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Recycling saves Ramsey, Washington County businesses thousands

To help local businesses improve their recycling, Ramsey and Washington counties started the [BizRecycling program](#). Through BizRecycling businesses can access free resources and assistance, including: grants of up to \$10,000 to start or enhance recycling programs, free recycling consulting, and free labels for recycling, organics (food scraps) and trash bins.

Why Should Businesses Recycle?

There are many benefits for businesses of all sizes when they maximize their recycling efforts:

- **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 waste stream and converting it to soil and energy enables us to recover maximum value and best protect the environment.
- **Customer relations** – According to research, consumers are more likely to support and purchase from a business that recycles than 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 county-approved recycling experts, who are available to work with you and assist your business in designing a new recycling program or enhancing your existing one. Plus, getting started is as easy as calling 651-266-1199 or [filling out a brief form](#) on the BizRecycling website.