Recycling is Not New to the Big O!

Early History (1970 - 1990)

Mixed Waste Recyclables Recovery (1990)
The Blue Bag Years (1991 - 1995)

Solid Waste Management

Collection Limits and Requirements

The Blue Bag Years (1991 - 1995)
Curbside Sorted (1996 - 2005)

Other Recycling Programs
Omaha’s recycling and solid waste programs are operated from the Environmental Quality Division (EQD) of the Public Works Department. EQD works to educate the public on many waste reduction and recycling topics. Since 1991, citizens with recycling questions have been able to call the Recycling Hotline, 444-4500, with their recycling questions.

Each year EQD staff present garbage collection and recycling talks to numerous civic groups and school classes. In addition, tours of the recycling facility are given. EQD regularly sets up booths at events both large and small, including the Spring Home Expo, Fall Home Expo, Earth Day, and Safety and Health Council Summit.

EQD produces a newsletter, WASTELINE, distributed to all Omaha households by mail. The cost of printing the newsletter is shared between Weyerhaeuser, Deffenbaugh and the City. Distribution cost of the newsletter is the responsibility of Deffenbaugh.

Brochures about selected topics are also available. Brochures currently available are:

- [Brochure 1]
- [Brochure 2]
- [Brochure 3]

EQD has information available through an automated fax back system called FRED (FaxREplyDocuments). Using this system, anyone may request that brochures or other information be faxed to them. The system also provides audible information regarding solid waste. The phone number for FRED is 444-3610.

EQD has created several Web sites. Where complete information about the programs are available. The sites are:

- http://www.wasteline.org
- http://www.underthesink.org
- http://www.omagro.com

The City’s website is: http://www.ci.omaha.ne.us