

RECYCLING GUIDE 2021

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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 personal protective equipment out of your recycling cart.

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



RAMSEY COUNTY



COMPOST BIN SALE – SAVE \$20

The Recycling Association of Minnesota is selling compost bins for \$66 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.

Visit RecycleMinnesota.org to pre-order your compost bin and choose a pick-up date.

RAMSEY COUNTY RECYCLING GUIDE

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AskEH@ramseycounty.us
 ☐ 651-633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7

Visit **RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ** to use our online recycling and disposal guide for residents.

Some of our programs and services have been affected by COVID-19 safety precautions. The Fix-it Clinics and Event Recycling Container Lending Program are suspended until further notice. Please visit **RamseyRecycles.com** for up-to-date information.

SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

Find out what Ramsey County is doing for the environment and get tips to go green yourself. Sign up to receive Green Ramsey, a monthly e-newsletter produced by Environmental Health.

Visit ramseycounty.us/GreenRamsey to view current and past issues. On this webpage, click on the red envelope to sign up to receive future newsletters in your email.

IMPROVE YOUR AT-HOME RECYCLING



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. Property managers should visit **BizRecycling.com** to find free resources for tenants.



Place recyclables in a paper bag or loose 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 **PlasticFilmRecycling.org** to find drop-off locations.

Items Accepted for At-Home Recycling

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









Metal cans.

Glass bottles and 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, C magazines sch and mail.

Office and school papers.

Paper towel tubes and 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, ropes, hoses, chains, string lights and other items that may coil around equipment (see RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ).
- Propane and fuel tanks (page 15).

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- **Place in Trash**
- Diapers.
- Dishes, vases and mirrors.
- Foil pouches, bags and wrappers.
- Masks, gloves and wipes.
- Paper cups, plastic straws and utensils.
- Pipes, hangers, pots and pans, and other scrap metal.
- Plastic bags, plastic wrap, Styrofoam[™] and black plastic.
- Wrapping and tissue paper.

LEARN WHAT TO DO WITH FOOD SCRAPS





Recycle Food Scraps in 3 Easy Steps

- 1. Pick up a free food scraps collection starter kit at any Ramsey County yard waste site (see page 13).
- 2. Line your kitchen caddy with a compostable bag and fill it with food scraps and other accepted items.
- 3. Bring your filled compostable bag to a collection site.
 Pick up another free bag while you are there.

See pages 8-9 for a list of locations and map. More sites to come. Visit RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps for up-to-date information.

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

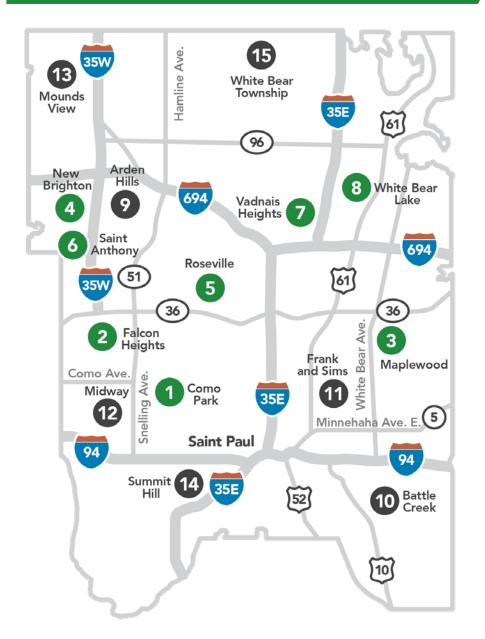
Items Accepted

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

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

RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps

Food Scraps Collection Site Map



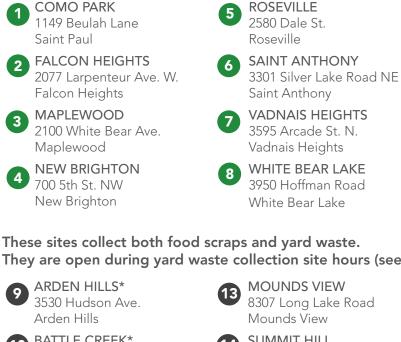
GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR FOOD

Make your food last longer. Visit SaveTheFood.com to find tips on meal planning, food storage and more.



Free Food Scraps Collection Sites

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



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

BATTLE CREEK* 389 S. Winthrop St. Saint Paul

FRANK AND SIMS* 1150 Sims Ave. Saint Paul

MIDWAY (12)

1943 Pierce Butler Route Saint Paul

RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps

SUMMIT HILL 14 870 Pleasant Ave. Saint Paul



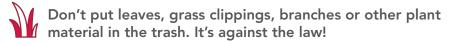
*Also open to Washington County residents.

