Saint Paul Recycling and Garbage Services



2020 Annual Guide for Residents

- Recycling programs and resources
- Garbage services and rates
- Waste reduction opportunities



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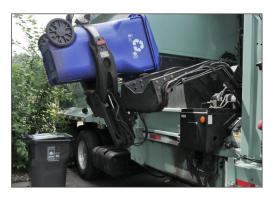




Recycling & Garbage Services

Protecting public health and safety is a top priority for the City of Saint Paul as we work with our haulers to minimize community spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Recycling and garbage services will continue as normal. Maintaining regular recycling and garbage collection is an essential city service, and we continue to work with Eureka Recycling and the St. Paul Haulers to monitor and minimize any potential impact to service.

Please note: Some programs and partners might have limited or modified programs and services. Please call or check websites to get the latest information and hours of operation.



The City of Saint Paul contracts with Eureka Recycling and the St. Paul Haulers, LLC, to provide citywide recycling and garbage services to residential properties. Having residents participate in the City's recycling and garbage programs helps Saint Paul track and meet our community's waste diversion goals and improves the livability and safety of our neighborhoods.



Recycling is collected weekly in Cityowned, blue recycling carts. Recycling collection services are provided to all residents living in single family homes through multi-unit apartments. Garbage is collected weekly or every other week in City-owned, gray garbage carts for residents living in 1-4 unit properties.

What's New in 2020:

- Clothes and linens are no longer accepted with recycling collection (p. 7)
- Shredded paper is no longer accepted with recycling collection (p. 5)
- Decrease in garbage rates (p.12)

For more information visit **stpaul.gov/recycle** or **stpaul.gov/garbage**.

Making a Positive Impact



stpaul.gov/all-in

The City of Saint Paul is "All In" when it comes to sustainable waste management. Together with residents we are working towards a goal of 50% reuse or recycling of material collected by 2021.

The All In Program provides outreach and Saint Paul Recycling & Solid Waste Services education to Saint Paul residents to promote sustainability and efficient use of resources.

2019 All In Program at a Glance:

- 28% of material collected from residential 1-4 unit properties was recycled or reused.
- 23,865 tons was collected from residents and at the recycling drop-off center for recycling.
- 454 tons of material was recycled or disposed of properly through the citywide drop-off events.
- 1,275 tons of residential yardwaste and 506 tons of household organics were collected for composting.
- 56,484 tons of garbage was collected from more than 71,000 households; 16,881 bulky items were collected.

Where does my recycling and garbage go?

Recyclables are processed and sorted at Eureka Recycling's Material Recovery Facility and transported to markets in the Twin Cities metro area, the Midwest, and North America to be made into new consumer products.

Garbage collected in the City of Saint Paul goes to the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Center (R&E Center). The material is processed to produce fuel used by Xcel Energy. The material processed generates enough electricity to power 40,000 homes.





Recycling Guide

Do not put recyclables in plastic bags!

Plastic Containers

#1, #2, #5 Empty and rinse. Replace caps.

Bottles and jugs:

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



Cups and Containers:

- Yogurt, pudding, & fruit cups
- Margarine, cottage cheese, other tubs, & lids
- Plastic produce & takeout containers

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

Metal

Empty and rinse.

- Food & beverage cans
- Aluminum foil & trays



• Empty aerosol cans *New*

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

Glass

Empty and rinse. Remove caps.

Food and beverage bottles & jars



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

Paper

- Office & school papers
- Newspapers & inserts
- Magazines, mail, & phone 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 & gift boxes
- Crispix Fiscalt
- Refrigerated food boxes
- Toiletry boxes

NO: Frozen food boxes

Cartons and Cardboard Cans

Empty and rinse. Replace caps.

- Milk cartons
- Juice boxes
- Soup, broth, and wine cartons
- Chips, nuts, & other snack cans



NO: Paper or Styrofoam[™]egg cartons or ice cream cartons

Recycle Smart

Do not place these items in your recycling cart:



No Plastic Bags



No Cords or Tanglers



No Sharp Objects or Needles



No Fuel or Propane Tanks



No Hazardous Waste



No Batteries or Electronics

Place recyclable items loosely in your cart.







Recycle Smart



No large plastic items



No random metal items



Cardboard Recycling

All cardboard must be flattened to fit loosely in your recycling cart. If you have large amounts of cardboard you can bring it to the Recycling Drop-off Center located at 309 Como Avenue in Saint Paul.



