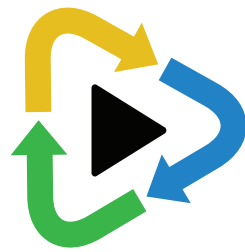


# Wasteline

## OMAHA SOLID WASTE PROGRAM



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RECYCLING, GARBAGE, AND YARDWASTE INFORMATION FOR THE CITIZENS OF OMAHA, NEBRASKA

## Fall Yardwaste Pick Up: October 28 to December 6, 2024



WASTE



YARDWASTE



RECYCLING



GLASS



YARDWASTE

## No Cost Fall Yardwaste Season Begins Oct. 28

As cooler temperatures, shorter days, and pumpkin spice everything herald the arrival of fall in Omaha, another familiar sign joins the list: bagged yardwaste collection with no stickers!

From October 28th through December 6th, the City of Omaha is offering its twice-per-year, no-cost bagged yardwaste collection. Take advantage of this opportunity to dispose of your yardwaste in paper yardwaste bags for free (no sticker required). Remember, only bagged yardwaste is included in this offer; brush bundles still need a purchased yardwaste sticker.

### What is acceptable in yardwaste bags?

- Grass clippings and leaves
- Garden waste (fallen apples, rotted or excess vegetables/fruit, etc.)
- End-of-season garden cleanup
- Twigs and brush trimmed to fit in the bag

### What is NOT allowed?

- Sawdust, lumber, or treated lumber
- Litter, trash, or garbage
- Whole bags of dirt or sod
- Street sweeping sand, litter, or rocks
- Cardboard boxes of yardwaste
- Pet manure or kitty litter
- Branches over 2 inches in diameter or 4 feet long
- Plastic twine, nylon twine, or wire used on brush
- Rope of any kind
- Unbundled brush
- Plastic bags

### Important Notes:

- Yardwaste bags must not exceed 45 pounds.
- Place bags near, but separate from, your regular trash cart.
- FCC Environmental will use a separate truck for collection and transport yardwaste to the Oma-Gro composting facility.

Year-round Composting at Oma-Gro:

If you prefer to compost your yardwaste year-round, you can take it directly to Oma-Gro, located at the Papillion Creek Water

Resource Recovery Plant (15705 Harlan Lewis Road, south of Bellevue). Oma-Gro is open weekdays from 7am to 6pm during the growing season and 7am to 3pm in winter (closed on City of Omaha holidays).

**Remember:** You can always use your black lid garbage cart for yardwaste disposal year-round, but it will not be composted. Take advantage of Omaha's free fall yardwaste collection or Oma-Gro's composting services to keep your yard tidy and contribute to a greener city!



## Get Your Home Ready for Winter: Fall Cleanup Begins Oct. 5

Got junk that is large or bulky? Get rid of it for free during Omaha's 2024 Fall Cleanup Program. This is a joint effort between the City of Omaha, Keep Omaha Beautiful Inc., and the participating neighborhood or homeowner associations.

This year's Fall Cleanup will take place on the four Saturdays of October. Each Saturday cleanup locations will be operating from 9:00am to 2:00pm. This collection program is open to all Omaha residents. You do not have to be a member of the neighborhood association to participate.

This is your chance to dispose of large or bulky residential items not accepted through the city's curbside waste services — things like mattresses, old furniture, carpet, and construction material. Appliances and tires have select locations for disposal and the metal will be recycled. Other metal items like bikes, and swing sets will be welcome at these locations so they can be recycled instead of landfilled.

Yardwaste and brush have one specific collection location.

Whichever site you use, be ready to unload your own vehicle, so bring a friend to help you if you need it!

Some participating neighborhood and homeowner associations even recycle certain items that are dropped off and resell them at garage sale events to raise money for their groups!

### Examples of items NOT collected at cleanup events:

- Commercial waste
- Rocks and concrete
- Tree trunks and logs larger than 4 inches in diameter
- Tree stumps
- Dirt
- Dead animals, manure, and animal bedding
- Landscaping timbers
- Construction debris
- Tires still on rims

If you have a question about what's a "do" or what's a "don't," visit [cleanup.wasteline.org](https://cleanup.wasteline.org). Then, if you still have questions, call the Omaha Fall Cleanup Hotline at 402-444-4636 or email [cleanupomaha@cityofomaha.org](mailto:cleanupomaha@cityofomaha.org).

A map of the locations is available at [cleanup.wasteline.org](https://cleanup.wasteline.org).

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# Solid Waste Tonnage Remains Steady

After three full years of using carts for collection, and providing separate spring and fall yardwaste collection, Omaha is seeing consistent results. The total tons of recycling, waste (garbage), and yardwaste collected remain in line with previous years. The total tons recycled is still not as great as 2021, but we still attribute this to lingering effects of the public's displaced lifestyle of COVID.

