



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

September 16, 2025

**RE: Official Notice of 2026 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 \$142 per ton in 2026.**

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 each year, and waste is turned into a fuel that Xcel Energy uses to generate renewable energy for thousands of homes per year. Processing waste at the R&E Center not only reduces greenhouse gas emissions by avoiding landfills, but the R&E Center also adds jobs and value to the East Metro economy.

The 2026 tipping fee increase covers increased R&E Center operating expenses including labor, transportation of materials, insurance, as well as capital investments being made at the R&E Center. Capital investments support the recovery of additional recyclables from the trash, as well as the separation of food scraps collected as part of the Food Scraps Pickup Program for composting.

Tipping fees typically account for about 1/3 of a household's trash bill. An average household produces about one ton of trash per year, so the 2026 tipping fee will increase the cost of trash collection in the average household by about \$1 per month. The rest of the bill is related to other costs of running your business, such as transportation, insurance and labor – increases in which you may also be passing on to your customers.

We appreciate your continued support and invite you to tour the R&E Center if you are interested.

Please direct any questions to R&E Center Facilities Director Sam Holl at [sholl@recyclingandenergy.org](mailto:sholl@recyclingandenergy.org) or 651-768-6678.

Sincerely,

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