

# WASTELINE



Recycling and solid waste information for the citizens of Omaha, Nebraska  
City of Omaha Hal Daub, Mayor August, 1996  
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## Simple Reminders

**H**OPEFULLY THIS is the first time that you have seen one of the tags shown to the right. These tags are used to remind residents of the city's solid waste collection rules.

The tags are issued by Deffenbaugh Industries, the City's collection contractor, to notify residents of problems, and are part of the City's effort to comply with state and federal regulations. The City's rules are to protect public health, to ensure the safety of the collectors who must lift hundreds of containers each day, and to prevent abuse of the city's solid waste services.

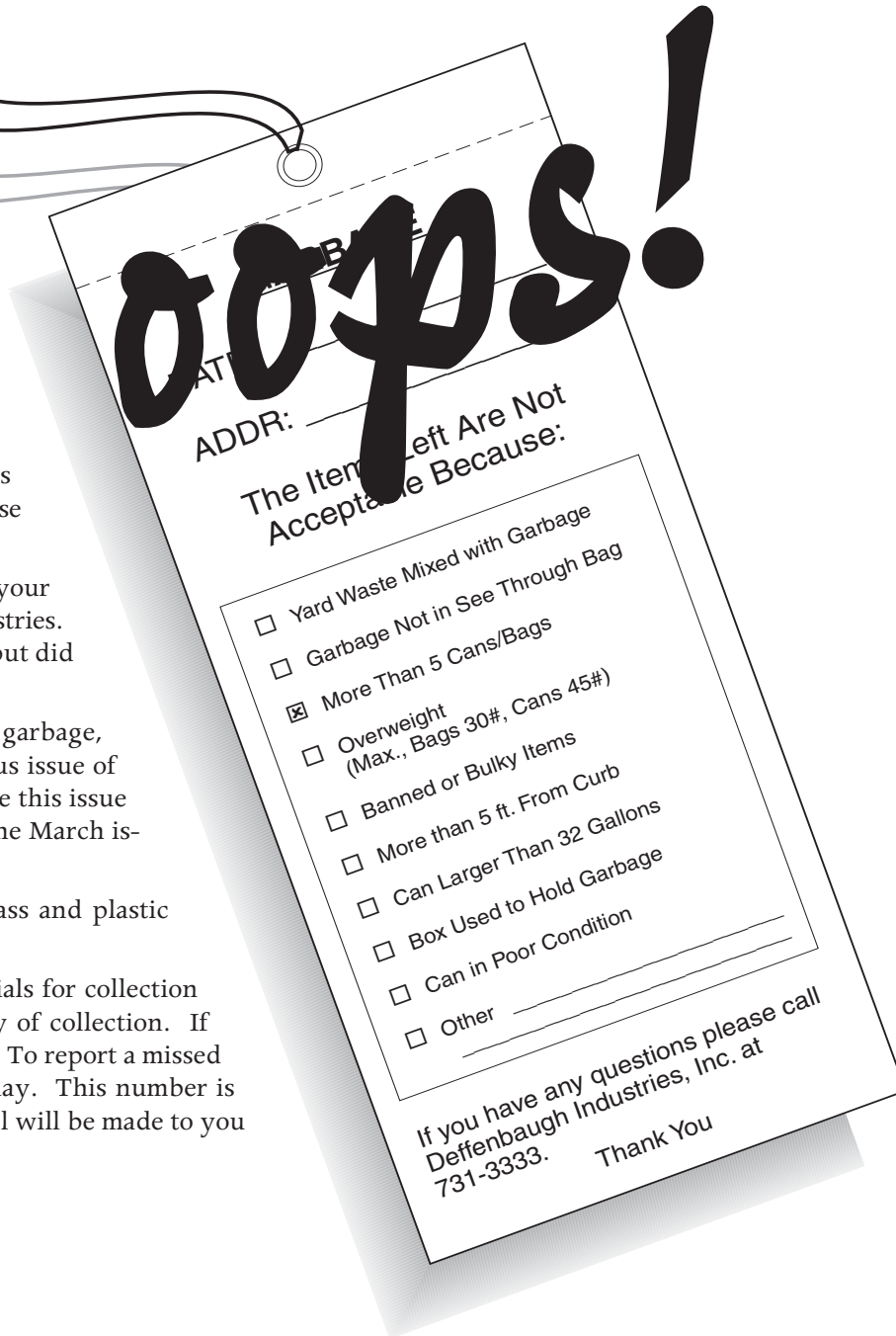
The City sets limits so that an equal amount of service is available to each customer, at a fair price to the City. These efforts ensure your tax dollars are spent wisely.

