



# 2025 Resident Disposal Guide

The City of Saint Paul provides education, resources, and services for residents to reduce, reuse, recycle, and safely dispose of materials.



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*INSIDE: Important updates on your  
garbage and recycling services.*



## Using Your Carts



Leave three feet of space between carts and other objects, such as fences, garages, and vehicles. Do not place carts in the street or on snow piles. Clear ice and snow from around the cart. Place carts within four feet of curb or alley line.

### RECYCLING CART

- ✓ All recyclables must fit inside the cart with the lid closed. Overfilled carts may not be collected.
- ✓ Place extra recycling in paper grocery bags next to the cart; there is no charge.
- ✓ No plastic bags.
- ✓ Cardboard must be flattened or cut small enough to fit in the cart.

### GARBAGE CART

- ✓ Lid must be closed. Overfilled carts will be charged for extra bags.
- ✓ Extra garbage bags should be set next to the cart and will be collected at a rate of \$4 per bag + tax. Bags must not exceed 30-gallons or 35 pounds.
- ✓ All garbage must be bagged and tied.



To find your hauler information or collection day, visit [stpaul.gov/collectionmap](http://stpaul.gov/collectionmap).

Place carts with opening facing the street or alley by 6 a.m. on your collection day.



# Recycling Guidelines

Put these items in your recycling cart.

## Plastic Containers #1, #2, and #5

Empty and rinse. Replace caps.



- Plastic food, beverage, and toiletry containers



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

## Metal Containers

Empty and rinse.



- Steel, aluminum, & empty aerosol cans
- Aluminum foil and trays
- Pie and decorative tins smaller than 3 gallons



**NO** aerosol cans that contained hazardous or flammable materials like paint or fuel tanks and cylinders

## Paper and Boxes

Flatten boxes.



- Office paper, magazines, newspapers, and books
- Cardboard and pizza delivery boxes
- Food, beverage, toiletry, and shoe boxes



**NO** shredded paper, egg cartons, paper plates, napkins, or frozen food boxes

## Glass

Empty and rinse. Remove caps.



- Food and beverage bottles and jars



**NO** drinking glasses, window glass, ceramics, or mirrors

## Cartons

Empty and rinse. Replace caps.



- Milk, soup, broth, wine cartons
- Juice boxes



**NO** paper or Styrofoam™ egg cartons, ice cream cartons, or straws



## Yard Waste and Organics

Yard waste and organics (food scraps) can be brought to drop-off locations for composting at no charge. Food scraps should be in compostable bags or paper bags. To see the chart for accepted items and drop-off locations, visit [stpaul.gov/organics](http://stpaul.gov/organics). Residents can also compost in their backyard, creating nutrients for your lawn and garden. The City offers a number of backyard composting workshops each year; events can be found at [stpaul.gov/composting](http://stpaul.gov/composting).

Annual yard waste collection is available from April 1 - November 30 for an additional cost to residents with the Citywide Garbage Program. The 2025 fee is \$119.06. The enrollment deadline is March 31. Yard waste services will be billed as a separate fee and charged annually. Yard waste charges will not be pro-rated. Residents can also request a one-time pickup of yard waste bags for \$4.00 plus tax, per bag or bundle. For more information, visit [stpaul.gov/yardwaste](http://stpaul.gov/yardwaste).

### Yard Waste

*Yard waste cannot be placed in your garbage cart.*



leaves



grass



trees



shrubs

### Organics (Food Scraps)

*If you are unable to bring these to an organics drop-off, they may be placed in your garbage cart.*



fruits



vegetables



meat



seafood



bones



dairy products



coffee grounds

Uneaten food accounts for **more than 20%** of residential garbage.

Tips on food waste reduction can be found at [stpaul.gov/foodwaste](http://stpaul.gov/foodwaste).

## Waste Reduction Resources

### Container Lending Program

The City can provide garbage, recycling, and organics (food scraps) containers along with tips to host a low-waste event. For more details on our Container Lending program, visit [stpaul.gov/eventrecycling](http://stpaul.gov/eventrecycling).