In 2023, the City paid \$4,084,135.30 in landfill tipping fees and \$2,140,792.46 to sort and market recyclables. The recycling costs were higher than usual due to challenging commodity markets. A positive from 2023 is that the annual fall test sort showed a significant reduction in

non-recyclable waste in the recycling stream, a benefit for 2024 along with more favorable commodity markets.

Recycling efforts helped avoid \$647,669.59 in landfill tipping fees, and the seasonal yardwaste collection saved an additional \$159,578.77 while generating around 8,000 cubic yards of compost. The total cost of collecting garbage, recycling, and yardwaste was \$22.8 million, funded through the City's general revenue fund (all property and sales taxes).

Overall, Omaha's waste management efforts are proving effective, balancing cost efficiency with environmental responsibility.

## Omaha Collection Numbers

2023	Recycle		Waste		Yardwaste	
	Tons	%	Tons	%	Tons	%
January	2,175.73	17%	10,489.28	83%	—	0%
February	1,594.48	16%	8,419.84	84%	—	0%
March	1,883.51	16%	9,852.59	84%	—	0%
April	1,828.61	14%	10,808.75	85%	12.03	0%
May	1,955.96	12%	13,168.33	78%	1,727.03	10%
June	1,998.31	13%	13,062.37	85%	317.17	2%
July	1,962.40	13%	13,271.07	87%	—	0%
August	1,950.60	12%	14,397.14	88%	—	0%
September	1,644.46	12%	11,712.66	88%	—	0%
October	1,779.89	12%	12,274.05	84%	608.54	4%
November	1,746.64	10%	12,729.68	73%	2,864.64	17%
December	1,829.88	14%	10,791.23	86%	—	0%
<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>22,350.47</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>140,976.99</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>5,529.41</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>22,701.66</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>137,284.61</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>5,812.53</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>24,899.21</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>144,953.31</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>5,923.81</b>	<b>3%</b>

# REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE RIGHT.



**Omaha  
Recycling  
Guide.org**

Get answers to recycling questions & find out what goes where!

→ Can you recycle it?  **SEARCH** 🔍

TRY IT TODAY!



The Omaha Recycling Guide is a partnership of Keep Omaha Beautiful, The City of Omaha, and First Star Recycling.



Properly dispose of unwanted household, lawn, garden, and automotive chemicals at **UnderTheSink.**

**Residential Waste Only**

Hours:

Wednesday 9:00am - 4:45pm  
Thursday 9:00am - 6:15pm  
Friday 9:00am - 4:45pm  
Saturday Call for an Appointment

**402-444-sink [7465]**

**www.underthesink.org**

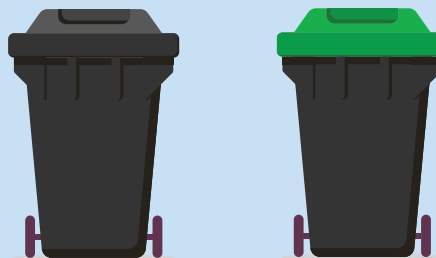


## WASTE



**Set out by 6AM**

**Carts must be removed from the curb by 10am the day after collection.**



- Keep carts separate from each other, and other objects (mailboxes, light poles, etc).
- Only material in your cart will be collected.
- Keep lids closed during storage and collection.
- Maximum 355 pounds.
- Excess yardwaste must be in paper yardwaste bags with a paid sticker.

## WASTE



## Special Assistance

Special collection for garbage, yardwaste, and recyclables is available. Households where all occupants of the home are at least age 70 or have a doctor verified medical need qualify for the service. It takes several weeks to get the service set up.

To apply, call **402-444-5238** from 8AM to 8PM weekdays.



Glass is not recyclable in your green lid cart but Omaha does have recycling drop-off sites that collect glass. There are six full-service recycling sites that accept glass and all the other recyclable items collected in your cart. In addition, there are two glass only drop-off sites.

Glass is the most economical item collected and recycled in Omaha. The glass we collect is shipped to Ripple Glass of Kansas City, Missouri. Ripple processes the glass for two markets; back into glass bottles and into Owens Corning pink insulation. Using recycled glass, called cullet at this step of the process, saves a tremendous amount of energy compared to using the raw materials of sand, soda ash, and limestone.

So toss that bottle cap in the garbage, and then place the empty bottle in a tote for your next trip to a drop-off site. The drop-off site may also be the perfect spot for those boxes that fill up your cart so quickly.

Illegal dumping including placing recyclables on the ground outside containers at drop-off sites is punishable by a fine of up to \$500, loss of drivers license for 6 months and all clean up costs. [Omaha Municipal Code, Chapter 34, ARTICLE I, Section 4.]

## Full Service Drop-off Sites

The full service sites accept all of the recyclables that are collected from Omaha's curbside program. Plus, there is a purple container for glass bottles.



