

Wasteline

OMAHA SOLID WASTE PROGRAM



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

Christmas Tree Drop Off: December 24 - January 9

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Updates on Oma-Gro: Current Changes and Future Plans

Oma-Gro is currently operating from two separate locations due to recent changes. Here's a breakdown of what's happening now and what to expect in the future.

Sales Location:

The original Oma-Gro location remains at 15705 Harlan Lewis Road, south of Bellevue. This site is exclusively for sales and is open year-round, Monday through Friday, from 7am to 3pm*. Here, you can purchase both bagged and bulk Oma-Gro products.

Payments are accepted via checks, credit, or debit cards.

Production & Material Receiving Location:

Oma-Gro's production (the actual composting of yardwaste) has moved to a new location at the former Al Veys ballfields, located at 6606 South 60th Street in Omaha. This facility is not currently selling Oma-Gro products, but it will serve as the site for composting yardwaste. The new location is more convenient for residents who bring their yardwaste for composting. It's also better for FCC Environmental during the spring and fall yardwaste collection seasons.

This location is temporarily closed for winter but is scheduled to reopen on March 3, 2025. When it reopens, residents will be able to drop off yardwaste for composting at no charge. Materials must meet specific guidelines: no plastic bags, no stumps, and no branches larger than 2 inches in diameter. Before unloading, you must stop by the office for permission.

Future Consolidation:

Eventually, all operations will be moved to the South 60th Street location, which is expected to happen in about a year and a half. Updates on these changes will be available on wasteline.org, omagro.com, and through social media channels. Stay tuned for more information as Oma-Gro evolves!

*Closed City of Omaha holidays.

Managing Waste During the Holidays

Holidays can create a whirlwind of activity in most households. This can lead to an increase in waste from guests, parties, and gift exchanges. But, with some planning, you can manage this waste effectively — and even recycle when possible!

Choose Wisely: Be mindful of your purchases. Avoid items with non-recyclable packaging or excessive packaging. Opt for recyclable wrapping paper. Steer clear of wrapping paper that is shiny foil, plastic coatings, or glitter.

Recycling Food Containers: In the kitchen, you can recycle cans, plastic bottles, soup boxes, and dry food boxes. These go in your green lid recycle cart. Glass bottles must be taken to a recycling drop-off site. Use the Hefty ReNew bag for plastic bags, wraps, plastic utensils, and foam trays.

Create a Recycling Tradition: Involve your family in a new holiday tradition; the cleanup! This will help you recycle more and prevent the frantic search for a misplaced gift cards.

Steps for Effective Recycling:

1. Appoint a Paper Recycling Helper: Give this person a paper grocery bag or box. Their task is to gather all recyclable wrapping paper, broken-down boxes, and molded paper protective blocks. Place these items in your green lid recycle cart. (Note: tissue paper is not recyclable. For questions, use the Wizard feature in the Wasteline Omaha app or visit omaharecyclingguide.org.)

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIVISION
5600 SOUTH 10TH STREET
OMAHA, NE 68107-3501



Christmas Tree Drop Off December 24 - January 9

If you love the tradition of having a live Christmas tree in your home, we can help you recycle it once the holiday season is over.

The City of Omaha offers five Christmas tree disposal sites, with a total of 14 locations in the metro area. You can drop off your tree from December 24, 2024, to January 9, 2025, during daylight hours. Simply throw your tree onto the pile at any Omaha site.

Volunteers will be available at the Tranquility North and F Street locations on December 28-29 and January 4-5 to assist you.

Before you load your tree into your car, please make sure to remove all nails, wires, ornaments, tree stands, and lights. At the collection site, also remove the plastic bag and take it home for disposal in your garbage. Flocked trees are accepted.

Please note that wreaths and evergreen roping cannot be dropped off at these sites. Instead, dispose of them in your black lid garbage cart at home.

If you use an artificial tree, it can be placed in your black lid garbage cart when it's time to replace it. Alternatively, consider donating it to a thrift store.

Trees dropped off after January 9 will be treated as illegal dumping, which may result in fines up to \$500, loss of your driver's license for six months, and additional cleanup costs.

Last year, we collected 99.5 tons of Christmas trees, which were transformed into Oma-Gro compost—a 7.5-ton increase from the previous season! Volunteers dedicated a total of 240 hours to help at the collection sites.