### Ramsey County A to Z Green Guide

Before disposing of an item, consider if it can be repaired, donated, or sold. Ramsey County's online guide provides information on options for reuse, donation, recycling, and disposal of almost any item. Learn more about where to properly dispose of your items at [RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ](http://RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ).

### Don't Trash It – Fix it!

Ramsey County offers free monthly Fix-it Clinics. At these events, residents can bring small household items, clothing, electronics, and other items that need repair. Volunteers will help you repair your item. Find details, locations, and event dates at [RamseyRecycles.com/FixItClinics](http://RamseyRecycles.com/FixItClinics).

### Apartment Recycling

The City can provide property owners, landlords, and property management companies resources to assist their tenants and increase recycling. These resources include on-site assistance, posters, handouts, reusable totes and bags, presentations, and more. To make a request, visit [stpaul.gov/apartmentcollection](http://stpaul.gov/apartmentcollection).



## Litter and Illegal Dumping

### Saint Paul Litter Programs

To help address the ongoing problem of litter in our community, Saint Paul encourages community members to help clean, beautify, and improve our neighborhoods. The City offers numerous ways to support residents who want to collect and prevent litter.

#### Ways to Get Involved

- 1 Organize a litter clean-up event.** You supply the time, energy, and enthusiasm; the City will supply the garbage bags, gloves, and collection of bagged waste if it is pre-scheduled.
- 2 Adopt-A-Block.** The Adopt-A-Block program is for residents who are committed to regularly cleaning up a portion of their neighborhood. You agree to a two-year commitment of 12 clean-ups per year; the City will supply the garbage bags, gloves, and collect bagged waste if pre-scheduled.
- 3 Participate in a City or District Council clean-up.** The City will host four regional clean-ups in 2025 and is partnering with several district councils to organize many more.
  - May 10 - East Side of Saint Paul
  - July 15 or 16 - Downtown Saint Paul
  - August 16 - Midway/University Corridor neighborhoods
  - September 20 - Macalester Groveland/Highland Park neighborhoods

To sign up for a clean-up event, find clean-up dates, or for more information, visit [stpaul.gov/litterprograms](http://stpaul.gov/litterprograms).

#### Illegal Dumping

If you see large items, like tires, mattresses, furniture, or electronics that have been illegally dumped on public property, you can dispose of them as a bulky item or report the items and location to the City for collection. Call 651-266-6101 or use our online form at [stpaul.gov/garbageandrecycling](http://stpaul.gov/garbageandrecycling).

### Bulky Items

“Bulky Items” are anything that is too large to fit inside of, or is prohibited by law from being placed in, your garbage cart. Examples include furniture, appliances, and electronics.

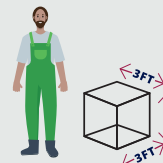
1-4-unit properties receive 1 item per month, per unit

- Item not to exceed one cubic yard (about the size of a standard oven).
- Additional or larger items will be collected for \$30.00 per item.

Bulkies need to be scheduled by contacting the City two business days in advance of your collection day.

- Once scheduled, set out bulky on collection day by 6 a.m.
- Place item(s) next to your garbage cart, but not touching or leaning against it.

What does  
one cubic  
yard look like?



## Disposing of Large Items

### Mattresses

All Saint Paul residential properties can schedule mattress and box spring collection at no additional cost. The City of Saint Paul is partnering with Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy and Second Chance Recycling to offer mattress recycling at no additional charge to residents. Through this partnership, 9,292 mattresses were recycled in 2024.

#### Accepted for Recycling

- Mattresses
- Box springs
- Metal bed frames

#### Not Accepted for Recycling

- Mechanical beds
- Bed furniture such as headboards and footboards

#### Schedule Mattress Collection

**1-4 unit properties:** Can schedule mattress pickup directly with Second Chance Recycling at [secondchancerecyclingmn.com/curbside-collection-program](http://secondchancerecyclingmn.com/curbside-collection-program) or by calling 612-230-7524.

**Multi-unit (5 units or more):** Owners or managers should schedule mattress pickup for rental properties through Sustainable Synergy Solutions LLC at [bizrecycling.com/contact](http://bizrecycling.com/contact).

