



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

August 18, 2021

**RE: Official Notice of 2021 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 \$84.00 per ton in 2021.**

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 fuel is produced that Xcel Energy uses to generate enough electricity to power 40,000 homes per year. Plans are underway at the R&E Center to recover food scraps and additional recyclables from the waste stream, and to use trash to generate different forms of energy.

An average household produces about one ton of trash per year, so the 2021 tip fee (increased by \$2 per ton over 2020) will increase the cost of trash collection in the average household by about \$0.17 per month. Tipping fees typically account for only 1/3 of a trash bill. The rest of the bill is related to trash collection and other costs to run your business, such as for insurance and labor increases, which you may also be passing on to your customers.

We appreciate your continued support.

For Ramsey County questions, please contact Joe Wozniak at [joe.wozniak@co.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:joe.wozniak@co.ramsey.mn.us) or 651-266-1187. For Washington County questions, please contact Mark Riegel at [mark.riegel@co.washington.mn.us](mailto:mark.riegel@co.washington.mn.us) or 651-430-6768.

Sincerely,

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