



**RAMSEY/WASHINGTON
RECYCLING & ENERGY**
CONNECTING VALUE TO WASTE

August 9, 2021

RE: Official Notice of 2022 Tipping Fee

TO: Solid Waste Haulers and Transfer Stations Licensed in Ramsey and/or Washington Counties

CC: Recycling Coordinators in Ramsey and Washington Counties

The Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Center (R&E Center) tipping fee for acceptable waste will be \$87.00 per ton in 2022.

Ramsey and Washington counties jointly own and operate the R&E Center, which processes trash to recover resources instead of putting it into landfills. By processing waste, thousands of tons of metal are recycled, and waste is turned into a fuel that Xcel Energy uses to generate renewable energy for thousands of homes per year. Plans are underway at the R&E Center to recover food scraps and additional recyclables from the waste stream. Processing waste at the R&E Center not only significantly reduces greenhouse gas emissions by avoiding landfills, but the R&E Center also adds jobs and value to the East Metro economy.

An average household produces about one ton of trash per year, so the 2022 tipping fee (increased by \$3 per ton over 2021) will increase the cost of trash collection in the average household by about \$0.25 per month. Tipping fees typically account for about 1/3 of a trash bill. The rest of the bill is related to other costs of running your business, such as for transportation, insurance and labor, increases in which you may also be passing on to your customers.

We appreciate your continued support.

For Ramsey County questions, contact Joe Wozniak at joe.wozniak@co.ramsey.mn.us or 651-266-1187.

For Washington County questions, contact Rob Murray at rob.murray@co.washington.mn.us or 651-430-6682.

Sincerely,

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