### Tires

Tires are not accepted in garbage carts or as bulky items.

#### Tire disposal options:

- Tire dealers accept and dispose of worn tires when you purchase new ones from them.
- Many tire dealers accept tires for a fee, even if you did not buy new tires there. Call in advance to confirm what is accepted and check fees.
- Residents can request tire pickup between May and September 2025. To request a pickup, 651-645-9149 or complete the form at [mmcd.org/tire-recycling](http://mmcd.org/tire-recycling).
- Search other options in the A to Z Green Guide at [RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ](http://RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ).

### Electronics

Residents can recycle televisions, computers, and devices that connect to them, such as DVD players, keyboards, and printers for free at the Ramsey County Environmental Center (1700 Kent St). For drop-off hours and other details, visit [RamseyRecycles.com/Electronics](http://RamseyRecycles.com/Electronics).

#### Household Hazardous Waste

Residents can also drop off hazardous waste at the Environmental Center. This includes batteries, bulbs, cleaning products, electrical cords, lawn chemicals, paint, and needles. Visit [RamseyRecycles.com/EC](http://RamseyRecycles.com/EC).



The City does not collect items that are on private property.



# City Garbage and Recycling Services

The City of Saint Paul now provides customer service for all garbage and recycling inquiries including: account setup and changes, billing and payment, cart requests, missed collections, recycling resources, and programming information.

All residential properties with 1-4 units are required to have garbage services through the Citywide Garbage Program. Service options will be the same regardless of garbage hauler.

- All 1-4-unit properties will have a new garbage hauler starting April 1, 2025.
  - FCC Environmental will service 90% of these properties.
  - City of Saint Paul Public Works will service 10% of these properties.

The City contracts with private haulers to provide recycling services to all residential properties. The City of Saint Paul requires that property owners have recycling available on site for tenants per Code of Ordinance 357.09.

- 1-4-unit properties continue to have Eureka Recycling as their service provider.
- 5+ unit property's recycling service provider changed November 1, 2024 to FCC Environmental Services.

## Coming Soon - Cart Sharing!

**Coming in late 2025:** Multi-unit cart sharing applications will open in October 2025 with an earliest start date of January 1, 2026. Our website will be updated as more information becomes available.



## Service Holds

### Temporary Service Holds

During temporary absences, residents can request a suspension of garbage service. Holds can be placed twice per calendar year for a minimum of four weeks up to a yearly total of 26 weeks.

Requests must be made at least two weeks prior to the start of the Temporary Service Hold.

### Unoccupied Dwelling Registration

Contact the City to register your property as unoccupied if you have a unit that will be vacant for more than 26 weeks.

Service hold requests and unoccupied dwelling registrations are not needed for recycling service.

To learn more and to request a service hold visit [stpaul.gov/servicehold](https://stpaul.gov/servicehold).

## Walk-up Services

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

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

- Less than 100 feet: \$275 annually, plus tax
- More than 100 feet: \$350 annually, plus tax

To apply for walk-up service, call the City at 651-266-6101 or complete the online form at [stpaul.gov/walkup](https://stpaul.gov/walkup).



# Account Set-up and Billing

## Account Set-up and Changes

Property owners do not need to contact the City unless they would like to change service levels. All garbage bills will be sent to the property owner listed on the Ramsey County property taxes. Residents who have set up auto-payments for garbage will have to cancel auto-pay when the property transfers ownership.

**Garbage and Recycling Carts** Garbage and recycling carts must remain at the property at the time of sale. If you are a new homeowner and would like to change the size of recycling and/or garbage cart(s), or you do not have current garbage or recycling service, please contact Public Works at 651-266-6101.

**Buying or Selling a Home** Garbage billing will be handled through the City Assessment Office and bills will not be pro-rated for split ownership during a service period. For questions regarding amounts owed between current and previous owners, contact your title company.

## Annual Service Fee

The recycling and garbage programs each have an annual fee that is collected with your property taxes. These fees cover the cost of carts, program administration, clean-up programs, illegal dumping removal, litter bins, recycling collections, the recycling drop-off center, education, and outreach.