Plastic Bag Recycling

Do not place plastic bags in your recycling cart. Plastic bags and film of any kind are not accepted because they create hazards at recycling facilities. Avoid using plastic bags by bringing reusable bags to the store. To find a drop-off recycling location for plastic bags and film, visit **plasticfilmrecycling.org**.



Stay Connected

Sign-up for service updates by email, text, or phone by visiting **EurekaRecycling.org**.

Quickly find out if an item is allowed in your recycling cart. Download Eureka Recycling's free app from the Apple or Google Play store.

UPDATE Clothes and linens are no longer accepted for recycling collection due to collection difficulties and poor market conditions. Clothes and linens in good condition can be donated. For a list of locations visit RamseyRecycles.com/Reuse.

Garbage Services





Do not put needles, hazardous waste, yard waste, or electronic waste inside your garbage cart.

Garbage Collection



Saint Paul has a citywide garbage collection system where each 1-4 unit property has a designated garbage hauler and collection day. Residents choose their garbage cart size and collection frequency to best meet their household garbage needs.

To find your collection day and your garbage hauler's phone number, visit **stpaul.gov/garbagemap**.

For the 2020 Collection Schedule, visit **stpaul.gov/garbage**.

Garbage Billing

Quarterly Garbage Service Billing

Bills Sent

January, April July, October Bills are sent for three month service periods (quarterly). Garbage haulers mail quarterly bills by the 5th of the first month of each quarter.



Payment Due

January, April July, October Payment is due to the hauler by the 25th of the billing month. Payments are made to the garbage hauler.



Late Fees

5% added per month

A 5% late fee is added to unpaid balances at the end of each month of the billing cycle for any outstanding accounts.



City Assessment

New Notice Sent Payment to City At the end of the billing period (3 months) past due accounts are sent to the city for processing through the Ramsey County Property Tax system.



Illegal Dumping

If someone has illegally dumped garbage or large items on your property, you are responsible for properly disposing of the items. Please report illegal dumping in an alley or public right of way to the City's Department of Safety and Inspections at 651-266-8989.

Keep Our City Beautiful, Don't Dump!

Bulky Items

Bulky items include anything that is too large to fit inside or is prohibited by law from being placed in your garbage and recycling carts such as: mattresses, furniture, appliances, and electronics.

The Citywide Garbage Collection Program includes a number of bulky pick-ups per residential property each calendar year.

- > Small carts 2 bulky items
- Medium and large carts 3 bulky items



Additional bulky items can be collected for a fee, ranging \$10-\$55 plus tax. Price lists can be found at **stpaul.gov/bulky**. Residents can also bring bulky items to a Citywide Drop-Off event, for details visit **stpaul.gov/drop-offs**.



If your bulky item is in good working condition explore other options to donate, reuse, or recycle it whenever possible. For more information visit **RamseyRecycles.com/Reuse**.

Bulky Item Collection Steps

- 1. Contact your garbage hauler to schedule collection.
 - The scheduled collection may be different than your normal collection day.
 - All pick-ups will be scheduled within seven days of your request.

2. Place your bulky item out for collection

- Do not place the bulky item in your garbage cart.
- Place bulky item(s) beside your garbage cart at your regular collection location, following hauler instructions.
- Bulky items must not have any food or liquids in them.
- No construction or demolition materials are accepted.



One live holiday tree can be collected per residential property unit each year at no additional cost between January 2-15. If it meets the requirements, it will not count as a bulky item. Details at **stpaul.gov/garbage**.

Service Holds & Walk Up Service

Service Holds

Temporary Service Holds: Contact your Hauler

During temporary absences residents can request a suspension of garbage service. These holds can be placed twice per calendar year for a minimum of two weeks and a total of up to 26 weeks.



Requests must be made to your hauler at least two weeks prior to the start date of the Temporary Service Hold. If the service hold goes into effect mid-billing cycle, you will see a credit on your next quarterly garbage bill once the service resumes. To learn more and to access forms visit **stpaul.gov/servicehold.**

Unoccupied Dwelling Unit: Contact the City

If you own a property and have a unit that will be vacant for an extended period, you can request an Unoccupied Dwelling Registration Form by contacting the City's Garbage Program at 651-266-6101; garbage haulers cannot process these requests. These will be evaluated annually. To learn more and to access forms visit **stpaul.gov/servicehold.**

Walk-Up Service

If you have physical limitations which prevent you from taking your cart to the curb or alley, you can request walkup service from your garbage hauler at no additional cost.