RECYCLE YOUR YARD WASTE



How to Recycle Yard Waste at a Collection Site

- 1. Gather leaves, grass and garden waste separately from branches and shrubs. No tree roots or stumps.
- Bring yard waste to a Ramsey County collection site. See pages 12-13 for hours, locations and accepted items (not all sites accept 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.



Have a Fire Pit?

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

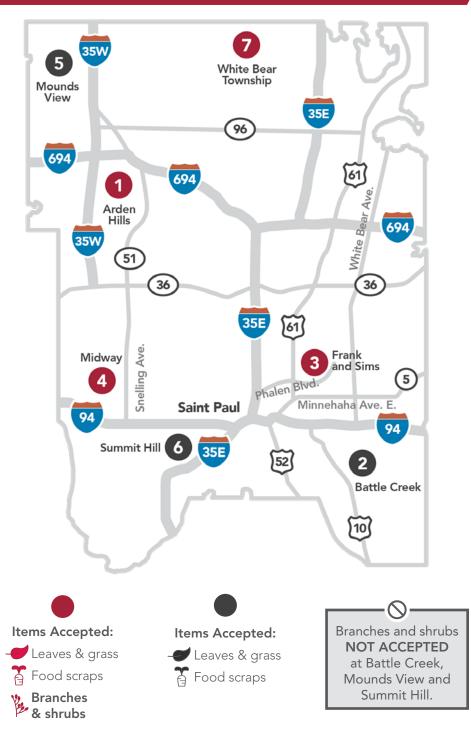


EMERALD ASH BORER QUARANTINE

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).

awn & Leaf Bag

Yard Waste and Food Scraps Collection Site Map





Free Yard Waste and Food Scraps Collection Sites

 ARDEN HILLS* 3530 Hudson Ave. Arden Hills
 BATTLE CREEK* 389 S. Winthrop St. Saint Paul No branches or shrubs
 FRANK AND SIMS* 1150 Sims Ave. Saint Paul
 MIDWAY 1943 Pierce Butler Route Saint Paul MOUNDS VIEW 8307 Long Lake Road Mounds View No branches or shrubs
 SUMMIT HILL 870 Pleasant Ave. Saint Paul No branches or shrubs
 WHITE BEAR TWP* 5900 Sherwood Road White Bear Township
 *Also open to Washington

County residents.

We have several 24/7 drop-off sites for food scraps collection. See pages 8-9 for details.

Collection Site Hours (Weather Permitting)

April – November

Non., Wed., Fri.11 a.m. – 7 p.m.Saturday9 a.m. – 5 p.m.Sunday11 a.m. – 5 p.m.Tues. & Thurs.closed

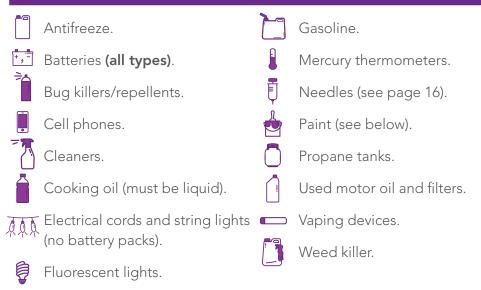
December – MarchSaturday9 a.m. – 5 p.m.Sunday11 a.m. – 5 p.m.Mon. – Fri.closed

Closed: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Christmas Day.

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

DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

Items Accepted at HHW Collection Sites



Visit RamseyRecycles.com/HHW for more items. See pages 16-18 for collection site hours and locations.

Items Safe to Place in Trash

- Dried latex paint (remove lid).
- Drywall compound (including joint, taping and filler).
- Empty aerosol cans and other containers (except propane cylinders).
- Latex or water-based caulk.

Do not put propane tanks 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.

L Free Mobile HHW Collection Site Hours

APRIL – OCTOBER

Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

See map on next page for dates and locations. The 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 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 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 a Ramsey County 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.



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DID YOU KNOW?

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

Mobile HHW Collection Site Map and Schedule

APRIL – OCTOBER



RamseyRecycles.com/HHW

Free Year-Round HHW Collection Site

5 Empire Drive 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.

Snelling Ave

(51)

Rice St.



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



(36)

Empire Dr.

Pennsylvania Ave.

University Ave. W.

94

Jackson St

35E

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.

This program may be affected by COVID-19 precautions. Check RamseyRecycles.com/HHW for up-to-date information.