Locations and more information available at: trees.wasteline.org



Pictured is the final densified EPS Styrofoam. Volume reduction ratio is 90:1

Take Action: Start Recycling Your Styrofoam®

If you're reading this, you probably already recycle. Why not expand your efforts by recycling Styrofoam®?

Styrofoam is a trademarked name for Expanded Polystyrene (EPS), a ridged, white foam used to protect items during shipping, such as televisions, appliances, glass products, temperature-sensitive medications, and perishables.

Fortunately, Plastilite Corporation, located at 4930 Battlefield Drive in northeast Omaha, accepts and recycles EPS foam blocks and is open 24 hours a day. EPS is

being recycled back into EPS beads that Plastilite molds into new products. Along with this, it's recycled into products like surfboards, picture frames, and construction materials.

Before you go, make sure to remove all tape and labels from the foam. Note that they do not accept flexible foam, food containers, packing peanuts, or foam insulation board.

For more information and a helpful video on how to recycle EPS, visit www.plastilite.com/recycle.

These items are not EPS, and NOT recyclable at Plastilite:



NO Flexible Foam* **NO Food Containers*** **NO Packing Peanuts*** **NO Insulation Board**
*These items accepted in the **Hefty® ReNew®** bag.



Spring Cleanup: Plan Ahead

The City organizes cleanup events in the spring and fall, allowing households to dispose of extra waste that doesn't fit in their carts, including tires and appliances.

In the spring 2024 cleanup, the following amounts were collected:

- 728 tons of bulky waste
- 67 tons of tires
- 14 roll-off containers of appliances and metals

These cleanup events rely on the hard work of neighborhood associations. In 2023, 70 neighborhood associations hosted 61 sites, supported by 300 volunteers.

If you're a leader of a neighborhood association and wish to organize a cleanup event, ensure your association is registered with the City of Omaha Planning Department with up-to-date information (https://qrc0.de/Omaha_Neighborhood_LookUp). Registration for spring cleanup will begin in February with an email going out using the Planning Department's list.

The 2025 spring cleanup will take place over five consecutive Saturdays, starting in mid-April. Each Saturday will feature one site for tire collection and another for appliance collection, in addition to other bulky waste. Cleanup hours are from 9am to 2pm each Saturday. For updates, visit cleanup.wasteline.org.



Recyclables
Glass

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

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



CENTRAL DROP-OFF SITE

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

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2. Appoint a Hefty ReNew® Bag Helper: Provide this helper with an orange Hefty ReNew bag to collect hard-to-recycle plastics that belong in this program. More information can be found on page 4 of this issue of Wasteline.

3. Appoint a Styrofoam® Helper: Give this helper a plastic bag to gather molded hard foam blocks that protected new electronics during shipping. Styrofoam is only accepted for recycling at one location in Omaha—Plastilite, 4930 Battlefield Drive—open 24/7. Details are available on page 2 of this issue of Wasteline. If it will fit, Styrofoam may also go in the Hefty® ReNew® bags.

4. Appoint someone to be the Garbage Police: This person has the crucial job of ensuring that all non-recyclable items—like tissue paper, ribbons, bows, yarn, and other unconventional packaging—are collected for the black lid garbage cart.

By following these steps and organizing your recycling efforts, you can reduce waste during the holidays while making the process easier and more efficient for everyone involved!

