

Solid Waste Hauler Handbook

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General Information

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Together, Ramsey and Washington counties promote an integrated mixed municipal solid waste (MSW, or trash) management system for the benefit of residents and businesses. This system includes:

- Waste reduction programs, including the Food Scraps Pickup Program.
- Recycling and reuse services.
- Waste-to-energy practices.
- Safe removal of harmful or banned materials from the waste stream.

Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health and Washington County Public Health and Environment manage this system. The two counties, through Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy (R&E), manage and operate the Recycling & Energy Center (R&E Center) in Newport, Minnesota.

Waste-to-energy is an important part of the counties' waste management system. The general waste-to-energy process is as follows:

1. Waste designation ordinances in both counties require the delivery of MSW from either county to the R&E Center in Newport. Haulers with a waste delivery agreement with R&E may also deliver MSW from Ramsey County or Washington County to any of the five transfer stations under contract with R&E.
2. MSW (no yard waste) is delivered to the R&E Center.
3. MSW is processed into refuse-derived fuel (RDF).
4. RDF is shipped to Xcel Energy power plants, where it is combusted to generate electricity. The R&E Center is a waste processing facility, not a waste-to-energy facility where combustion occurs.



The counties also encourage businesses and residents to adopt the following practices:

- ✓ Reduce the amount and toxicity of the waste they generate.
- ✓ Recycle or reuse products when possible.
- ✓ Properly manage all household and business hazardous waste.

Together with waste-to-energy, these practices promote a comprehensive waste management system in Ramsey and Washington counties.

Purpose

The purpose of this handbook is to be a guide for haulers who deliver MSW to the R&E Center. Haulers may deliver MSW to other transfer stations under contract with R&E. These transfer stations may enforce guidelines or have policies or procedures that differ from those at the R&E Center. This handbook is specific to the R&E Center only.

County Solid Waste Ordinances

Ramsey and Washington counties have ordinances related to the collection, transportation and disposal of MSW (**Table 1**). These ordinances also dictate how the hauler-collected service charge is administered. Haulers should be familiar with these ordinances. This handbook does not replace nor override these ordinances. In addition to county ordinance, haulers must comply with Minnesota Statutes, State Agency Rules and municipal requirements.

Table 1. Relevant Solid Waste Ordinances in Ramsey and Washington Counties

Ramsey County	Washington County
Solid Waste Ordinance, Section 7 – Collection and Transportation of Solid Waste. This ordinance also includes hauler licensing. This is part of a regional program for Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties.	**Ordinance 202, Section 9.0 – Collection and Transportation of Solid Waste.** This ordinance also includes hauler licensing. This is part of a regional program for Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties.
Solid Waste Ordinance, Section 19 – Designation of Solid Waste. Licensed haulers must deliver MSW from Ramsey County to the R&E Center.	**Ordinance 202, Section 18.0 – Designation.** Licensed haulers must deliver MSW from Washington County to the R&E Center.
Solid Waste Ordinance, Section 23 – Service Charge. Licensed haulers are required to bill, collect, report, and remit the service charge to the county on a monthly or quarterly basis.	**Ordinance 194, Section 14.0 – County Environmental Charge.** Licensed haulers are required to bill, collect, report, and remit the service charge to the county on a monthly or quarterly basis.

Table 2. Contact Information

Questions about solid waste hauling or the County Environmental Charge:	**Ramsey County** Ryan Lundgren: 612-248-6785; ryan.lundgren@co.ramsey.mn.us **Washington County** Jenna Venem (County Environmental Charge): 651-430-6709; jenna.venem@co.washington.mn.us Tyler Dale (solid waste hauling): 651-430-6741; tyler.dale@co.washington.mn.us
Questions about the R&E Center:	Doug Germain, Operations: 651-768-6683; doug.germain@recyclingandenergy.org
Questions about hauler contracts:	Jim Redmond, Contract Manager: 651-259-1851; jim.redmond@recyclingandenergy.org
Additional information about the R&E Center and waste-to-energy:	651-786-6670 info@recyclingandenergy.org

Delivering MSW to the R&E Center

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Table 3. R&E Center Address and Operating Hours

Address	Hours*
Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Center 100 Red Rock Rd Newport, MN 55055 Phone: 651-768-6671 (scale house)	Mon – Thurs: 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. Fri: 6 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sat: 6 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sun: Closed Closed Christmas Day (December 25)

