



**2021 APARTMENT  
RECYCLING GUIDE**

Materials you can recycle

Resources for managers and tenants

Additional programs to reduce waste

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# Recycling Guide



**DO NOT PUT RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS**

## PLASTIC CONTAINERS

**Empty and rinse.  
Replace caps.**



### Bottles and jugs:

- Water, soda, and juice bottles
- Milk and juice jugs
- Shampoo, soap, and lotion bottles

### Cups and containers:

- Yogurt, pudding, and fruit cups
- Margarine, cottage cheese, other tubs, and lids
- Clear plastic produce and clamshell containers

**NO: #3, #4, #6, #7 or black plastic, plastic bags, plastic film/wrappers, Styrofoam™, or containers larger than 3 gallons**

## METALS

**Empty and rinse.**

- Food and beverage cans
- Aluminum foil and trays
- Decorative tins and pie tins smaller than 3 gallons
- Empty aerosol cans



**NO: Paint or spray paint cans, propane cylinders, or helium tanks**

## GLASS

**Empty and rinse.  
Remove caps.**

- Food and beverage bottles and jars



**NO: Drinking glasses, window glass, ceramics, or mirrors**

## PAPER

- Office and school papers
- Newspapers and inserts
- Magazines, mail, and books



**NO: Shredded paper, paper egg cartons, paper plates, napkins, paper towels, or coffee cups**

## BOXES

**Empty and flatten.**

- Cardboard
- Delivery pizza boxes
- Cereal, cracker, shoe, and gift boxes
- Refrigerated food boxes
- Toiletry boxes



**NO: Frozen food boxes**

## CARTONS

**Empty and rinse.  
Replace caps.**

- Milk cartons
- Juice boxes
- Soup, broth, and wine cartons



**NO: Paper or Styrofoam™ egg cartons or ice cream cartons**

# Recycle Smart

Recycle Smart! These items are often put in recycling carts by mistake. Residents think these items can be recycled – but they can't. This is called "wish-cycling." These items can damage equipment, harm employees at recycling facilities, and/or do not have a market to be turned into new products.



**DO NOT PLACE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR RECYCLING CART OR DUMPSTER.**



**NO LARGE PLASTIC ITEMS**



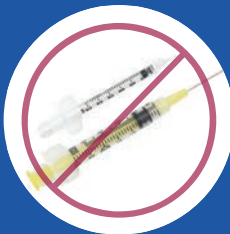
**NO PLASTIC BAGS**



**NO SCRAP METAL**



**NO CORDS OR TANGLERS**



**NO SHARP OBJECTS OR NEEDLES**



**NO FUEL OR PROPANE TANKS**



**NO HAZARDOUS WASTE**



**NO BATTERIES OR ELECTRONICS**



**NO TO-GO CONTAINERS**

# Resources for Managers & Tenants



## **Multi-unit property owners are required to provide recycling opportunities for tenants.**

The residential recycling program has an annual fee that is collected through the Ramsey County property taxes. The annual recycling fee is \$38.16 per unit for properties with 4 units or more. The fee pays for residential and public space recycling collection, a recycling drop-off center, program administration, carts/dumpsters, as well as education and outreach.

The City of Saint Paul's recycling program staff are available to provide educational materials and technical support to set up service and/or increase recycling participation at no additional cost.

## **Start Recycling**

If you don't have adequate recycling services, talk to your property manager or contact Eureka Recycling at 651-222-7678 to set up service.

## **Improve Recycling**

To help reduce contamination in your recycling carts or dumpsters such as garbage and plastic bags, the City can provide:

- » Educational posters, handouts, signs, and presentations
- » Small, in-unit recycling totes or reusable bags
- » On-site technical assistance

**To learn more or request resources, call 651-266-6199 or visit [stpaul.gov/apartmentrecycling](http://stpaul.gov/apartmentrecycling).**

## **Ramsey County Grant Program**

Free resources, technical assistance, and grant money are also available to help improve recycling at your building. Check out the opportunities at [BizRecycling.com](http://BizRecycling.com).

