

Recycling saves Ramsey, Washington County businesses thousands

To help local businesses improve their recycling and food waste collection, Ramsey and Washington counties started [BizRecycling](#). Through the BizRecycling program, businesses and apartment buildings can access free resources and assistance. This includes free consultations with recycling experts, grants of up to \$20,000 to reduce waste, start or enhance recycling and food waste collections, and free labels for recycling, food scraps collection (organics recycling) and trash bins.

Why Should Businesses Recycle?

When businesses of all sizes maximize their recycling efforts, there are many benefits that include:

- **Cost savings** – By recycling and composting, a business may require a smaller trash container, less frequent trash pickups, or both.
- **Tax savings** – Trash bills for businesses not only include a fee for trash hauling, but also county and state taxes. These taxes total 70% in Ramsey County, and 53% in Washington County. However, there is no tax in these counties on traditional recycling or food scraps collection. That means the more a business recycles, the greater it's tax savings.
- **Environmental benefits** – More than 30% of what goes into the trash is food scraps and other organic waste. Removing this material from the trash and converting it to soil and energy puts resources back into the environment.
- **Customer relations** – According to research, consumers are more likely to support and purchase from businesses that recycle than from businesses that do not.
- **Health benefits** – Businesses can substantially improve their sanitation and protect public health and safety by placing food scraps and other organic waste into closed, leak-proof, durable and reusable recycling containers for composting.

Businesses in Ramsey and Washington counties have free access to recycling experts, who are available to work with you and assist your business in designing a new recycling program or enhancing your existing one. Getting started is as easy as calling 651-266-1199 or [filling out a brief form](#) on the BizRecycling website.