Set out
by 6AM



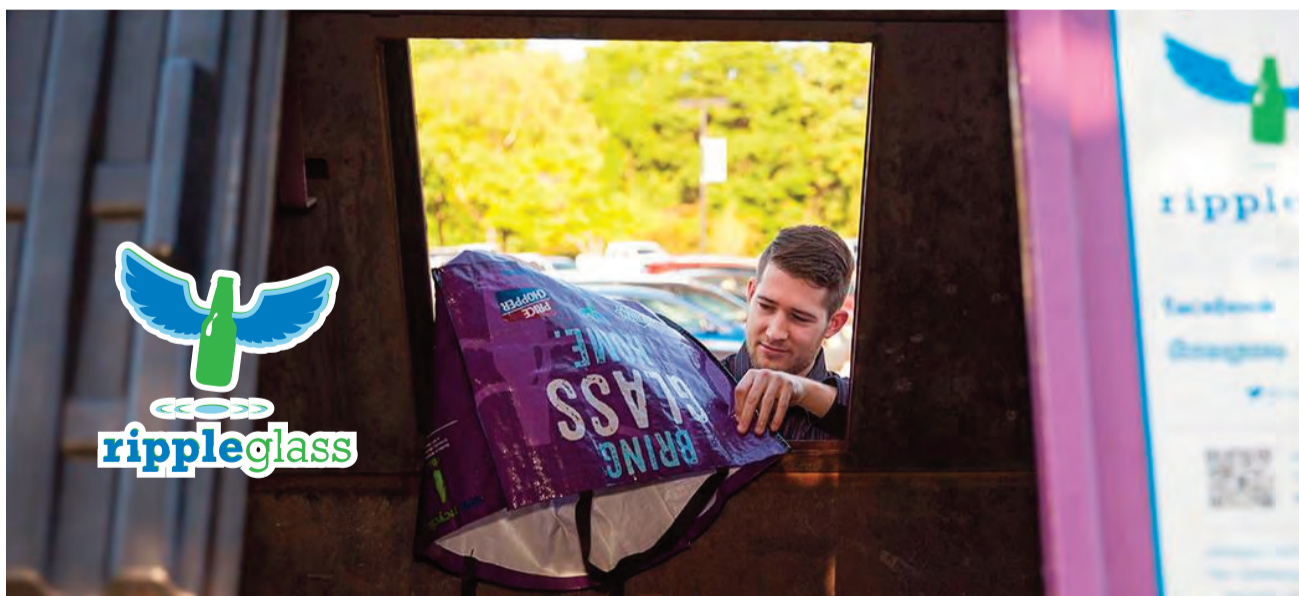
Carts must be removed from the curb by 10am the day after collection.

- 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.
- Excess yardwaste must be in paper yardwaste bags with a paid sticker.

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 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.



Glass Only Drop-off Sites



FAR WEST CENTRAL

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



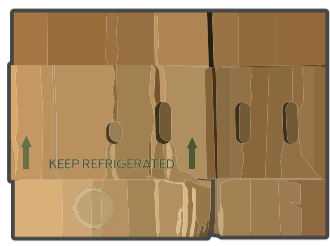
WEST CENTRAL

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)

Personalize Your Wasteline Calendar

To create your personalized collection calendar, visit Wasteline.org/calendar. Enter your address, click on "Get a Calendar," and follow the prompts. The printable calendar includes your trash and recycling collection days, as well as information on yardwaste collection and neighborhood cleanups.

If you prefer using a smartphone, you can download the "Wasteline Omaha" app. This app provides push notifications to keep you updated.



The Orange Hefty® ReNew® Bags: A Unique Recycling Solution

Enhance your recycling efforts at home with Hefty® ReNew® bags. These vibrant orange bags are available for purchase locally and can be used to recycle plastics that are typically not accepted, such as candy wrappers, juice pouches, vegetable bags, and plastic utensils.

To see the full list of items you can recycle with these bags, visit www.hefty.com/products/hefty-renew and download the Hefty® ReNew® Program Checklist.

Once your bag is full, tie it shut and either place it in your green lid recycling cart or drop it off at one of Omaha's full-service recycling sites.

For information on where to buy these bags in the greater Omaha area, scan the QR code provided.

Remember, all items placed in your Hefty® ReNew® bags must be clean, dry, and free of foil lining. Check the list for details on the various hard-to-recycle plastics you can include.

PLASTIC PACKAGING (NO FOIL LINING)

- Chip bags
- Snack food bags
- Plastic pet food bags
- Salad bags
- Fresh/frozen vegetable & fruit bags
- Shredded cheese packages
- Cheese stick packages
- Granola & energy bar wrappers
- Candy wrappers
- Stand up pouches
- Pudding cups
- Yogurt tubs
- Butter/Margarine tubs
- Sour cream tubs
- Dry mix liners (cake, powder mixes)
- Cereal box liners
- Cookie/cracker box liners



PLASTIC BAGS & WRAPS*

- Plastic air pillow packs
- Plastic bubble wrap
- Plastic grocery bags
- Plastic food wrap
- Food storage bags



FOAM PRODUCTS

- Foam cups, plates & bowls
- Foam to-go boxes
- Foam packing peanuts
- Foam egg cartons
- Foam block packaging



PLASTIC DINNERWARE

- Plastic straws and stirrers
- Plastic utensils
- Plastic colored cups
- Plastic plates and bowls
- Rigid plastic clear cups



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The following items ARE NOT accepted in the orange bags

NO

NO batteries or electronics

NO food, liquid or coffee grounds

NO cans, glass or plastic bottles

NO paper, cartons or boxes

NO medical products or hazardous waste

NO hoses, tubes or rope

NO foil or aluminum

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.