

EUREKA! RECYCLING

Eureka Recycling is a nonprofit organization that specializes in recycling and waste reduction and manages Saint Paul's recycling program. We believe that waste is preventable, not inevitable. Our mission is to provide innovative programs, services, education and advocacy to demonstrate that our resources are valuable. Our goal is to offer you opportunities to conserve resources today so that together we can reach a waste-free tomorrow.

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Programs and Services

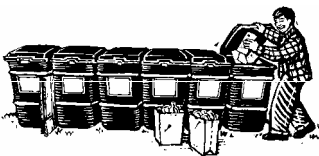
Eureka Recycling is a nonprofit organization that specializes in recycling and waste reduction. It provides cutting-edge, economically sustainable programs that serve the Twin Cities metro area. Driven by a mission to demonstrate that waste is preventable, not inevitable, Eureka Recycling's services, programs and advocacy efforts are designed to be cost-effective while ensuring the greatest environmental benefits. For over 20 years, it has provided model, award-winning curbside and apartment recycling collection and processing services, education and advocacy.

Recycling Services



Curbside: The curbside recycling program serves single-family homes, houses, duplexes and small apartment buildings. In Saint Paul, recycling materials are collected weekly in two categories (Papers & Cardboard and Bottles & Cans). In Lauderdale, collection is every other week. All the materials are collected with trucks that run on biodiesel and processed at our "two-stream" recycling facility. This program structure is based on the results of a study

Eureka Recycling conducted in 2002 to determine the best way to balance the cost and convenience of curbside recycling collection while ensuring that materials really get recycled.



Apartment Buildings: The apartment recycling program provides 95-gallon recycling carts to larger apartment buildings, townhomes and condominiums. Pickup is scheduled as needed. Call the recycling hotline to set up service at your building.



Commercial: The commercial recycling program provides 95-gallon recycling carts to businesses and schools on a contract basis. Pickup is scheduled as needed. Call the recycling hotline to set up service at your building.

Solid Waste & Recycling Hotlines: Eureka Recycling's information specialists answer calls to both the Recycling Hotline, (651) 222-SORT (7678), and the Ramsey County Solid Waste and Recycling Hotline, (651) 633-EASY (3279). Residents and businesses that use our recycling services call us with questions or comments about our recycling programs. Ramsey County residents call with questions about hazardous waste disposal, Ramsey County compost sites and proper disposal of bulky items such as appliances, electronics and building materials. Call us to find out about reuse, recycling and safe disposal options for almost any item.

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Outreach & Education

Eureka Recycling is committed to making recycling and waste reduction information available to every person served by our programs. Call to request any of our award winning outreach materials.



- **Multilanguage materials:** Eureka Recycling is developing culturally sensitive recycling information translated into Spanish, Hmong and Somali, and have translated glossaries of common recycling words available in these three languages.
- **Multifamily toolkit:** Eureka Recycling has developed a toolkit suitable for multifamily recycling programs in any community, designed to offer a framework for making strategic and effective decisions to improve multifamily recycling.
- **News and articles:** Eureka Recycling keeps recyclers informed about their recycling program through newsletters, press releases, editorials and articles sent to community papers.
- **Fact sheets:** Individual guides for each neighborhood in Saint Paul provide information on how to recycle or safely dispose of almost any item. Our growing library of fact sheets also includes topics such as junk mail reduction and plastic recycling.

Innovation and Advocacy

As one of the largest nonprofit recyclers in the nation, Eureka Recycling is a leader in shaping recycling and waste management practices and policy. We build on our expertise to advocate for practices that optimally balance cost, convenience and environmental benefit. The general public can count on us for accurate information about recycling and waste reduction issues through our hotline, fact sheets, website and editorials in local newspapers.

A strong advocate for community involvement across the board, Eureka Recycling set into motion the Environmental Roundtable in the city of Saint Paul, pulling together community members to discuss a range of environmental issues. The Roundtable will host community meetings to heighten awareness about environmental issues in Saint Paul, and will deliver actionable policy recommendations to the Saint Paul City Council to protect our environment.

Other Services

- **Event Recycling:** Eureka Recycling coordinates recycling for selected community events, including the Saint Paul Bike Classic and the Living Green Expo. At the 2005 Living Green Expo, over 96 percent of discards from the event, attended by 10,000 people, were composted or recycled.
- **Neighborhood Cleanups:** Eureka Recycling partners with the city of Saint Paul and Saint Paul's community councils to sponsor cleanups, where residents can get rid of hard to dispose of items at a reduced cost. Eureka Recycling has provided technical assistance to promote recycling and reuse at cleanups since 1992.
- **Twin Cities Free MarketSM:** The Twin Cities Free Market is an Internet-based exchange program that connects people who have free reusable items with people who want them. Since the program began in 1998, over 4 million pounds of reusable goods have been saved from landfills and incinerators. Over 300 exchanges are made every week! To find out about available items, place a want ad or list something to give away, visit the Twin Cities Free Market website at www.twincitiesfreemarket.org.
- **Recycled Paper Cooperative:** Eureka Recycling operates a buying club that provides organizations with the opportunity to obtain 100% postconsumer recycled office paper processed without the use of chlorine at a reduced cost. Call to find out about upcoming orders.
- **Compost Classes:** Eureka Recycling offers workshops and fact sheets on backyard composting and composting with worms, another way residents can reduce their waste by up to 25%.