*The facility may limit delivery during maintenance and repair outages. **Ref: MPCA Permit No. SW-286**

Hauler Waste Delivery Agreement

Under the waste designation, haulers must deliver MSW from Ramsey or Washington counties to the R&E Center. By entering into a waste delivery agreement, a hauler can deliver to transfer stations under contract with the R&E Center in addition to delivering to the R&E Center. Current transfer stations under contract with R&E to receive Ramsey and Washington counties' waste include:

- Waste Management, St. Paul (651-487-8546)
- Republic Waste, Blaine (952-941-5174)
- Dem Con, Blaine (763-780-0404)
- SKB – Malcolm, Minneapolis (612-331-4610)
- Walters Recycling & Refuse, Blaine (763-780-8464)

The waste delivery agreement can be found on the R&E website or by contacting the R&E contract manager (contact information above).

Acceptable Types of Waste for Delivery

MSW generated in Ramsey or Washington counties:
The R&E Center accepts MSW generated in Ramsey and/or Washington counties. Certain waste materials, such as yard waste or construction and demolition waste, are NOT accepted at the facility (see **Appendix A**). For a definition of MSW, see Minnesota Statutes 115A.03, Subdivision 21.

MSW generated outside of Ramsey and Washington counties:
The R&E Center will accept delivery of incidental (less than 10%) amounts of out-of-county waste mixed with waste from Ramsey or Washington counties with prior written approval only. To receive approval, the hauler must submit a form to R&E detailing the source of the incidental waste and receive written approval before making the delivery. For more information, please contact Sam Holl at 651-786-6678, or at sholl@recyclingandenergy.org.

Food Scraps Pickup Program

Some cities within Ramsey and Washington Counties are participating in the food scraps pickup program. Upon entering the facility, haulers will be asked if their load is from one of the current participation locations. If so, the hauler will be directed to Door B (See **Figure 2**, **Appendix A**) and receive additional instruction from the traffic director posted at that location.

Waste Delivery: Vehicle Operation and Worker Safety

Haulers are responsible for complying with the R&E Center's operating and safety requirements when delivering waste. See **Appendix B** for tipping floor waste delivery and safety procedures.

Operating and Safety Requirements

- Drivers must remain in their truck while on the scales during the weighing process.
- Drivers must obey all traffic signs.
- Identification numbers issued by the R&E Center staff must be visibly maintained on the left front bumper and door of truck.
- Mattresses/box springs, along with several other items that require separate management, will be charged as an additional item. (See pricing in **Appendix C**.)
- All un-tarped loads will be charged a fee. (See pricing in **Appendix C**.)
- Waste must be cleaned off the truck inside the building.
- Drivers who fail to weigh out when computer-stored tare weights are not available will be charged the gross vehicle weight.
- Haulers must provide the scale house or traffic director with descriptive information about the load, such as whether it is combustible, non-processable, residential, construction debris, a house clean-out, etc.
- It violates state regulations to unload waste onto the parking lot.
- Do not enter the tipping floor until directed by the traffic director or loader operator. Dump as directed by R&E Center staff. (See **Appendix A**, **Figure 2** for a view of the entrance/exit doors and tipping floor.)

Personal Protective Equipment

For safety, the R&E Center requires haulers to wear the following personal protective equipment while delivering waste and/or exiting vehicles:

- Hard hats (must comply with ANSI Z89.1 – 1997 and be rated industrial Class G).
- Sturdy footwear in good condition (canvas shoes, sneakers and sandals, or shoes with badly worn or thin soles are not acceptable).
- Reflective vests (must be type II as specified by ANSI/ISEA Standard 107-1999 and Minnesota Rule 5205.0030).
- Safety glasses (eye protection meeting ANSI Z87.1 – 1989).

Additional Operating and Safety Procedures

All vehicle drivers and helpers must obey the following safety rules to prevent accidents and injuries on the R&E Center grounds:

- Weigh-in and weigh-out of the facility at the scale house.
- Yield to facility vehicles, such as loaders and trailers.
- Follow the directions of the facility's floor manager.
- Watch for tipping floor hazards. Use caution and good judgment.
- Do not ride on the back of a vehicle or walk along a vehicle when the vehicle is moving. Do not ride or be near the rear of a vehicle when the truck is dumping its load.
- When another person is in the vehicle, only one individual should exit the vehicle at a time. When out of the vehicle, stay close to the vehicle.
- All loads should be dumped on the tip floor unless directed by the facility floor manager.