If you do not meet the criteria as a less able-bodied individual, you can request walk-up service for an additional fee:

- Less than 100 feet: \$25/month, plus tax
- More than 100 feet: \$50/month, plus tax

Contact your garbage hauler to request this service or get a request form to send to your garbage hauler at **stpaul.gov/walkup**.

Walk-up service is also available for recycling from Eureka Recycling. You can set up service by calling Eureka Recycling at 651-222-7678.

Annual Fees & Garbage Rates

The residential recycling program and citywide garbage program each have an annual fee that is collected through your Ramsey County property taxes.

The annual recycling fee is \$58.20 per unit for 1-3 unit properties and \$36.16 per unit for properties with 4 units and more. This fee supports residential and public space recycling collection, a recycling drop-off center, program administration, carts, education, and outreach.



2020 Garbage Service Levels and Prices

Your quarterly garbage service bill is mailed by your garbage hauler and includes all county and state taxes.

Cart Size:	Collection Frequency:	# Bulky Items Included (per calendar year)	Quarterly Rates:
Small	Every other week	2	\$57.60/quarter
Small	Every week	2	\$67.29/quarter
Medium	Every week	3	\$93.09/quarter
Large	Every week	3	\$99.45/quarter

Collection Information

Find Your Collection Day

Most Saint Paul neighborhoods receive recycling and garbage collection service on the same day. To find your garbage or recycling collection day, as well as your hauler's contact information call 651-266-6101 or visit **stpaul.gov/garbagemap**.



Missed Collection

If your recycling or garbage cart(s) were set out correctly by 6 a.m. but not collected by 8 p.m. on your collection day, please call Eureka Recycling or your garbage hauler by noon the following day to report a missed collection.

If you missed placing your garbage out for collection, you can contact your garbage hauler and schedule a special "return service" collection. The service fee is \$40 plus tax per collection.

Additional winter collection information can be found on page 15 or online at **stpaul.gov/wintercollection**.

Holiday Collection

Your regular recycling and garbage collection will be delayed one day if it falls on or after the following holidays:

- Memorial Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- 4th of July
- Christmas Day
- Labor Day
- New Year's Day

To find or print a 2020 Holiday Collection Schedule in a calendar format, visit **stpaul.gov/garbage**.

Education Tags

If your hauler was unable to collect your recycling or garbage, they may leave an education tag on your cart. If you receive a tag, please correct the issue for your next collection day.



Collection Guidelines

Correct Cart Placement

- On your scheduled collection day, place carts at the edge of the alley or curb by 6 a.m. with the openings facing the street.
- All materials must fit inside the carts, with the lids closed.
- Leave two feet of space between the carts and other objects such as trees, fences, garages, and snow piles.
- Do not place carts in the street. Keep them on a driveway or boulevard.
- Remove carts from the curb within 24 hours after your collection day.



• If you have an alley collection, make sure house numbers are posted and visible on your garage or the back of your house.

Changing Your Cart Size

Residents can contact Eureka Recycling to change cart sizes or request additional carts at no charge.

Property owners can change their garbage cart size once per year at no cost; additional changes are \$25. Contact your garbage hauler to request a cart change.

Damaged Carts

The recycling and garbage carts are the property of the City of Saint Paul. Do not paint or alter your carts. If your carts are damaged because of animals, accidents, or regular wear and tear, they will be repaired or replaced at no charge.

Contact Eureka Recycling or your garbage hauler to report a damaged cart.



Winter Collection Guidelines

Cart Placement Winter Guidelines

Clear snow and ice from around carts.







Place carts on flat ground, not on snowbanks. Prevent carts from freezing by not placing them in large puddles.







Put carts on curb or driveway. Carts in the street interfere with snow plowing.







Sign Up for Saint Paul Snow Emergency Alerts

Snow Emergencies do not necessarily impact your regular collection.



- Call 651-266-PLOW (7569) for a recorded message to hear if the city has declared a Snow Emergency.
- Visit stpaul.gov/snow to learn more about Saint Paul's winter parking rules.
- Sign up for Snow Emergency alert emails and texts (available in English, Spanish, Hmong, or Somali) or download the free app at stpaul.gov/snow.

The City of Saint Paul does not plow alleys. Please work with your neighbors to keep your alley plowed and accessible during winter months.

Reduce and Reuse



Creating Low-Waste Events

Use Saint Paul's free resources to reduce waste and recycle more at your public or private events. Reserve containers and find links to required forms and waste management planning guides at **stpaul.gov/eventrecycling**.

Container Lending Program

Recycling and organics containers are available to help reduce waste at your gatherings and events.



