

RAMSEY COUNTY

# RECYCLING GUIDE

Recycling, Household Hazardous Waste, Yard Waste, Organics & More

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# ORGANIC WASTE

## Put Your Food Scraps to Work

Bring your food waste and non-recyclable paper to a Ramsey County yard waste site, except Arden Hills (see pages 16-17). Open year-round. Ramsey County residents only. No business waste.



### 3 Easy Steps

1. Visit [RamseyRecycles.com](http://RamseyRecycles.com) and click on "Organic Waste" to find out what items are recyclable.
2. Place Organic Waste items into a compostable bag inside your bin.
3. Bring your compostable bag to a Ramsey County yard waste drop-off site. Easy-Peasy! (see pages 16-17)



### Accepted Items

- Bones
- Coffee grounds
- Egg shells
- Food soiled paper products
- Fruit/vegetable scraps
- Grains
- Meats
- Nut shells
- Paper towels
- Tissues
- Toilet paper rolls
- And more!

# RECYCLING AT HOME

## Recycle These Items



This is a general guideline. Many communities accept additional materials for recycling. Contact your city for more information.



### CONTAINERS

- Cans – beverage and food
- Bottles – glass and plastic
- Jars – glass, metal and plastic
- Beverage cartons – milk, juice, soup, etc.

Rinse all containers. Leave caps/lids on plastic bottles. Remove caps/lids from jars and cartons.

### PAPER AND BOXES

- Mail and newspapers, including inserts
- Magazines, catalogs and phone books
- Office and school papers
- Cardboard boxes - flatten
- Delivery pizza boxes - free of grease
- Shredded paper - in closed paper bags

### PLASTIC BAGS AND WRAP

- Bring to a drop-off site. Find locations at: [PlasticFilmRecycling.org](http://PlasticFilmRecycling.org)

# RECYCLING AT WORK

## Success Story

By collecting organics, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church reduced their trash collection from a large commercial dumpster to one residential trash can!

## Let's Talk Trash and Save You Cash

State law requires that businesses who contract for four or more cubic yards of trash collection must recycle at least three types of materials. BizRecycling® has grants, free consulting services, and other assistance to help your business or your employer meet this law.

We've helped hundreds of businesses, from restaurants to food trucks to places of worship. Our grants can pay for equipment, supplies or labels to help you initiate, or improve your recycling program.

Visit [BizRecycling.com](http://BizRecycling.com) and click on "Get Started Now" or call 651-266-1199.



## Online Recycling Guide for Residents

Find out what to do with other items at [RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ](http://RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ).



## Apartment Collection

Bring your recycling materials to your designated recycling carts at any time. Free reusable recycling bags and totes as well as other educational resources are available for apartment dwellers. Contact Ramsey County at 651-266-1179.



# LARGE BULKY ITEMS

Many trash haulers pick up furniture & large household items.

Call your hauler to see what they collect and if there are additional fees. These sites offer self-haul options for bulky items. Contact them for hours, directions, and disposal costs.

	 Appliances	 Concrete	 Carpet
<b>Advanced Disposal</b> · Saint Paul 309 Como Ave. · 651-487-8546	X		X
<b>Bro-Tex, Inc.</b> · Saint Paul 800 Hampden Ave. · 651-272-7227			X
<b>Fra-Dor</b> · Little Canada 3101 Country Dr. · 651-484-8180		X	
<b>J and J Recycling</b> · Saint Paul 607 Barge Channel Rd. · 651-227-4457	X	X	X
<b>Keith Krupenny &amp; Son</b> · Saint Paul 565 Barge Channel Rd. · 651-457-3680	X	X	X
<b>Recycling &amp; Energy Center</b> · Newport 100 Red Rock Rd. · 651-768-6670	X		
<b>Second Chance Recycling</b> · Minneapolis 1179 15th Ave. S.E. · 612-332-0664 (Ext 4)			
<b>Twin City Refuse &amp; Recycling</b> · Saint Paul 318 W. Water St. · 651-227-1549	X	X	X
<b>Walters Recycling &amp; Refuse</b> · Blaine 10191 Xylite St. N.E. · 763-780-8464	X		X



## Did you know?

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



Furniture	Construction/ Demolition	Mattresses	Scrap Metal	Tires	Treated Wood
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X		X		X	
		X			
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

## Propane Tank Dangers

**Do not** put propane tanks in the trash; they can cause an explosion.



## Items Accepted

For items not listed, go to [RamseyRecycles.com](http://RamseyRecycles.com) or call 651-633-EASY (3279).