The following are prohibited at the R&E Center:

- Delivery of unacceptable waste products.
- The use of cell phones by drivers.
- Possession of firearms.
- Loitering on the facility grounds or access roads.
- Smoking on the facility grounds.
- Speeds over 15 miles per hour.
- The use or possession of mood-altering drugs or alcoholic beverages.

R&E Center staff will notify haulers who do not follow these procedures. Haulers who repeatedly disregard these safety rules may be denied access to the R&E Center. Contact an R&E facility manager with any questions. See **Appendix B** for more information about tipping floor waste delivery and safety.

Delivering Unacceptable Waste

Delivering unacceptable waste may result in the rejection of all or part of the load. (See **Appendix A** for a list of unacceptable wastes.) If the floor manager rejects a full or partial load, the R&E Center's Plant Manager will provide a statement describing why the waste was rejected. In addition, the hauler will be responsible for the cost of reloading the waste into its truck and the cost of disposal. The R&E Center's floor manager, at their discretion, may direct a hauler to remove unacceptable waste from their vehicle and place it in a specific area on the tip floor (see **Appendix A**). The hauler is responsible for the cost of waste removal and disposal.

Waste Delivery Bypass

Circumstances may arise in which R&E will stop accepting waste at the R&E Center. In this case, the R&E Center will notify haulers promptly and direct haulers to deliver the waste to specific landfills under contract with the R&E Center. A hauler delivering waste to a landfill under bypass must provide their R&E Board account number to the landfill at the time of delivery. The landfill will invoice the R&E Board for delivery of this waste. The hauler will not receive a bill for this delivery. Haulers that deliver the diverted waste from the R&E Center to a landfill without a waste delivery agreement with the R&E Center will be responsible for all disposal costs.

Fees and Charges

Tip Fee

The R&E Board determines the tip fee for use of the R&E Center. The tip fee is multiplied by the number of tons delivered to the R&E Center, or to other facilities under contract with R&E, to determine the waste delivery cost. The current tip fee is listed in **Appendix C.**

Special Fees and Handling Charges

The R&E Center will impose special fees and handling charges for certain materials (e.g., mattresses, tires, appliances, and electronics) delivered to the R&E Center or to other facilities authorized by R&E. The current fees and charges for these materials are listed in **Appendix C.**

Payment of Tip Fees and Special Fees

When a hauler with a credit account with R&E delivers MSW to the R&E Center, or to other facilities authorized by R&E, R&E will invoice the hauler for the month the waste was delivered. Haulers are responsible for paying all applicable tip fees, special fees, and handling charges by the due date. (See Billing Invoice and Payment below). Haulers that do not have an account with R&E must pay at the time of delivery by cash or credit card.

How to Establish a Hauler Credit Account

Haulers or companies interested in establishing a credit account with R&E should contact Matt Phillips at 651-867-6636 for more information and instructions.

In general, for R&E to establish a hauler credit account, a hauler must enter into a waste delivery agreement with R&E. R&E reserves the right to review a hauler's creditworthiness upon entering into a waste delivery agreement, and periodically thereafter. Once an application is complete, an account will be created that identifies the hauler company name, address, county, three-digit truck ID number unique to each vehicle, and other information needed for invoicing and billing. R&E will provide the hauler with truck decals with the ID numbers.

To deliver waste to the R&E Center, a hauler must either have a credit account or pay at the time of delivery. If the hauler chooses not to have a credit account (or enter into a waste delivery agreement), the hauler must pay each time it uses the R&E Center. Another option is for the hauler to arrange to "pay as you go" with R&E.

All accounts have credit limits. A hauler's credit limit is subject to change based on analysis by R&E of the hauler's activity level, payment practices, and creditworthiness. R&E reserves the right to request and obtain financial information and other credit information deemed necessary to support the credit granted to the hauler. Refusal to provide the information requested may result in a reduction to the hauler's credit limit.