### RECYCLING

1-4-unit: \$172.75 per unit  
5+ unit: \$87.69 per unit



### GARBAGE

\$42.86 per unit



## Quarterly Garbage Bills

1-4-unit property owners are billed quarterly for garbage service based on the size of the cart and frequency of collection. Under the new City billing system, property owners will receive quarterly bills after service has occurred. The first City garbage bill will be mailed to property owners on July 15 for the service period April-June. Property owners have 30 days to pay; unpaid bills are subject to additional fees.

### April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026, Garbage Rates

CART SIZE	# OF INCLUDED BULKY ITEMS	BASE RATE	CITY AND COUNTY TAXES	TOTAL QUARTERLY RATE
<i>Every Other Week Collection</i>				
Small	1 per month	\$42.45	\$16.02	\$58.47
<i>Weekly Collection</i>				
Small	1 per month	\$60.03	\$22.66	\$82.69
Medium	1 per month	\$82.17	\$31.02	\$113.19
Large	1 per month	\$99.84	\$37.69	\$137.53

Property owners can pay garbage bills online at [stpaul.gov/assessments](http://stpaul.gov/assessments). More information on how to set up auto-payment will be included in your first billing statement.

## New Program Changes

- The City of Saint Paul will bill quarterly for garbage, instead of the garbage hauler.
- Bills will be sent after service occurs; previously, bills were sent before service occurred.
- The first bill from the City of Saint Paul will be sent to property owners in July 2025 for service provided April-June.



## 2025 Billing Process

BILLED DUE

JUL 15 AUG 15

OCT 15 NOV 17

JAN 15 FEB 16

### SERVICE

APR-JUN JUL-SEP OCT-DEC

# Where Does My Garbage and Recycling Go?

All recyclables collected in Saint Paul are processed and sorted at Eureka Recycling's Material Recovery Facility in Minneapolis and transported to local markets to be made into new consumer products.



## Paper

Garbage collected in the City of Saint Paul goes to the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Center (R&E Center) in Newport. The material is processed to produce fuel used by Xcel Energy to generate electricity.

Most paper and cardboard collected in Saint Paul goes to WestRock in Saint Paul, where it is recycled into cereal boxes and cracker boxes.



## Plastic

Most water and soda bottles are recycled into new bottles in Indiana or Ohio. Some shampoo and detergent bottles stay in Minnesota, where they are recycled into decking and yard furniture by the company By the Yard.



## Glass

All glass from residential recycling goes to Strategic Materials in Saint Paul, where it is sorted by color, then sold to various end markets. Clear glass often is recycled into new bottles at Anchor Glass in Shakopee, Minnesota. Green and brown glass is often recycled into fiberglass or sand blasting material.



## Contact Information

Public Works has a new Solid Waste and Recycling office located at 60 Sycamore Street West, Saint Paul, MN 55117.

**For all Solid Waste and Recycling questions:**

Visit [stpaul.gov/garbageandrecycling](http://stpaul.gov/garbageandrecycling)

Call 651-266-6101

Email [garbage@stpaul.gov](mailto:garbage@stpaul.gov)



Ramsey County Recycling and Disposal Hotline 651-633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7 or visit [RamseyRecycles.com](http://RamseyRecycles.com).

# 2025-26 Collection Calendar

## KEY

- Every Other Week Garbage
- Delayed Collection Day
- Tree Collection
- Holiday (No Collection)

Residential recycling is collected weekly, garbage is collected weekly except for residents who have selected every other week collection. Recycling and garbage pick-up will be delayed one day if your collection falls on or after the following holidays:

- New Years Day
- Memorial Day
- Juneteenth
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

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**Questions?**

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Visit the website at [stpaul.gov/garbageandrecycling](http://stpaul.gov/garbageandrecycling).

**¿Tiene alguna pregunta?**

¿Necesita esta información en español? Póngase en contacto con Obras Públicas de Saint Paul en [garbage@stpaul.gov](mailto:garbage@stpaul.gov) o 651-266-6101.

Visite el sitio web en [stpaul.gov/garbageandrecycling](http://stpaul.gov/garbageandrecycling).

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