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LIMITS SET ON YARDWASTE COLLECTION

April 1, 2020, Omaha, NE -- In planning for the potential impact of COVID-19, the City of Omaha and Waste Management have agreed to limit yardwaste collection to 4 cans/sacks per household. This limit in yardwaste collection will remain in effect until further notice. The City would like citizens to abide by these limits immediately however April 6th the City will be enforcing the limitations.

This limitation allows Waste Management to focus on the essential service of garbage collection during the pandemic. Any impact to the Waste Management workforce by COVID-19 will impact the service and performance of solid waste collection. Waste Management will be co-collecting garbage and yardwaste.

Weekly household waste collection in Omaha is now:

- Up to 5 containers (trash cans or see through plastic bags) of garbage. Trash cans must be 32-gallons or less, and must not exceed 45 pounds. Plastic bags are limited to 40 pounds.
- Up to 4 containers (trash cans or paper yardwaste bags) of yardwaste. Trash cans must be marked with a YW, 32-gallons or less, and must not exceed 45 pounds. Paper yardwaste sacks are limited to 40 pounds. A bundle of brush is also acceptable in place of a trash can or paper yardwaste bag.
- One or more City issued green recycling bins. Excess recyclables may be placed in paper grocery sacks or cardboard boxes that will be collected when placed out with the green recycling bin. Replacement recycling bins are not available at this time due to the shutdown of facilities where they are distributed.

Due to the uncertainty of impacts, modifications to this may be necessary. The City will update residents as information becomes available.

Citizens may sign up for e-mail notification of impending solid waste collection holidays or service delays by going to <http://join.wasteline.org>. The City's solid waste website is www.wasteline.org and the Facebook presence is www.facebook.com/wasteline.

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