & Son · Saint Paul
565 Barge Channel Rd. · 651-457-3680

Second Chance Recycling · Minneapolis
1179 15th Ave. S.E. · 612-332-0664

Twin City Refuse & Recycling · Saint Paul
318 W. Water St. · 651-227-1549

Walters Recycling & Refuse · Blaine
10191 Xylite St. N.E. · 763-780-8464



	Appliances	Carpet/ Carpt Pad	Outdoor*	Construction/ Demolition	Furniture	Mattresses/ Box Springs	Scrap Metal	Tires	Wood**
	✓ Recycled	✓	✓ No dirt/sod	✓	✓	✓	✓ Recycled	✓ Recycled	✓ No railroad ties
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			✓ Recycled						
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LARGE BULKY ITEMS

For items not listed and for donation options for usable furniture, visit RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ



Did you know?

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

*Asphalt, concrete, dirt, rock and sod.

**Lumber, railroad ties and treated wood.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



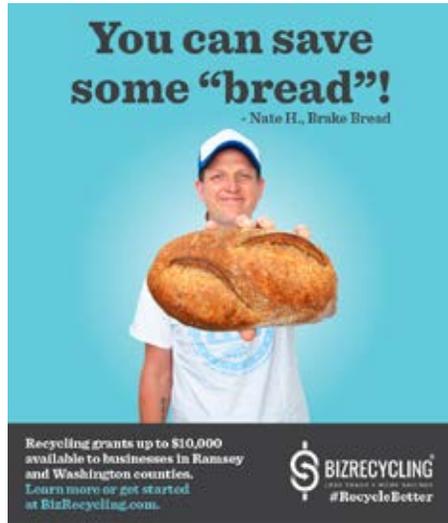
Compost Bin Sale – Save \$20

The Recycling Association of Minnesota is selling compost bins for \$66 plus tax this year. Ramsey County residents can purchase bins for \$20 off.

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 May 2 in Maplewood. Find additional sales, including year-round options, at RecycleMinnesota.org.

Businesses Recycle Better with BizRecycling



BizRecycling helps businesses, non-profits, apartment buildings and institutions of all sizes in Ramsey and Washington counties start or improve their recycling programs, including organics recycling (food scraps).

In about 30 minutes, our recycling experts can help your business make a recycling plan that works for you. BizRecycling also awards grants for up to \$10,000 per organization to help you put your recycling plan into action.

Since 2014, over 850 businesses have received grants to reduce waste and their trash bill. Make your business our next success story.



Visit BizRecycling.com or call 651-266-1199.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Don't Trash Broken Stuff – Fix-It!

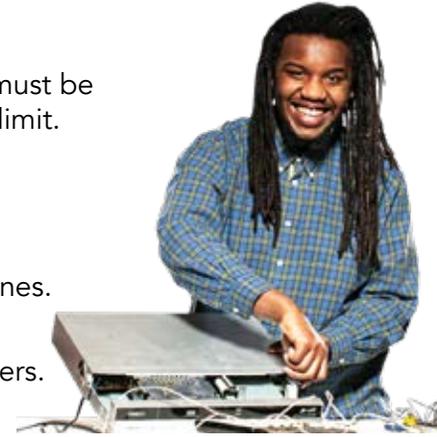
Bring things like small household appliances, clothing, electronics and more to our monthly Fix-It Clinics. Volunteer fixers will help you disassemble, troubleshoot and repair your item for FREE!

Clinics are first-come, first-served. Items must be carry-in – no oversized items. Three item limit.

Items we typically see at Fix-It Clinics:

- Clothing.
- Coffee makers.
- Fans.
- Lamps.
- Radios.
- Sewing machines.
- Toasters.
- Vacuum cleaners.

Visit RamseyRecycles.com/FixItClinics for dates and locations.



Recycle at Your Next Event

Hosting a family, work or community gathering? Make it a green event!

You can use your own recycling containers or borrow containers for free.

Portable containers are collapsible, and come with custom signage and bags. Food scraps collection containers are available, too.

Easy to follow instructions are on each container.

Visit RamseyRecycles.com/EventRecycling to reserve your containers.

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