

Recycle your scraps at home with help from Ramsey County

Ramsey County makes it easy for residents to recycle [food scraps and other organic waste](#) for free by providing convenient drop-off locations throughout the county. Twenty percent of what goes into the trash is food waste. Recycling food waste converts it to compost, which puts nutrients back into the soil. Ramsey County collection sites enable people to drop off food scraps that would otherwise be thrown in the trash – these are then processed into compost and used in gardening and landscaping.

Collecting your [food scraps](#) is as easy as 1-2-3

1. Get a free starter kit

The kit includes a 2-gallon bin with a locking cover, compostable bags, tips for success and a food scraps collection punch card.

2. Line your bin with a compostable bag and add food scraps

Use the free compostable bags from your starter kit and start filling.

3. Bring your bagged food scraps to a Ramsey County collection site

Deposit your bag(s) in the food scraps dumpster at the collection site. Be sure to ask the site attendant for more free compostable bags at the yard waste sites. There will be bags inside the enclosure at the 24/7 collection sites. Bring the punch card to a yard waste site after five food scraps drop-offs and you'll receive a free "Ramsey Recycles" t-shirt!