Waste Management Resource Guide

This guide has ideas and information to help you reduce waste at large and small community gatherings and events.

Waste Management Plan

As part of Saint Paul's event permitting process, organizers of events, parades, races, and public gatherings are required to submit a waste management plan to the city.



Product Reuse Center

Free paint, automobile products, household cleaners, and more! Product availability varies.

Visit the Product Reuse Center at Ramsey County's year-round household hazardous waste collection site.

Bay West, Inc. 5 Empire Dr, Saint Paul



Before disposing of an item, consider if it can be reused or donated. For a list of donation locations, visit **RamseyRecycles.com/Reuse**.

Repair and 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 the problem and fix the items. Find details at RamseyRecycles.com/FixItClinics.



The Minnesota Tool Library

Visit to access low-cost tools and classes to help you complete automotive, carpentry, electrical, yard and garden, and plumbing projects. For more information, call 651-644-1882 or visit **mntoollibrary.org**.



ComeClean! Program

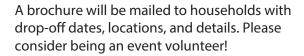
Saint Paul encourages community members to help clean, beautify, and improve their neighborhoods by reducing litter.

Community groups, families, clubs, and organizations can adopt a specific block(s), adopt a public trash container, or organize a one-time litter clean up event. To learn more, call 651-266-6199 or visit **stpaul.gov/come-clean**.



Citywide Drop-Off Events

Saint Paul partners with local district councils to organize annual Citywide Drop-Off Events. Residents can properly dispose of large items, recycle materials not collected in the residential collection program, and share usable goods with others.



Find more information at stpaul.gov/drop-offs.



Additional Resources



A to Z Recycling and Disposal Guide

An online listing of how and where to recycle and properly dispose of items. Visit, **RamseyRecycles. com/AtoZ** or call their 24/7 hotline at 651-633-EASY (3279). Interpretive services are available.



Electronic Waste

It is illegal to dispose of electronic waste, such as TV's, 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 RamseyRecyles.com/AtoZ.



Medicine Collection Sites

Safely dispose of unwanted, expired, and unused medication for free at the Ramsey County Law Enforcement Center or at a Ramsey County public drop box. Safe disposal of unwanted medicine helps prevent crime, drug abuse, and accidental poisoning. Help protect our environment by never flushing medication down the drain or disposing of them in the garbage. You can find more information at RamseyRecycles.com/medicine.



Free Recycling Drop-Off Center

Saint Paul residents and small businesses can bring their recycable materials, including large amounts of cardboard, to the Drop-Off Center. See a list of accepted materials on page 5.

> Advanced Disposal 309 Como Avenue, Saint Paul Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. - noon

Household Hazardous Waste

If a container has the words "Caution," "Warning," "Danger," or "Poison" on the label and still has product inside, it does not belong in the garbage. Use Ramsey County's free household hazardous waste collection sites for safe disposal.

Ramsey County Year-Round Collection Site

Bay West, Inc. - 5 Empire Dr, Saint Paul

April - November Hours

Tuesday - Friday: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday - Monday: Closed

December - March Hours

Friday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday - Thursday: Closed

Photo ID required. For mobile collection sites from April-October, visit RamseyRecycles.com/HHW.

Accepted Items

Automotive Products

- Antifreeze
- **Automotive** fluids
- Gasoline
- Lead-acid batteries
- Oil filters
- Used oil

Household **Products**

- Adhesives
- Aerosols
- Cleaners
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Mercury-containing items
- **Paint**
- Rechargeable batteries
- Stains and varnishes

Lawn and Garden Products

- Bug Killers/ Repellents
- Herbicides
- Pesticides
- Pool chemicals
- Weed killer

Personal Care Products

- Nail polish
- Hair spray
- Perfume and cologne

Needles/syringes

Recreational Products

- Cell phones
- Propane tanks
- String lights



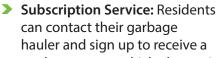


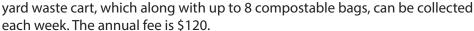
Residential Yard Waste

Collection Service

Optional yard waste collection is available each year from April 15 – November 30, for an additional fee. Tree stumps, dirt, and rocks are not accepted in yard waste collection.

There are two service options:





Please note: If you had a yard waste subscription for your property in 2019, the annual subscription service was automatically renewed.

Non-Subscription Service: Residents can set out a compostable bag or bundle of yard waste near their garbage cart for a fee of \$3 per bag/bundle, plus tax. Contact your garbage hauler to request this garbage service at least 48 hours before your regular collection day.