Antifreeze

Batteries (vehicle/rechargeable/button)

Bug killers/repellents

Cell phones

Cleaners

Fluorescent lights

Gasoline

Mercury thermometers

Paint

Propane tanks

Used oil & filters

Weed killer and more...



## Items NOT Accepted (place in trash)

- Alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D)
- Empty aerosol cans and other containers (Except propane cylinders)
- Dried up latex paint (remove lid)
- Latex or water-based caulk
- Drywall compound (Including joint, taping and filler)

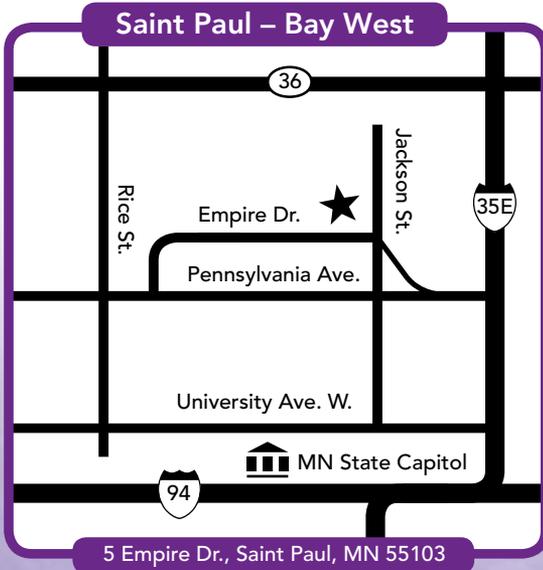


**Appliances & Electronics** · See pages 4-5, 14-15

**Business Waste:** Call 651-266-1199 for business assistance

# HHW YEAR ROUND COLLECTION SITE

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



## Free Year-Round Collection Site

### Bay West, LLC

December - March

Fri & Sat: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

April - November

Tues - Fri: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sat: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Free Product Reuse Center

Learn more on page 10.

(Closed: New Years Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Friday after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Chistmas Day.)

More collection sites on pages 8 & 9

## Additional Items Collected

### Needles and Syringes

Must be empty, sealed in a hard-sided container, like a detergent jug or coffee can, and labeled "Sharps." Please inform staff when you drop them off. They will ask you to place sharps in the collection box.

### Electrical Cords and Holiday String Lights

All types of cords are accepted. No battery packs, electronics or appliances attached.



# HHW MOBILE COLLECTION SITES

## Free Mobile Collection Sites, April – October

Fridays: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturdays: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### Locations (see map to right)

1. **April & October** · **Maplewood** · 1850 White Bear Ave. N.
2. **May & July** · **Arden Hills** · 1352 Ben Franklin Dr.
3. **June** · **Roseville** · 1725 Kent St.
4. **August** · **Saint Paul** · 848 Pleasant Ave.
5. **September** · **State Fairgrounds** · 1660 Como Ave.

### Used Oil and Filter Collection Shed

The Arden Hills collection site has a self-service used oil and filter collection shed that is open 24/7. Antifreeze is also accepted. The collection shed is located on the north side of the Ramsey County Public Works facility, off Ben Franklin Road.



### Safe Transport Tips

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

# HHW MOBILE COLLECTION SITES



# PRODUCT REUSE CENTER



## Find FREE Paint and More

Visit the Product Reuse Center at Ramsey County's year-round household hazardous waste collection site (page 7). Products are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and selection will vary. Park in lot in front of building and follow signs. Must be 18 years or older.

## Types of Products



- 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:** Items are not available at the mobile collection sites listed on pages 8-9.

# LIGHT BULBS AND PAINT

## Don't Put Energy Saving Light Bulbs in the Trash

Energy-saving light bulbs are good for the environment and your wallet, but they must be recycled. Bring them to a Ramsey County collection site (see pages 6-9) or check with a local hardware store. Here are the types to recycle:

- Fluorescent bulbs of all shapes and sizes
- High-intensity discharge lamps
- 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.