As the tags say, if you have questions about why your container was tagged, you should call Deffenbaugh Industries. If the collectors left properly prepared material behind but did not tag the container, call the City at 444-5238.

A complete listing of the solid waste rules (including garbage, yardwaste and recyclables) was included in the previous issue of **WASTELINE**, distributed in March. If you did not receive this issue or if you need a new copy, call 444-4500 and ask that the March issue of **WASTELINE** be sent to you.

This issue of **WASTELINE** goes in-depth into what glass and plastic items can and cannot be recycled.

A final reminder is to be sure to place all your materials for collection at your proper collection location by 6AM on your day of collection. If you have problems with your collection, call 444-5238. To report a missed collection call 444-5238 after 7PM on your collection day. This number is answered 24 hours-a-day 7 days-a-week. A return call will be made to you only if more information is needed.



# Glass Bottles & Jars

We must all work to be sure that only glass bottles and jars are collected for recycling. If other types of glass are included, it will cause problems in the recycling process. Those problems cause recyclable material to be landfilled, so please be careful what you place in your recycling bin and keep this as a reference.

## Yes!

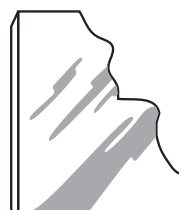
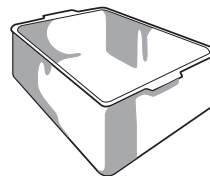
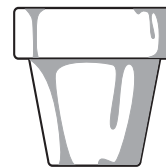


- ✦ Ketchup bottles
- ✦ Pickle jars
- ✦ Mayonnaise jars
- ✦ Pop bottles
- ✦ Wine bottles
- ✦ Beer bottles
- ✦ Juice bottles
- ✦ Baby food jars
- ✦ Apple sauce jars



**Rinse well**

## No!



- ⊗ Lids
- ⊗ Drinking glasses
- ⊗ Vases
- ⊗ Flower pots
- ⊗ Light bulbs
- ⊗ Caps
- ⊗ Mugs
- ⊗ Glassware
- ⊗ Pyrex® dishware
- ⊗ Window glass
- ⊗ Auto windshields
- ⊗ Plate glass
- ⊗ Plexi® glass
- ⊗ Auto headlights
- ⊗ Glass cookware
- ⊗ Eye glasses
- ⊗ Plates
- ⊗ Cups
- ⊗ Saucers

**A glass reminder—  
If it's not called a  
bottle or a jar—  
Don't try to recycle it!**

# Plastic Containers



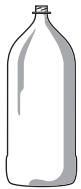
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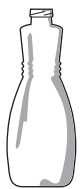
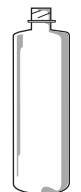
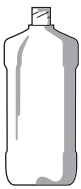
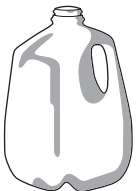
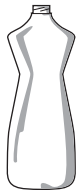
We must all work to be sure that only the correct plastics are collected for recycling. If the wrong type of plastic is included, it will lower the value of the recycled material, and will cause problems in the recycling process. Those problems could cause recyclable material to be landfilled, so please be careful what you place in your recycling bin and keep this as a reference.

## Yes!

(All plastic containers must be marked with a ♻️ or ♻️ and cannot be included in the list to the right!)