# Saint Paul Recycling

## Education Tags

If Eureka Recycling was unable to collect the recycling at your building they may leave an education tag. If you see a tag on your cart or dumpster, please notify your landlord or property manager to correct the problem.



## Cardboard Recycling

All cardboard must be flattened to fit loosely in your recycling cart or dumpster. If you have large amounts of cardboard, you can bring it to the Recycling Drop-Off Center.

## Recycling Drop-Off Center

Saint Paul residents and small businesses can bring recyclable materials, including flattened cardboard, to the Drop-Off Center. See a list of accepted materials on page 2.

### Recycling Drop-Off Center:

309 Como Avenue, Saint Paul  
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Where does my recycling go?

Saint Paul recyclables are processed at Eureka Recycling's Material Recovery Facility. Recyclables are sorted, then transported to end markets in the Midwest and North America, with over 80% of materials staying in Minnesota to be made into new products.



# Additional Resources

## Fix-It Clinics

Attend a Fix-It Clinic to learn how to repair small household appliances, clothing, electronics, and more! Volunteers help residents troubleshoot problems and fix items for free. Find locations at [RamseyRecycles.com/FixItClinics](https://www.RamseyRecycles.com/FixItClinics).



## The Minnesota Tool Library

Access low-cost tools and classes to help you complete automotive, carpentry, electrical, yard and garden, and plumbing repair projects. For more information, call 651-644-1882 or visit [mntoolibrary.org](https://www.mntoolibrary.org).

## Household Hazardous Waste

If a container has the words “caution,” “warning,” “danger,” or “poison” on the label and still has product inside, it is hazardous waste and it can never be put in your recycling or garbage. Use Ramsey County’s free household hazardous waste collection sites for safe disposal. Find more information, hours, and accepted items at [RamseyRecycles.com/HHW](https://www.RamseyRecycles.com/HHW).

## Product Reuse Center

Visit the Product Reuse Center at Ramsey County’s year-round household hazardous waste collection site for free paint, automotive products, household cleaners, and more! You can also donate your leftover products for others to use. Find details at [RamseyRecycles.com/HHW](https://www.RamseyRecycles.com/HHW).



# Additional Resources

## Plastic Bags and Film

Plastic bags and plastic film of any kind should not go in your recycling cart or dumpster. These items cause huge problems at recycling facilities. Clean and dry plastic bags and film can be taken to grocery or retail stores for recycling. There are drop-off locations throughout the City. For more information, visit [plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://plasticfilmrecycling.org).



## Electronic Waste

It is illegal to dispose of electronic waste, such as TVs, computers, and cell phones in the recycling or trash because many of these items contain hazardous materials. Drop these items off at a Citywide Drop-Off event or you can find more information at [RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ](http://RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ).

## Food Scraps (Organics) Recycling

Reducing food waste saves money and reduces pollution. Learn more at [stpaul.gov/foodwaste](http://stpaul.gov/foodwaste).

Collecting organic materials at home for composting is also a great way to reduce waste and recycle more! Saint Paul residents can collect food scraps and take them to one of six drop-off sites in the City. Find locations, starter kit information and a full list of acceptable materials at [stpaul.gov/organics](http://stpaul.gov/organics).



## Citywide Drop-Off Events

Saint Paul partners with local district councils to organize annual Citywide Drop-Off events where residents can properly dispose of large items and recycle materials not collected in the residential collection program. A brochure will be mailed to households with drop-off dates, locations, and details. Find information at [stpaul.gov/drop-offs](http://stpaul.gov/drop-offs).

## A to Z Recycling & Disposal Guide

Use Ramsey County's online recycling and disposal guide at [RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ](http://RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ) or call their 24/7 hotline at 651-633-EASY (3279). Before disposing of an item that is in good condition, check out opportunities to donate for reuse. Visit [RamseyRecycles.com/Reuse](http://RamseyRecycles.com/Reuse).