## Recycle Your Paint



## Do you only have paint to recycle?

There are several options for dropping off unwanted latex and oil-based paint:

1. Bring it to Amazon Environmental  
350 73rd Ave. NE,  
Suite 3, Fridley MN  
55432 | 763-572-0800
2. Find a participating paint store at [PaintCare.org](http://PaintCare.org).



# MEDICINE DROP BOXES

## Don't Let Your Unwanted Medicine Fall into the Wrong Hands



Visit one of Ramsey County's year-round drop boxes to safely dispose of your unwanted or expired medications for FREE.



### Guidelines

- Keep medicines in their original container for legal transport. Put loose medicines in a clear plastic bag and label it.
- Seal all containers in a clear plastic bag, ideally one-gallon or smaller size.
- Place bag with medicine into drop box.

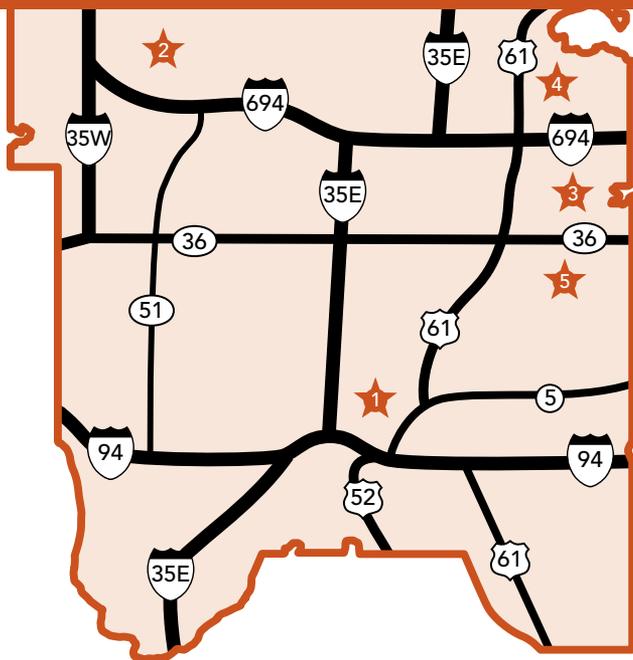
### Accepted Items for Free

Blister packs, liquids, capsules and pills, patches, creams and gels, powders, inhalers, sprays, iv bags, and vials.



### Items NOT Accepted

- Needles and syringes (except full epinephrine injections) – bring to a household hazardous waste collection site (see pages 7-9).
- Medicines from businesses, healthcare facilities, long-term facilities, pharmacies, doctors' offices or veterinary clinics.



## Details

Look for signs.

No ID required.

Free parking.

Closed Federal holidays.

## Locations and Hours

- 1. Law Enforcement Center** • 425 Grove St., Saint Paul  
(located inside building) • Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 2. Sheriff's Patrol Station** • 1411 Paul Kirkwold Dr., Arden Hills  
(located inside building) • Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- 3. North St. Paul** • 2400 Margaret St., North St. Paul  
(located inside building) • Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- 4. White Bear Lake Police/Fire Department**  
4701 Highway 61, White Bear Lake  
Open 24/7, drop box located inside lobby
- 5. Maplewood Police Department**  
1830 County Rd. B E., Maplewood  
Open 24/7, drop box located outside building

**Additional Sites:** Find links to other medicine collection programs in the metro area at [RamseyRecycles.com](http://RamseyRecycles.com) (click on "Drop-off sites") or call 651-633-EASY (3279).

## Recycle These Electronics



## Know What to Throw.

TVs and computer monitors with a CRT (cathode ray tube) contain toxic substances like lead. It is illegal to throw them in the trash.

