

Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy (R&E) is a joint powers board that works on behalf of Ramsey and Washington counties on solid waste programming and operations. R&E works to improve the recovery and management of solid waste, recyclable materials, and food scraps/ organic waste materials, to help the counties meet the 75% recycling goal set by the state of Minnesota.

R&E offers grants to businesses and non-profits to implement projects that will advance R&E's mission to enhance public health and the environment by creating value from waste through partnerships.

An Organics Reward Grant (Reward) can assist businesses, schools, institutions, non-profit organizations, multi-unit residential properties with more than 5 units, and places of worship (businesses) located in Ramsey and Washington counties by reimbursing the collection costs for starting or improving an organics collection service, such as food waste and organics commercial hauling services or food-to-hogs pickup services.

- **Businesses Starting Organics Collection** are eligible for reimbursement of three months of hauling service and one-time dumpster delivery fees incurred for the delivery of the organic dumpster.
- **Businesses with Existing Organics Collection** are eligible for reimbursement of two months of hauling service. To be eligible, the business must improve or expand the existing program.

Visit [bizrecycling.com](http://bizrecycling.com) to learn how other businesses in Ramsey and Washington counties have successfully implemented recycling and food waste/organics collections that saved their businesses money and improved operating efficiency.

## Available Funding

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Organics Rewards are available for up to \$5,000. There is no minimum Reward. No matching funds are required.

There is no deadline for submission. Reward applications are accepted until funds have been fully disbursed. They are evaluated on a "first come-first serve basis". Reward applications take approximately 4 weeks to process. All applications will be evaluated on the impact organics collections have on diverting waste from the trash.

## How to Submit a Grant Application

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The application must be submitted via our online grant application system. A R&E Recycling Expert will assist and provide log-in information to the system.

To request a site visit e-mail [info@bizrecycling.com](mailto:info@bizrecycling.com) or call 651-266-1199.

## Eligibility and Guidelines

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Businesses that meet the following criteria are eligible for a Reward:

- **Geographical Service Area:** Businesses must be physically located in Ramsey or Washington County. If your business has multiple locations within the counties, each location is eligible for a reward.
- **Eligible Businesses:** Grants are available to any for-profit or non-profit non-residential waste generator in Ramsey and Washington Counties excluding: the federal government; the State of Minnesota; Regional

Agencies; the University of Minnesota and MnSCU Facilities. Public entities in Ramsey County that have other County grant programs available.

- Businesses must be responsible for managing the organics collection contract for the properties they own, lease, rent, manage, or maintain.

### **Guidelines**

- Businesses must complete an Organics Reward Grant application, which includes:
  - A complete W-9.
  - Copy of paid hauler bills.
  - An invoice for the reimbursement request made out to:  
Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy  
100 Red Rock Road  
Newport, MN 55055
- Business must agree to host a site visit with a R&E Recycling Expert. The Recycling Expert will review current waste operations and equipment, make recommendations for improvement, discuss additional grant opportunities, and help prepare the grant application.
- The Organics Reward Grant does not cover the cost of recycling traditional materials (e.g. cardboard, paper, bottles, cans, etc.) and/or trash collection.
- Businesses who received a Reward grant prior to the one-time dumpster fee being a reimbursable expense (i.e. prior to January 2020) may not request reimbursement retroactively.

### **Fund Dispersal**

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- R&E will issue the Reward payment after it has received, verified, and approved a completed Organics Reward Grant Application.
- Reward payments will be made in the form of a check sent directly to the business.

### **R&E Board Rights**

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The R&E Board may require confirmation of information furnished by applicants. The R&E Board reserves the right to:

- Reject any or all applications if such action is in the public interest.
- Cancel the entire grant program.
- Appoint evaluation committees to review grant applications.
- Negotiate with any, all, or none of the grant respondents.

A business completing a Business Recycling Grant Application does not commit R&E to enter into a contract, nor does it obligate the R&E Board to pay for any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of applications or in anticipation of a grant.