If a hauler intends to deliver waste to a transfer station under contract with the R&E Board, they must contact both R&E (see contact information above) and the transfer station (see phone numbers below) to set up accounts. Each transfer station may have additional requirements to set up an account. Current transfer stations under contract with R&E to receive Ramsey and/or Washington counties' waste include:

- Waste Management, St. Paul (651-487-8546)
- Republic Waste, Blaine (952-941-5174)
- Dem Con, Blaine (763-780-0404)
- SKB – Blaine, Blaine (763-786-5777)
- SKB – Malcolm, Minneapolis (612-331-4610)
- Walters Recycling and Refuse, Blaine (763-780-8464)

Truck R&E Account ID Decals

The truck R&E account ID decals issued by R&E must be attached to the left side of the front bumper and truck cab. They must be visible and readable (see **Figure 1**).

To replace truck R&E account ID decals, contact the R&E Center scale house at 651-768-6671.



Figure 1. Truck ID Decal Locations

Billing Invoice and Payment

R&E will bill haulers with a credit account for the previous month's services by the tenth working day of each month. Haulers with credit accounts will receive written notice of changes to the billing and credit procedure. Payment to R&E is due in full 30 days from the invoice date each month. Account holders may pay for monthly invoices using cash, checks, and credit cards. Credit card payments are assessed at a 3% fee. **Appendix C** lists special fees and charges that may appear on a bill.

If a hauler does not have an account with R&E, they must pay the tip fees and any special fees by cash or credit card at the time of delivery before leaving the R&E Center. R&E must receive payment in full by 6 p.m. on the due date at the location specified on the invoice. A finance charge of 1% per month past due will be imposed on the hauler for accounts which are past due.

If payment is not received by that date, the hauler's account becomes delinquent, and the hauler will be notified. In addition, the hauler's account may be put on a cash basis, and the hauler may be required to pay in cash each time it uses the R&E Center, unless other arrangements have been made. If the hauler's account is delinquent for more than 30 days, and if reasonable arrangements cannot be made to collect the delinquent amount, R&E may take other steps, including but not limited to engaging an outside agency to collect the debt. All costs of debt collection incurred, including collection agency fees, attorneys' fees, and court costs, will be added to the amount owed by the hauler and will be payable by the hauler upon demand. The hauler will be charged a $40 fee for each check with insufficient funds.

The R&E Board reserves the right to deny entry to the R&E Center by any hauler who fails to comply with R&E account policies. For more information about accounts, contact Matt Phillips, R&E, at 651-867-6636.

"Cash Only" Status

An account may be placed on "cash only" status if the account balance is not paid on time or if the check presented as payment is not honored by the bank (e.g., insufficient funds, closed account, etc.). As a result, haulers will be required to pay in cash for each load of waste at the time of delivery.

Minnesota state Solid Waste Management Tax

R&E will apply the State Solid Waste Management Tax (SWMT) for all waste deliveries unless there is a completed SWMT-10 form on file with R&E.

Disputed Account

If a hauler disagrees with their monthly bill, they should first contact the billing clerk at the facility – Kecia Thomason at kecia.thomason@recyclingandenergy.org or 651-768-6674. If the matter cannot be resolved with the billing clerk, the hauler is required to pay the undisputed portion of the bill. The hauler should then notify the R&E accounting manager of the disputed amount at:

Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy
Attention: Accounting Manager
100 Red Rock Road
Newport, MN 55055
Email: matthew.phillips@recyclingandenergy.org

Appendix A

Unacceptable Waste at the R&E Center

Unacceptable waste is waste which could threaten human health or the environment or adversely affect the R&E Center's operation. Examples of unacceptable wastes include, but are not limited to:

- Agricultural chemicals or containers (including empty pesticide, herbicide, and insecticide containers)
- Animal carcasses, parts or rendering and slaughterhouse waste
- Appliances (including white goods and brown goods)**
- Asbestos
- Ashes or hot wastes that could spontaneously combust or ignite other wastes due to high temperatures
- Ash from incinerators, resource recovery facilities and power plants
- Carbon filters – spent
- Chemical containers
- Compressed gas cylinders, even if empty*
- Demolition debris
- Electronic waste (TVs, computers, printers, etc.)**
- Fats, oil, and grease
- Fluorescent tubes, and ballasts containing
- PCBs
- Foundry wastes
- Hazardous waste*
- High-intensity Discharge lamps
- Infectious, biological, and pathological waste
- Liquids (any type)
- Live coal tar (including applicators, containers, and tubes)
- Machinery or engine parts
- Mercury containing waste (thermostats, switches)*
- PCB-contaminated waste*
- Pesticides and herbicides*
- Propane tanks (refillable or single-use)*
- Radioactive waste (unless natural materials at normal background levels)
- Septic tank pumpings
- Sludges (including ink, lime, wood, sewage, or paper)
- Source-separated recyclables (per Minnesota Statute 115A.95)
- Street sweepings
- Tires**
- Vehicles
- Yard waste (per Minnesota Statute 115A.931); this includes brush, stumps, grass clippings, leaves, garden debris, etc.
- Any other materials R&E identifies as unacceptable