### → Television

Flat screens, projections and older box styles

### → Computer

Computers, monitors, laptops, tablets, keyboards and printers

### → Phone and Fax

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, video game systems and cameras

## Recycling Options for Electronics

### → City and neighborhood clean-up events

Call your city

### → Manufacturer take-back programs

Contact the electronic item's manufacturer

### → WeRecycle.com

Free mail-in program

### → Local electronic recyclers

See next page

### → Curbside pick-up service

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

## Electronics Recycling Options



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

### → **Advanced Disposal (prices vary)**

309 Como Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55103 • 651-487-8746  
AdvancedDisposal.com

### → **Best Buy (prices vary, some restrictions apply)**

1795 County Rd. D E., Maplewood, MN 55109 • 651-704-1901  
1643 County Rd. B2, Roseville, MN 55113 • 651-746-0538  
BestBuy.com/recycle

### → **Green Lights Recycling, Inc. (prices vary)**

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

### → **Office Depot (prices vary)**

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

### → **The Retrofit Companies (prices vary)**

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

### → **Staples (computers FREE, no TVs, no older LCD monitors, no CRT monitors)**

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

### → **Tech Dump (prices vary)**

698 Prior Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55104 • 763-432-3117 - ext. 1  
TechDump.org

For more options, visit [RamseyRecycles.com](http://RamseyRecycles.com) or call 651-633-EASY (3279).

# YARD WASTE AND ORGANICS COLLECTION SITES

Free and open to Ramsey County residents only. Photo ID required.

	Accepted Items >	Leaves & Grass	Trees & Shrubs	Organics
1	<b>ARDEN HILLS</b> 3530 Hudson Ave. Arden Hills	YES	YES	NO
2	<b>BATTLE CREEK</b> 389 S. Winthrop St. Saint Paul	YES	NO	YES
3	<b>FRANK &amp; SIMS</b> 1150 Sims Ave. Saint Paul	YES	YES	YES
4	<b>MIDWAY</b> 1943 Pierce Butler Rt. Saint Paul	YES	YES	YES
5	<b>MOUNDS VIEW</b> 8307 Long Lake Rd. Mounds View	YES	NO	YES
6	<b>SUMMIT HILL</b> 870 Pleasant Ave. Saint Paul	YES	NO	YES
7	<b>WHITE BEAR TWP</b> 5900 Sherwood Rd. White Bear Township	YES	YES	YES

8 **COMO PARK ORGANICS COLLECTION SITE**  
1149 Beulah Ln. | Saint Paul  
Open 24/7 - **Organics Collection Only**

**Site Hours** (weather permitting) · Closed Holidays

**December - March**

(Arden Hills site closed)