Household Organics

More than 30% of residential garbage is food scraps and other organic material. You can reduce the amount of these materials in your garbage with the household organics program.

Ramsey County offers a free starter kit for residents who want to recycle food scraps and other compostable materials. The kit includes a small kitchen caddy, compostable bags, and helpful tips.

Pick up a starter kit at one of the Ramsey County yard waste sites. For a full list of accepted household organics and collection sites visit **stpaul.gov/organics**.



Accepted Household Organics

Food Scraps Soiled Paper BPI Certified Compostable Products

- Fruits & Vegetables
- Meat & Seafood
- Dairy Products
- Coffee Grounds
- Napkins
- Paper Towels
- Paper Egg Cartons
- Paper Coffee Filters
- Paper Tea Bags

Compostable Products
 Products with the BPI

certified label: bowls, utensils, cups and more.



Drop-	Off Sites in Saint Paul:	Leaves & Grass	Trees & Shrubs	Organics Recycling
Community Drop-Off Sites	Mac-Groveland Organics Site Off Grand Ave. near Macalester St. *Sign up required. Visit macgrove.org Como Park Organics Site 1149 Beulah Ln.			Ť
Ramsey County Yard Waste Sites RamseyRecycles.com	Summit Hill 870 Pleasant Ave Battle Creek 389 S Winthrop St Midway 1943 Pierce Butler Rt. Frank and Sims 1150 Sims Ave		* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	* * * *

Moving or Selling Your Property

When you sell your Saint Paul property, there are a few steps to take to make sure your garbage and recycling services are properly transferred to the new owner.

- Keep all recycling and garbage carts at the property.
- You do not need to contact Eureka Recycling to start or cancel service.
 If there is not a recycling cart on the property, contact Eureka Recycling at 651-222-7678 to have a recycling cart delivered at no cost.
- Contact your garbage hauler when the property is legally transferred/sold to the new owner to update the billing contact name.

Seller

- Pay all quarterly garbage bills in full. You will receive a refund for garbage service occurring after the buyer takes legal ownership of the property.
- Call your garbage hauler to report the sale providing them with the official closing date.
- Leave all carts in a secure location on the property.
- At closing, verify with the buyer, that as the seller you have contacted the garbage hauler to notify them of the sale of the property, closing date, and transfer of name on the garbage service bill.
- Contact your garbage hauler to confirm transfer of the account.

Buyer

- Find your new garbage hauler and collection day by entering your new property address at: stpaul.gov/garbagemap.
- Review and choose a garbage service level that will meet your household needs.
- Contact your garbage hauler to set up an account and select cart service level. You can make changes in cart size and service level one time per calendar year at no additional cost.
- Verify with the seller that the property currently has one garbage cart per unit on-site.
- At closing, confirm with the seller that the garbage hauler has been contacted, the service transferred, and all outstanding bills and/or additional service charges paid in full.
- Contact your garbage hauler to confirm transfer of the account.
- As the property owner you are responsible for the quarterly garbage bill for the time in which you own the residence. Please work with your closing company to verify that all outstanding charges are paid at closing.

Contact Information

Recycling

Call Eureka Recycling with service related issues or questions.
651-222-7678
info@eurekarecycling.org

Download the Eureka Recycling App!

Receive timely alerts and search what can and can't be recycled. Use this tool online at **eurekarecycling.org** or download the app by searching "Eureka Recycling" in the Apple or Google Play app store.

For additional waste reduction, recycling and disposal information contact Saint Paul's Recycling Information Line at 651-266-6199 or visit **stpaul.gov/recycle.**

Garbage

Call your hauler for service and billing issues. To find your garbage hauler, visit stpaul.com/garbagemap.

Advanced Disposal:	763-786-7233
Aspen Waste Systems:	612-884-8008
Gene's Disposal Service:	651-426-1224
Highland Sanitation:	651-458-0043
Republic Services:	651-286-4590
Waste Management:	763-784-8349

For additional garbage program related questions contact Saint Paul's Garbage Program by calling 651-266-6101, emailing garbage@stpaul.gov, or visiting **stpaul.gov/garbage**.

Ramsey County

For additional waste reduction, recycling and disposal information and resources, contact Ramsey County at: 651-633-EASY (3279) or **RamseyRecycles.com**.

25 W 4th St - City Hall Annex 1500 City of Saint Paul Public Works Saint Paul, MN 55102







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Questions?

Information is available in 170 different languages. Call for interpreters.

Recycling: 651-222-7678 Garbage: 651-266-6101

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