- ☑ 1 & 2 liter pop bottles
- ☑ Detergent bottles
- ☑ Dishwashing liquid bottles
- ☑ Milk jugs
- ☑ Cleaning product bottles
- ☑ Shampoo bottles
- ☑ Hair conditioner bottles
- ☑ Cooking oil bottles
- ☑ Yogurt containers
- ☑ Margarine tubs
- ☑ Sport drink bottles
- ☑ Whipped topping containers



- All ♻️ containers must be bottles with screw top lids. No snap top containers.
- Containers marked ♻️ may be bottles or snap top containers.

**Remove Lids!**

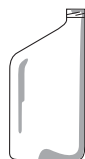
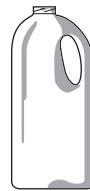


Discard lids in garbage.

**Wash 'em & Squash 'em!**

## No!

(Plastics on this list cannot be recycled in your recycling bin, even if the item is marked with a ♻️ or ♻️.)



- ⊘ Lids and caps
- ⊘ Plastic drinking glasses
- ⊘ Plastic toys
- ⊘ Ice cube trays
- ⊘ Dish drainers
- ⊘ Automotive product bottles
- ⊘ Plastic bags
- ⊘ Lawn chemical bottles
- ⊘ Motor oil bottles
- ⊘ Buckets
- ⊘ Automotive parts
- ⊘ Plastic paint cans
- ⊘ Drain cleaner bottles
- ⊘ Flower pots
- ⊘ Plastic egg cartons
- ⊘ Plexi® glass
- ⊘ Plastic cookware
- ⊘ Plastic cups and plates
- ⊘ Frozen food trays
- ⊘ Cookie trays
- ⊘ Bedding plant trays
- ⊘ Children's play pools
- ⊘ Plastic furniture
- ⊘ Rubbermaid® products
- ⊘ Plastic forks, spoons and knives
- ⊘ Hangers
- ⊘ Lawn edging
- ⊘ Plastic items marked ♻️, ♻️, ♻️, ♻️ or ♻️

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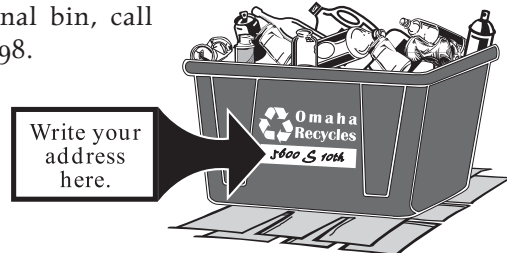
## 1996's numbers look good!

Here's how Omaha did during the first half of 1996. All numbers are reported as tons (2,000 pounds). Yardwaste is only collected April through November.

	Garbage	Yardwaste	Recyclables
January	6,349 (80%)	--	1,576 (20%)
February	5,818 (79%)	--	1,548 (21%)
March	5,631 (78%)	--	1,547 (22%)
April	6,582 (49%)	5,024 (37%)	1,757 (13%)
May	7,640 (45%)	7,350 (43%)	1,955 (11%)
June	6,973 (52%)	4,481 (34%)	1,713 (13%)
6 Month Total	38,993 (59%)	16,855 (26%)	10,096 (15%)

## A Reminder to Everyone

Please write your address on your recycling bin with a permanent marker. There are more than 100,000 households in Omaha with City-supplied recycling bins. To help prevent loss, theft or damage to your recycling bin, please remove it from the curb (or alley) as soon as possible after collection. Wind could cause an empty bin to be blown into the street where it could be hit by a passing car. If you need a replacement bin or wish to purchase an additional bin, call 444-5098.



## Need More Information? Are You Connected?

The City's Environmental Quality Division of the Public Works Department maintains a World Wide Web home page at [http://omahafreenet.org/ofn/City/Public\\_Works/HomePage/Index.html](http://omahafreenet.org/ofn/City/Public_Works/HomePage/Index.html). Visit this page to find more information about recycling and solid waste collection in Omaha. Monthly data on Omaha's program is posted here, and all of the brochures are available. The pages are added to and updated frequently and in the future more services will be made available.

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