Saturday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

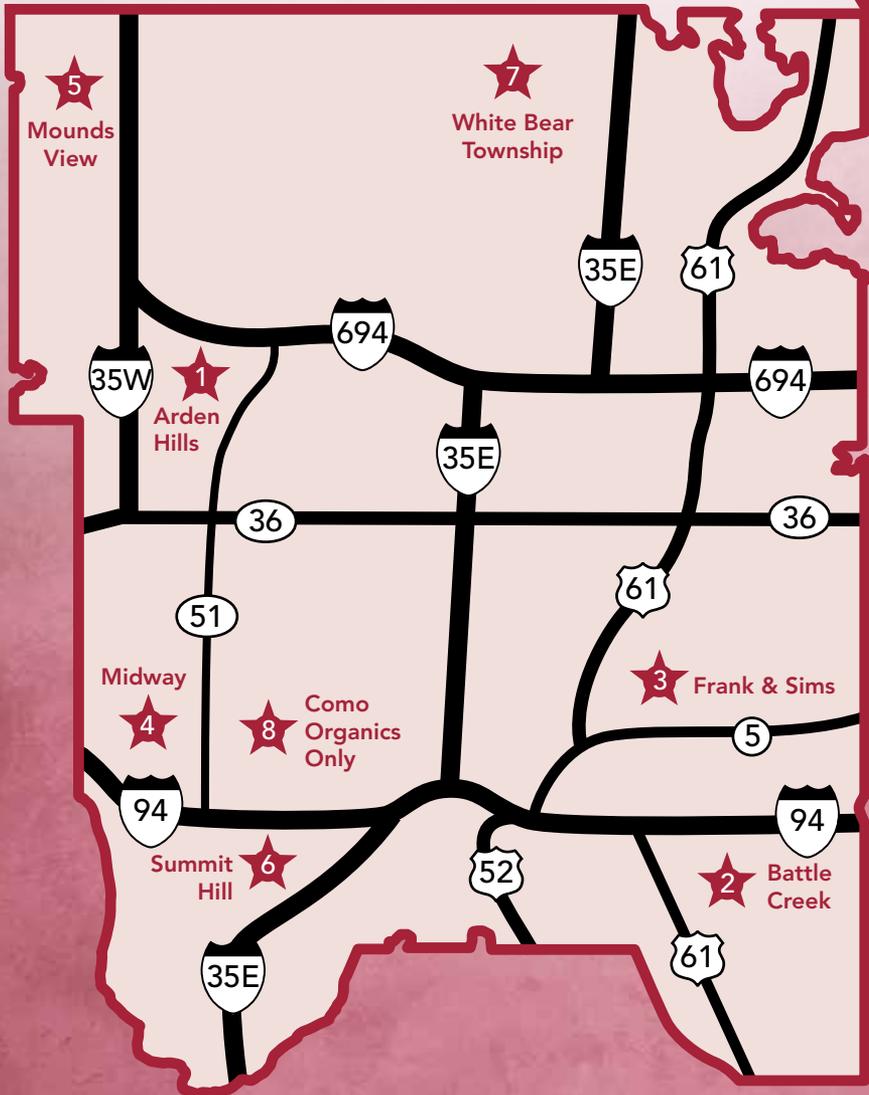
**April - November**

Mon., Wed., Fri. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturdays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sundays 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**THERE IS A YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITE NEAR YOU!**



# YARD WASTE COLLECTION SITES

## QUESTIONS?

**651-633-EASY  
(3279)**

Answered 24/7

Interpretive services  
available

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

**State law prohibits  
leaves, grass  
clippings, brush  
and other plant  
material from  
being mixed with  
your trash.**

## How to Recycle at yard waste sites in 3 Easy Steps

### STEP 1

Gather leaves, grass, brush and organic waste to be recycled. Detailed list of accepted items at [RamseyRecycles.com](http://RamseyRecycles.com).



### STEP 2

Bring gathered yard waste and organics to a Ramsey County drop-off site. See pg. 16 for hours and materials accepted at each site.



### STEP 3

Add yard waste to designated piles and organics collection bin. If you have any questions, ask a site monitor.



## RESTRICTIONS



### **Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Quarantine**

Ramsey County is included in the EAB quarantine. Residents cannot transport trees, branches or mulch, or hardwood firewood outside of the quarantine area.

To prevent the spread of EAB, please dispose of ash trees at a Ramsey County yard waste site (see pages 16-17).

For more information on EAB, go to [www.mda.state.mn.us/eab](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/eab).

# BACKYARD COMPOSTING



## Compost Bin Sale

The Recycling Association of Minnesota is selling compost bins for \$64+tax this year. Ramsey County residents can get an additional \$20 off!

To receive the discounted price, order online at [RecycleMinnesota.org](http://RecycleMinnesota.org) and enter promo code "ramsey". Or call 651-641-4589 and mention that you are a Ramsey County resident.

Pick up your pre-ordered bin on April 29 in Maplewood. Find additional dates and locations at [RecycleMinnesota.org](http://RecycleMinnesota.org).

## GREEN EVENTS



## 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 check out options for borrowing containers for free at [RamseyRecycles.com](http://RamseyRecycles.com). Portable containers are collapsible, and they come with custom signage and bags. Organics recycling containers are available, too.

Easy to follow instructions are on each container.

# FREE FIX-IT CLINICS

**Have broken stuff lying around?  
Don't trash it – fix it!**

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



Clinics are first come, first served. Items must be carry-in — no oversized items. Please bring any tools and parts that might be helpful to fix your item.

Here are some items we typically see at Fix-It Clinics:

- Clothing
- Fans
- Sewing Machines
- Coffee Makers
- Lamps
- Toasters
- DVD Players
- Radios
- Vacuum Cleaners

For dates and locations, visit [RamseyRecycles.com/FixItClinics](http://RamseyRecycles.com/FixItClinics).





**BEST  
IF  
USED.**

**EVERY AMERICAN WASTES  
290 POUNDS OF FOOD A YEAR**

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JUST DON'T WASTE IT.**

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