** If coming from a household, these items are considered household hazardous waste (HHW). Ramsey and Washington counties offer HHW collection sites for proper disposal of these and other items.*

*** May be handled for a special fee, if separated. See* ***Appendix C****.*

For information on Ramsey County's HHW program, call 651-633-EASY (3279), or visit https://www.ramseycounty.us/householdhazardouswaste.

For information on Washington County's HHW program, call the Environmental Center at 651-275-7475, or visit https://www.co.washington.mn.us/604/Environmental-Center.

Industrial Waste

Under the MPCA rules for management of industrial solid waste (MN Rules 7035.2535, subp. 5), prior to delivery, the R&E Center must approve delivery of any industrial solid waste. For more information, contact Doug Germain, Operations, at 651-768-6683.

Non-Processable and Non-Combustible Wastes: Separate from Load

The following items are not easily processed and cause processing line downtime:

- Magnetic tape (VCR and audio cassettes)
- Furniture
- Mattresses (tell scale house attendant the number of mattresses)**
- Carpet
- Metal
- Metal and plastic wire

For loads containing over 50% non-processable waste, haulers will be directed where to unload by the Traffic Director at Door 3 (See **Figure 2,** pg.12).

Haulers must remove the following unacceptable wastes from loads and placed them along the west wall of the tipping floor:

- Auto batteries
- Consumer electronics (TVs, computers, printers, etc.)
- Major appliances
- Motor oil, paint, and other hazardous materials
- Propane tanks and other compressed gas cylinders
- Tires
- Other materials as identified by R&E

Construction/demolition debris with the following will be rejected at the R&E Center:

- Sheetrock
- Concrete
- Glass
- Metal
- Asphalt shingles
- Dirt

*** May be handled for a special fee, if separated. See **Appendix C**.*

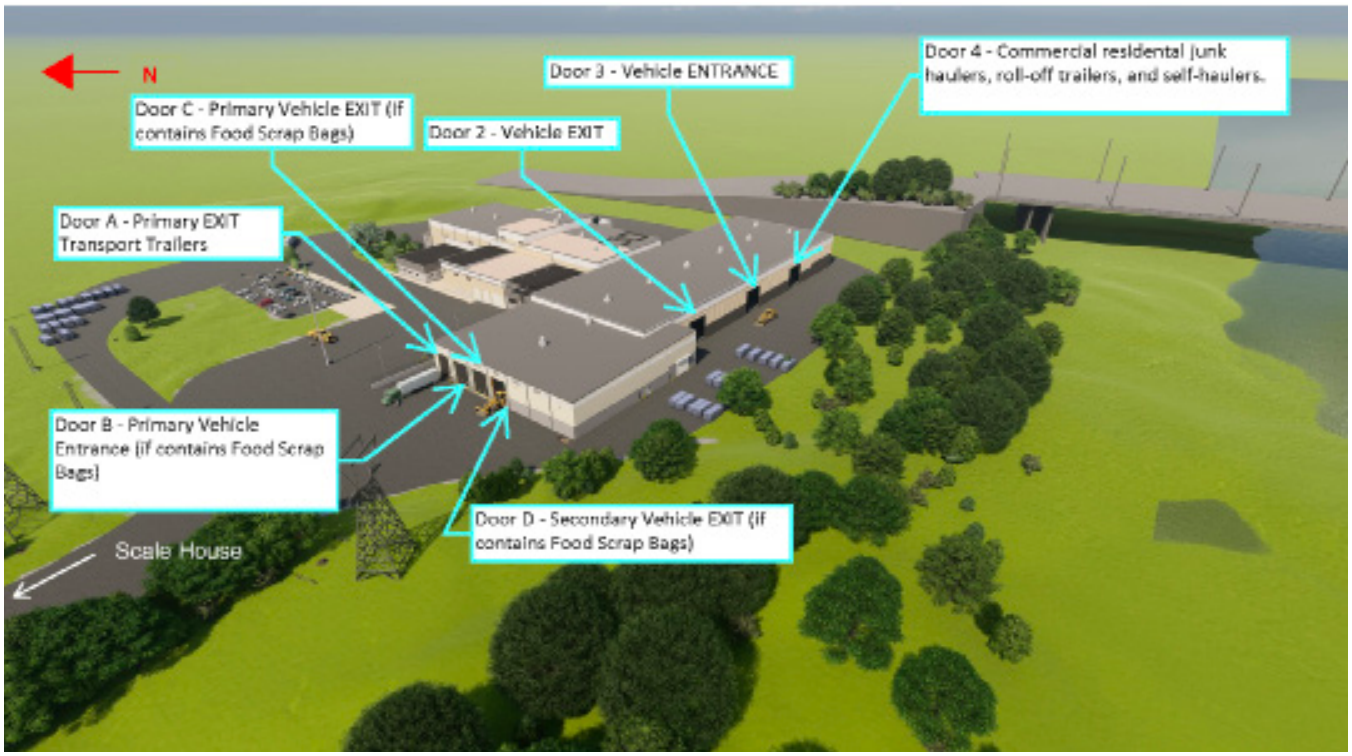


Figure 2. Layout of tipping floor at the R&E Center

Appendix B

Waste Delivery and Safety Procedures at the R&E Center

- Obey all traffic signs.
- Drivers must remain in their truck while on the scales during the weighing process.
- Do not enter the tipping floor until directed by the traffic director or the loader operator. Dump as directed by R&E Center staff.
- Haulers should be aware of whether their load contains material from neighborhoods participating in the Food Scraps Pickup Program. Haulers will be required to share this information with the scale house, so they can be directed to the proper entrance door. Traffic directors will be located at each of the two entrance doors to provide further directions on where to unload material within the building.
- Vehicles exiting the bays must yield to vehicles entering the tipping floor.
- Haulers must provide the traffic director with descriptive information of the load (e.g., combustible, non-processable, residential, construction debris, house clean-out, etc.).
- Haulers should clean waste off their truck inside the building. It is a violation of state regulations to unload waste onto the parking lot.
- Do not ride on the back of a vehicle or walk along a vehicle when the vehicle is moving. Do not ride or be near the rear of a vehicle when the truck is dumping its load.
- When another person is in the vehicle, only one individual should exit the vehicle at a time. When out of the vehicle, stay close to the vehicle.

Questions should be discussed with R&E Center staff.

Prohibited at the R&E Center

- Smoking on the R&E Center grounds
- Speeds over 15 miles per hour
- Use of mood-altering drugs or alcoholic beverages
- The use of cell phones by drivers
- Delivery of unacceptable and hazardous waste products
- Possession of firearms
- Loitering on the R&E Center grounds or access roads

Personal Protective Equipment

For your safety, the R&E Center requires you wear the following personal protective equipment:

- Hard hats (must comply with ANSI Z89.1 – 1997 and be rated industrial Class G)
- Reflective vests (must be type II as specified by ANSI/ISEA Standard 107-1999 and Minnesota Rule 5205.0030)
- Safety glasses (eye protection meeting ANSI Z87.1 – 1989)
- Sturdy footwear in good condition (canvas shoes, sneakers, sandals, or shoes with badly worn or thin soles are not acceptable)

Appendix C

2024 R&E Center Solid Waste Fees and Charges

All fees and charges can be found on RecyclingAndEnergy.org/Haulers.

All Users

Tires – Auto and truck	$8 per item
Auto/Truck tire on rim	$10 per item
Mattress, box spring	$20 plus tax and CEC* per item
Appliance – Non-freon	$16 per item
Appliance – Freon	$20 per item
Electronics	$30 per item

All Users

Large bulky furniture (e.g., couch or love seat), in a load of acceptable waste	$20 plus tax and CEC* per item
Acceptable waste – Ramsey/Washington only	$121 per ton in 2024 and $130 per ton beginning in 2025 (minimum $20 per load plus tax and CEC, if applicable)

Licensed Waste Haulers

Reload fee (applies to rejected loads)	$100
Rejection fee – Infectious/medical waste	Actual cost of disposal and handling ($400 minimum)
Un-tarped load	$400
Hot load	$100
Assisted unloaded	$100

County Environmental Charge (See **Appendix D)*

Appendix D

County Environmental Charge Fact Sheet for Licensed - Solid Waste Haulers Operating in Ramsey and/or Washington County

The Boards of Commissioners (County Boards) for Ramsey and Washington counties enacted Ordinances which impose a County Environmental Charge (CEC) for mixed municipal solid waste (MSW, or trash) services provided to MSW customers in each county. Below are responses to haulers' frequently asked questions about the CEC. For more information about the CEC, visit each county's website below.

