Once again, the City of Ramsey will have a dumpster(s) available at our Public Works campus (14100 Jaspar St NW) from December 16, 2019 through January 17, 2020 for residents to dispose of excess cardboard. There is no cost to you. The boxes should still be broken down and flattened to save space in the dumpster, but there is no need to bundle them with twine. This is intended for cardboard only, but other fiber items like newspaper, cereal boxes, office paper and magazines can also be placed in the dumpster as well. Do not put any other non-fiber or non-paper materials in or around the dumpster; that would be considered illegal dumping. Our hope is that this is seen by the community as a value-added opportunity and we encourage residents will take full advantage of it. Please contact City Planner Chris Anderson at canderson@cityoframsey.com or at 763-433-9817 with any questions.

The holidays are fast approaching and many of us will soon be putting lights up on our homes and trees. Who hasn’t discovered a string of lights that no longer works? Or, maybe you have decided to upgrade to more energy efficient lights. Rather than tossing your old strings of lights in the garbage, you can recycle them for free!

Holiday lights, as well as electric cords, telephone cords and appliance cords can be brought to the Ramsey Municipal Center anytime during regular business hours (Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm) for recycling. Bins will be available to collect these items from December through January, 2020. This is a great way to help reduce the amount of waste going to landfills by capturing more material to be recycled into new products, and it’s all done at no cost to you!

If you have any questions concerning holiday waste, please contact City Planner Chris Anderson at 763-433-9817 or canderson@cityoframsey.com.
Recycling Curbside

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Paper
- Yes
  - Mail, office & school papers
  - Magazines & catalogs
  - Newspapers & inserts
  - Phone books
- No
  - Pizza boxes or boxes soaked with food
  - Egg cartons
  - Refrigerator & freezer boxes
  - Paper towels, plates & napkins
  - Paper towel & tissue paper
  - Paper towel/ toilet paper cores

Bottles & Jugs
- Yes
  - Water, soda & juice bottles
  - Milk & juice jugs
  - Ketchup & salad dressing bottles
  - Dish soap & detergent jugs
  - Shampoo, soap & lotion bottles
- No
  - Cans, jars & containers
  - Yogurt, pudding & fruit cups
  - Clear plastic cups
  - Margarine, cottage cheese, cream cheese & other tubs
  - Clear deli, to-go & produce containers
  - Styrofoam
  - Containers from hazardous materials
  - Automotive fluids & pesticides
  - Black food trays
  - Plastic utensils
  - Plastic bags

Overall Preparation of Recyclables for Curbside Pick-up
- Do not place recyclables in plastic bags.
- Place them loose in your recycling cart.
- Do not include "tanglers" in your cart such as hoses, cords, chains, wires, ropes or string lights.

Recyclable materials that are not picked up at the curb, may be taken to a municipal recycling center or a monthly drop-off collection site. The sites are open to all Anoka County residents. For information on recycling drop-off centers/sites and materials accepted visit: AnokaCounty.us/recycle.

If you prefer to bag them, please only use paper bags; plastic bags should not be put in your curbside recycling container. Plastic bags are certainly recyclable and can be dropped off at many local retailers, but cannot be included in your curbside recycling. Keep up the great work!

Tracking Our Recycling Goal

Ramsey residents continue to do a great job meeting/exceeding the annual recycling goal set by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners. As recycling markets worldwide continue to evolve (and seemingly get more complicated), it is now more important than ever to recycle right. The focus now needs to be on putting only those materials in the recycling cart that are, in fact, recyclable, essentially just back to the basic tenets of recycling.

More information on this and acceptable materials can be found online at www.cityoframsey.com/376/Recycling. If you prefer to bag them, please only use paper bags; plastic bags should not be put in your curbside recycling container. Plastic bags may be taken to a municipal recycling center or a monthly drop-off collection site. The sites are open to all Anoka County residents. For information on recycling drop-off centers/sites and materials accepted visit: AnokaCounty.us/recycle.

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Prevent Fires by Properly Recycling Electronics

In recent years, there has been a spike in fires erupting in recycling trucks and facilities due to lithium-ion batteries — like the batteries in cell phones, laptop computers and other rechargeable electronics. One facility fire even took place right here in Anoka County. These fires pose an extreme safety risk for both drivers and the people working in recycling facilities.

It is hard to imagine how such a simple act could cause so much harm, but lithium-ion batteries, whether large or small, are packed with the power of combustion. Contained inside the batteries is a flammable electrolyte. This helps keep your laptop or cell phone charged, but when put under the right (or wrong) conditions, can ignite into flames.

Electronics and rechargeable batteries can be recycled, just not through the curbside recycling program. There are several options for safe disposal of these items. For instance, rechargeable batteries, cellphones and printer cartridges can be brought to the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, anytime during regular business hours. To learn about other options, please visit AnokaCounty.us/recyclingdirectory or call Anoka County Recycling & Resource Solutions at 763-324-3400.

Help keep everyone (and the environment) safe by properly recycling lithium-ion batteries.
Help People Experience a Better World

The City of Ramsey is proud to announce a new partnership with the Ramsey Lions Club to serve as a collection site for usable eyeglasses, sunglasses, and hearing aids. A collection box is now available at the Ramsey Municipal Center to drop off usable eyeglasses, sunglasses, and hearing aids. The usable eyewear and hearing aids are brought to a Lions Eyeglass or Hearing Aid Recycling Center where trained volunteers clean them, determine their prescription strength, and sort them accordingly. The eyewear and hearing aids are then carefully packaged and stored until needed for eyeglass/hearing aid-dispensing missions. Any eyewear that is not suitable for reuse are recycled for scrap with the cash going toward local Lions projects. This is a great way to keep items out of the landfill that can be reused throughout the world.

If you have any questions, please contact City Planner Chris Anderson at 763-433-9817 or canderson@cityoframsey.com.

Join Ramsey’s Organics Recycling Drop-off Program

Are you interested in recycling even more? Did you know that Ramsey has an organics recycling drop-off program that provides an opportunity for residents to recycle food waste, pizza boxes, paper towels, tissue paper and more? The City of Ramsey even provides a free organics kit to help you get started. For more information, visit www.cityoframsey.com/578/Organic-Recycling or contact Chris Anderson at 763-433-9817 or canderson@cityoframsey.com.

YES

- Baked Goods
- Dairy Products
- Houseplant Trimmings
- Tea, Coffee Grounds, Filters
- Meat, Poultry, Fish
- Fruits, Veggies, Peels, Pits, Rinds
- Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) Products

* Place all organics in a BPI certified compostable bag.
* Additional rolls of bags now available at the Municipal Center.

NO

- Metal
- Plastic
- Glass
- Dryer Lint
- Microwave Popcorn Bags
- Stickers from Produce
- Pet Dropings
- Twist Ties
- Aluminum Foil
- Diapers
- Styrofoam™
- Straws

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