### WEST DROP-OFF SITE

Parking Lot  
20801 Elkhorn Drive  
The site is open: Daily: 7AM - 7PM



### NORTHWEST DROP-OFF SITE

Mulhall's  
3615 North 120th Street  
(120th & Maple)  
The site is open: Daily: 7AM - 7PM



### NORTHEAST DROP-OFF SITE

Creighton University  
North 17th and Burt Streets  
The site is open:  
Daily: 7:30AM - 6PM (Sept. - March)  
Daily: 7:30AM - 8PM (April - Aug.)



### SOUTHEAST DROP-OFF SITE

River City Transfer  
6404 South 60th Street  
(between Q and Harrison)  
**NOTE:** This site accepts recyclables free and is a dump location for bulky items. There is a fee for all materials except recyclables.

The site is open:  
Monday through Friday: 6AM - 4PM  
Saturday (Easter to Thanksgiving)  
Hours: 6AM - 1PM  
Saturday (Thanksgiving to Easter)  
Hours: 7AM - 11:30AM



### SOUTHWEST DROP-OFF SITE

Firststar Fiber  
10330 'I' Street  
Use the East driveway to Firststar.  
The site is open: Daily: 7AM - 7PM



### CENTRAL DROP-OFF SITE

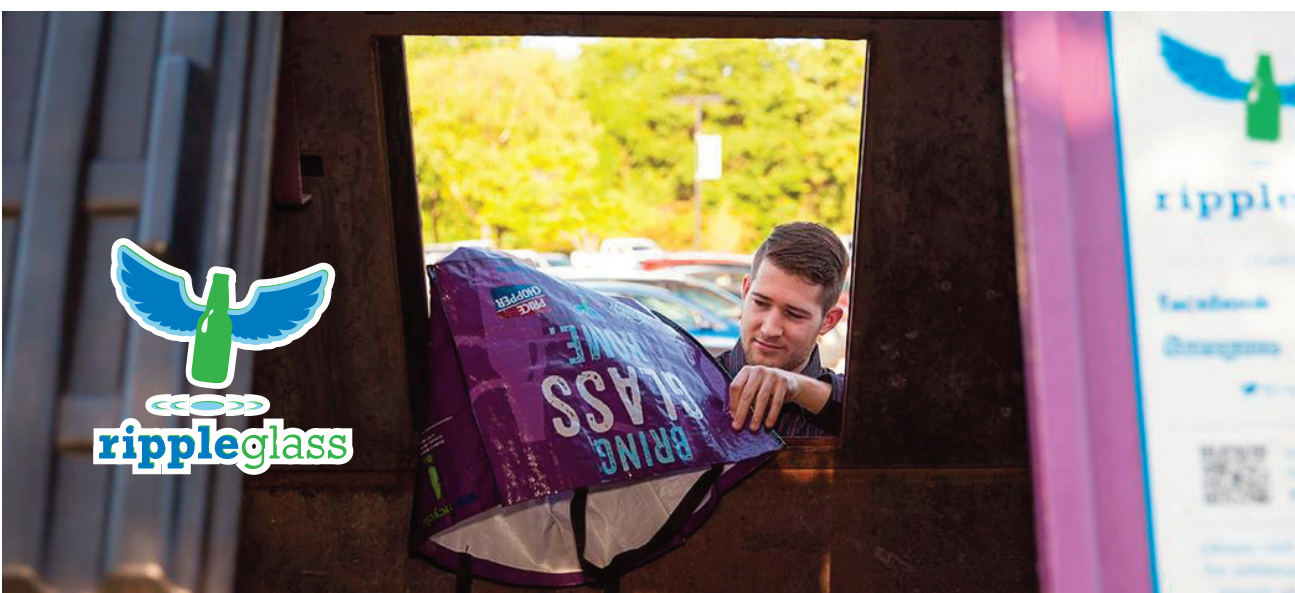
Parking Lot  
7301 Farnam Street  
The site is open: Daily: 7AM - 7PM



## Big Family? No Problem!

If you have a big family and generate too much garbage or recyclables to fit into the pair of 96-gallon carts, don't worry! **A household of 5 or more members qualifies for an additional cart at the City's expense.** You can choose an extra waste cart or a recycling cart. Just complete the registration form which is available at [wasteline.org](http://wasteline.org) or call **402-444-5238** to have the form mailed to you.

For all other situations, FCC Environmental Services will lease an additional cart for an annual fee. You must pay in advance, and the fee includes delivery. The information for leasing a cart is available at [wasteline.org](http://wasteline.org) or by calling **402-444-5238**.