- Ramsey County: https://www.ramseycounty.us/businesses/licenses-permits-inspections/licenses-inspections/waste-haulers/county-environmental-charge-cec
- Washington County: https://www.co.washington.mn.us/629/County-Environmental-Charge

What is the County Environmental Charge (CEC)?

The CEC was established by both County Boards to fund environmental programs that support waste reduction and reuse, recycling, yard waste and organics management, and management of household hazardous waste.

What is the Amount of the County Environmental Charge (CEC)?

The CEC is a fixed percentage charge that is applied to the cost of trash services. The rate varies by county, as follows:

- Ramsey County: The residential rate of 28% applies to single- and multi-family homes, townhomes, condominiums, and apartments. The non-residential rate of 53% applies to all other entities, including government, non-profit, commercial, and industrial properties.
- Washington County: The CEC rate is 35% for both residential and non-residential properties.

How is the CEC calculated?

The costs to collect, transport, and dispose of trash are subject to the CEC. The CEC does not apply to charges for recycling services, demolition debris, construction waste, or yard waste. The CEC should not be applied to the state Solid Waste Management Tax. As a general rule, the solid waste service costs that are subject to the state Solid Waste Management Tax on solid waste collection and disposal services as defined in Minnesota Statutes 297H are also subject to the CEC. To calculate the CEC, you multiply those service costs times the applicable CEC percentage.

Who is responsible for collecting and remitting the CEC?

The hauler—or the municipality that contracts with a hauler—that bills for the waste collection service is responsible for charging, collecting, and remitting the CEC to each county with a CEC report form. This includes commercial haulers as well as governmental entities that provide waste collection services with their own vehicles, or subcontract for the services through a hauler and bill the residents.

Is the cost for compactor or other equipment rental used for collection and disposal of trash subject to the CEC?

Yes.

How is the CEC collected?

The entity that bills for the waste collection and disposal service must include the CEC as a separate item on each invoice or statement issued to the customer.

Is the CEC amount subject to the state Solid Waste Management Tax?

No.

What if a customer pays only part of their bill?

If a customer makes a partial payment, the hauler must remit the CEC in the same proportion as the payment is to the total bill.

Are customers with tax-exempt status also exempt from the CEC?

No, the CEC is not a tax; it is a service charge. All customers must pay the CEC.

How do self-haulers calculate and remit the CEC?

Self-haulers are licensed haulers that haul their own waste. They use a separate form for remitting the CEC, and report and remit the CEC based on the cost of disposal and/or processing.

When is the CEC remitted to the county?

Some licensed haulers must report and pay the CEC by the 20th day of the month following the month they are reporting, and some licensed haulers submit reports and payment on a quarterly basis. For example, if for January service a hauler charges a Ramsey County residential customer $50 for trash collection and disposal costs, the 28% CEC would equal $14. The hauler would report and pay the $14 in CECs by February 20th if the hauler reports and pays monthly.

Is there a penalty for late payment of the CEC?

Yes; reports and payment received after the 20th day of the month following the report month (for monthly reporters) are charged a $15 late penalty, and any CECs they later report and pay are subject to interest charges of 1.5% per month past due.

What is the CEC Report?

The CEC Report is the report form that must be completed and submitted by all licensed haulers that operate in Ramsey and/or Washington counties. Some haulers report monthly, and some report quarterly. Each county provides haulers with report forms, and additional report forms can be obtained by calling or emailing:

- Ramsey County: Ryan Lundgren, 612-248-6785, ryan.lundgren@co.ramsey.mn.us
- Washington County: Jenna Venem, 651-430-6709, jenna.venem@co.washington.mn.us, or download from the county website: https://www.co.washington.mn.us/629/County-Environmental-Charge.