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: 卷 ramseycounty.us/Radon

651-266-1199

总 HealthyHomes@ramseycounty.us

DISPOSE F MEDICINE



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 medicines from businesses, healthcare facilities, long-term care facilities, pharmacies, doctors' offices or veterinary clinics.
- them back to your clinic.

• NO liquid chemo drugs. Bring

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.
- Place bag into drop box.

Medicine Collection Site Map



Free parking. No ID required. Closed on county holidays.

****Some locations may** be affected by COVID-19 precautions. Please visit RamseyRecycles.com/ Medicine for up-to-date information.

RamseyRecycles.com/Medicine

RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONICS

Recycling Options

- City and neighborhood clean-up events Call your city for dates, locations, 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).

Electronics to Recycle

- Televisions Flat screens, projectors and older box styles.
- Computer equipment Computers, monitors, laptops, tablets, keyboards and printers.
- Phones and fax machines 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.

Recycling Locations

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

Advanced Disposal

AdvancedDisposal.com | 651-487-8546 309 Como Ave., Saint Paul

Best Buy

BestBuy.com/Recycle 1795 County Road D East, Maplewood | 651-704-1901 1643 County Road B2, Roseville | 651-746-0538

Green Lights Recycling, Inc.

GLRnow.com | 763-785-0456 10040 Davenport St. NE, Blaine

Office Depot

OfficeDepot.com | 651-233-1929 1615 W. County Road C, Roseville

PCs for People

PCsforPeople.org | 651-354-2552 1481 Marshall Ave., Saint Paul

Staples

Staples.com | 651-633-1034 2100 N. Snelling Drive #42, Roseville

Tech Dump

TechDump.org | 612-260-9427 860 Vandalia St., Saint Paul

The Retrofit Companies

RetrofitCompanies.com | 1-800-795-1230 2960 Yorkton Blvd., Little Canada

Washington County Environmental Center (no cost)

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



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.



What to Do with Large Bulky Items

These sites offer self-haul options for bulky items. Contact them for hours, directions and fees. Many trash haulers also pick up furniture and large household items. Additional fees may apply. Consider donating usable furniture.

	Appliances	Carpet/ Carpet Pad	Outdoor*	Construction/ Demolition	Furniture	Mattresses/ Box Springs	Scrap Metal	Tires	Wood**
Advanced Disposal 309 Como Ave., Saint Paul 651-487-8546	Recycled	•	No dirt/sod	•	٠	Recycled	Recycled	Recycled	No railroad ties
Fra-Dor 3101 Country Drive, Little Canada 651-484-8180			Recycled						
Green Lights Recycling 10040 Davenport St. NE, Blaine 763-785-0456	Recycled	٠			٠	Recycled	Recycled	Recycled	
J and J Recycling 607 Barge Channel Road, Saint Paul 651-227-4457	Recycled	٠	٠	٠	٠	Recycled	Recycled	Recycled	٠
Keith Krupenny & Son 565 Barge Channel Road, Saint Paul 651-457-3680	Recycled	•	Recycled No sod	•	Certain Items 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	Recycled	Recycled	•
Walters Recycling & Refuse 10191 Xylite St. NE, Blaine 763-780-8464	Recycled	٠		٠	٠	Recycled	Recycled	Recycled	Lumber Only



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.

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

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Don't Trash Broken Stuff – Fix-It!

Bring small household appliances, clothing, electronics and more to our Fix-it-Clinics when they resume. 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. There is a three item limit. Items we typically see include:

- Clothing.
- Lamps.

• Radios.

- Coffee makers.
- Fans.

Sewing machines.

Due to COVID-19, Fix-It Clinics have been temporarily suspended. Visit RamseyRecycles.com/FixItClinics for up-to-date information.

Recycle at Your Next Event

When gatherings can happen safely again, make them green events! 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 provided.

Due to COVID-19, the lending program has been temporarily suspended. Visit RamseyRecycles.com/EventRecycling for up-to-date information.

Take a Virtual Tour of the Recycling & Energy Center

All trash from Ramsey and Washington counties is delivered to the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Center. There, the trash is processed to recover recyclable metals and generate a fuel source that Xcel Energy uses to produce electricity. Soon, new equipment will be added to recover more recyclable materials, as well as food scraps.

Visit RecyclingandEnergy.org/Tours to take a virtual tour of this cutting-edge facility.



Toasters.

• Vacuum cleaners.

Grants up to \$5k for food scraps collection.

Grants up to **\$10k** for businesses.

Grants up to \$20k for apartment buildings.



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