## Glass Only Drop-off Sites



### FAR WEST CENTRAL

HyVee  
1000 S 178th Street (180th & Pacific)  
The site is open: 7AM - 7PM



### WEST CENTRAL

Westwood Plaza  
12075 West Center Road (Near Taco Bell)  
The site is open: 7AM - 7PM

# Thank You For Recycling These: Gracias por reciclar estos materiales:



**Paper**  
(all colors and types)  
**Papel**  
(de todo color y tipo)



**Cardboard**  
(flatten)  
**Cartón**  
(desarmado)



**Food Cartons**  
(empty and clean)  
**Cartones de comestibles**  
(vacíos y limpios)



**Aluminum and Steel Cans**  
(empty and clean)  
**Latas de aluminio y acero**  
(vacías y limpios)



**Plastic Bottles, Jars and Jugs**  
(empty and clean)  
**Envases de plástico**  
(vacíos y limpios)

## Not in your green lid cart. ¡NO! En la carretilla de tapa verde



**NO Yardwaste**  
(goes in your black lid cart)  
**Nada de desperdicios de jardín**  
(póngalos en la carretilla de tapa negra)



**NO Glass**  
(take to recycling drop-off location)  
**Nada de vidrio**  
(llévelo a un puesto de reciclar vidrio)



**NO Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap**  
(return to retailer)  
**Ninguna bolsa ni envoltura de plástico**  
(devuélvalas a la tienda)



**Do not Bag Recyclables**  
(recyclables must be loose in cart)  
**No ponga en bolsas los reciclables**  
(los reciclables tienen que estar sueltos en la carretilla)



**NO Tangles**  
(no hoses, wires, chains, or electronics)  
**Nada enredante**  
(ni mangueras, alambres o cadenas, ni cables electrónicos)



**NO Food or Liquid**  
(empty and rinse all containers)  
**Nada de comida ni líquidos**  
(vacíe todos los recipientes y enjuáguelos)

## Check Out the Wasteline Omaha Widget

*Or be bold and get the App!*

You'll notice that there isn't a full calendar in this edition of Wasteline. That's because personalized calendars are available from the widget.

The Wasteline Omaha widget, available on the home page at [wasteline.org](http://wasteline.org), is super easy to use. Just type in your address and you'll get a printable calendar of your trash and recycling days by month. This calendar highlights yardwaste collection and neighborhood cleanups too! If paper calendars aren't your thing, you can also sign up for reminders by email, text, phone call, or tweet. Maybe you would like to add the calendar to your electronic calendar. That's available as well.

The widget is also available as an app for your smartphone. Just search for "Wasteline Omaha" and download it to get push notifications.

All these notification methods are updated when there is an unexpected interruption of service.

Try it out and tell your Omaha friends!



## Every Other Week Recycling

Sign up for holiday e-mail reminders at [join.wasteline.org](http://join.wasteline.org)

### Solid Waste Holidays are shown in RED

Days following the holiday where collection is shifted are shown with a red underline.

OCTOBER / 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
A		1	2	3	4	5
B	6	7	8	9	10	11
A	13	14	15	16	17	18
B	20	21	22	23	24	25
A	27	28	29	30	31	1

NOVEMBER / 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
A	27	28	29	30	31	1
B	3	4	5	6	7	8
A	10	11	12	13	14	15
B	17	18	19	20	21	22
A	24	25	26	27	28	29

DECEMBER / 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
B	1	2	3	4	5	6
A	8	9	10	11	12	13
B	15	16	17	18	19	20
A	22	23	24	25	26	27
B	29	30	31	1	2	3

JANUARY / 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
B	29	30	31	1	2	3
A	5	6	7	8	9	10
B	12	13	14	15	16	17
A	19	20	21	22	23	24
B	26	27	28	29	30	31

### For future months go on-line to [wasteline.org/widget](http://wasteline.org/widget)

Enter your address so you can print a calendar specific for you (instructions available at [wasteline.org/calendar](http://wasteline.org/calendar)). Also available is adding the calendar to your on-line calendar, or get the **Wasteline Omaha app** for reminders of the collection schedule.

<b>Group A</b> recycling is shown in <b>Yellow</b>	<b>Group B</b> recycling is shown in <b>Blue</b>
<b>Holiday — No Collection</b>	<u><b>Holiday Shift Days</b></u>

Legal Notice: Placement of solid waste (garbage, recyclable materials, and yardwaste) by a resident along a privately owned street or road implies permission for the City's solid waste collection contractor to drive onto that street or road to perform contract work. Accordingly, such residents and owners of private streets and roads shall assume the risk of incidental damages incurred in the course of performing work while driving on the surface of these private streets and roads. Incidental damages may include cracks in the surface of the roadway or cave-ins due to collapsed sewers or poor street surface substrate. The City's contractor is not exempt from causal damages to personal property or premises adjoining private streets and roads. Please call the Solid Waste Hotline 402-444-5238 for questions or concerns about collection on private streets and roads.