



WASTELINE



Recycling, Garbage and Yardwaste Information for the Citizens of Omaha, Nebraska
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Oh Christmas Tree... Oh Christmas Tree. Here's Where to Recycle Thee.

RECYCLING IS THE WORD for this year's Christmas tree. As in year's past, Christmas trees will *not be collected* as part of Omaha's garbage service. Omaha residents have three options for disposal of Christmas trees: 1) take the tree to one of the collection sites listed in the box to the right using the same means you got it home; 2) place the tree securely in your yard and wait for yardwaste collection to resume in April; 3) consider an artificial tree.

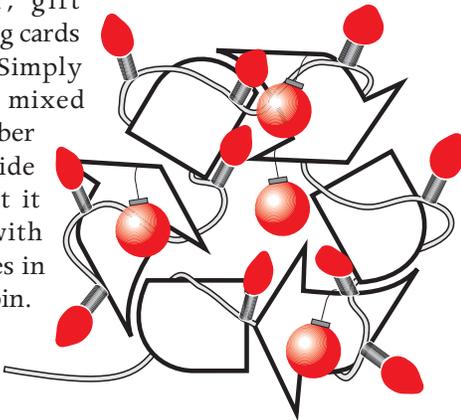


The Christmas tree collection sites are an Omaha tradition where natural Christmas trees have been collected and later chipped. As usual, you must remove all decorations, plastic bag and the stand from the tree before leaving it at the site. Flocked trees will be accepted. As an added convenience, the sites will be staffed with volunteers from the Omaha Rotary Clubs and Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners on December 27 & 28, 2003, and January 3 & 4, 2004, from 10AM until 4PM each day.

To receive a complete brochure by fax about the Christmas tree sites, call 444-3610 and select option 3.

Beyond the tree...

Wrapping paper, gift catalogues and greeting cards are all recyclable. Simply place them in your mixed paper sack (sack number two as described inside this mailing) and set it out for collection with your other recyclables in your green recycling bin. Cards with flocking and foil wrapping



Christmas Tree Recycling Sites:

- Tranquility Park, North 120TH Street & West Maple Road
- Ak-Sar-Ben, Parking lot #6, Mercy Road & South 69TH Street entrance.
- Orchard Park, North 66TH Street & Hartman Avenue
- "F" Street Football Field, South 156TH & "F" Streets
- Brown Park, "U" Street between 15TH & 18TH Streets
- Wehrspann Lake, Hwy 370 entrance to the Wildlife Management Area south parking lot.
- Bellevue Haworth Park, Hwy 370 & Payne Drive
- Papillion Senior Center, 1001 Limerick Road
- Papio Bay, 815 E Halleck Street
- LaVista Sports Complex, 66TH Street 2 blocks South of Harrison
- Kelly West Park, 87TH Street & Park View Boulevard

papers should be disposed of in the garbage.

All the glass bottles, metal cans and the plastic bottles marked with ♻ & ♻ from holiday entertaining are recyclable as well. If you have more recyclables than your green bin will hold, here are several suggestions 1) hold some of the recyclables back until the next week or 2) take the extra recyclables to one of the four drop-off sites (call 444-4500 for information). If you regularly have extra recyclables, you may need an extra bin. It's easy, just call 444-4500.

2004 Holiday Collection Schedule Inside

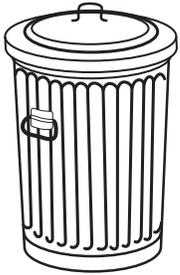
December 25 and January 1 are holidays. Collection will be delayed on Thursday & Friday both weeks.



Garbage

**Collection Missed?
Call 444-5238 after 7pm on your
collection day.**

Because of state and federal mandates, there are limits to the types of waste that you may include in your garbage. Each household is limited to 5 properly prepared trash cans or clear bags of garbage per week.



Yes!

- 👍 Trash cans up to 32 gallons and weighing up to 45 pounds when full.
- 👍 Clear plastic bags and weighing up to 30 pounds when full.
- 👍 Up to five containers of garbage per week (example 2 trash cans and 3 bags).
- 👍 Place within 5 feet of curb, approved alley or other approved location.

**Conserve tax dollars,
make less waste!**

No!

- 👎 A mixture of garbage and yardwaste.
- 👎 Rocks, dirt and concrete.
- 👎 Dead animals.
- 👎 All liquids.
- 👎 Tires, engines or other large auto parts.
- 👎 Bulky items (couches, chairs, stoves, etc.).
- 👎 Dark plastic bags that you can't see through.
- 👎 Motor oil and automotive batteries.
- 👎 Cardboard boxes (empty or full) when not in a can or bag.
- 👎 Items outside a can or clear bag.

Collection Pointers

- ▶ Place all materials at your collection point by 6AM. 🕒
- ▶ If your collection was missed, call 444-5238 *after* 7PM on your collection day.
- ▶ Leave a couple feet of space between your yardwaste, recyclables and garbage containers.
- ▶ Keep your garbage dry—use plastic bags or trash cans with lids.
- ▶ One cap full of household ammonia per garbage container will deter animals from investigating and searching for food in your garbage.
- ▶ Use clear trash bags. Any brand of clear bag will work, but this brand has been tested and approved by the City.



▶ Recycling and solid waste information for Omaha is available from **FRED** an automated fax and voice system. With a touch tone phone, dial 444-3610. For a fax index, select document 90. Here is a short list of some of the fax and voice messages:

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Recycling

Place Materials out by 6am

New to Recycling?

Start with the easy stuff.
Recycle Newspapers like this:

Step 1:

Gather Newspapers Together



Step 2:

Place in paper sack



Step 3:

Set out in bin for collection

Step 4:

Congratulations. Now repeat.

Recycling...More Than Newspapers

Paper sack #2—Mixed Paper (*Do not use plastic bags*)

Includes: Magazines, catalogues, phonebooks, cereal boxes, junkmail (including mailing labels and plastic windows), detergent boxes, greeting cards, wrapping paper, paperback books, office and school paper.

Lay sack on top of bin.

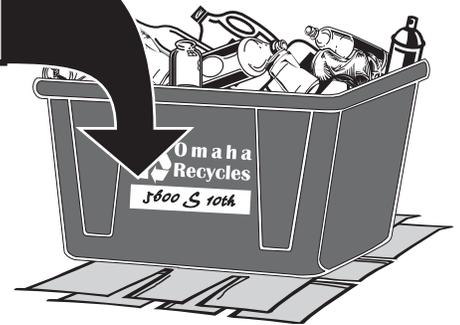
NO! Do not include: pizza boxes, juice boxes, milk cartons, hardbound books, tissue paper, paper plates, or frozen food boxes.

Yes



Write your address here.

Yes



Loose in the bin—Containers (*Not in plastic bags*)

Plastic bottles marked PETE , including: Bottles that held pop, cooking oil, mouthwash, shampoo or cleaners.

NO! PETE  not included: deli/produce containers, frozen food trays, plastic cups, toys or cookie trays.

Plastic bottles and tubs marked HDPE , including—bottles and tubs that held milk, juice, cleaners, margarine, whipped topping, or yogurt.

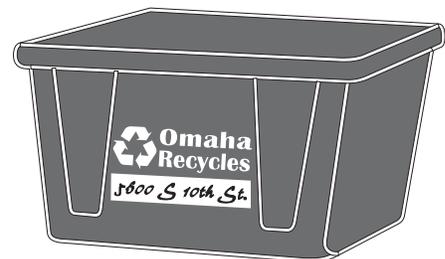
NO! HDPE  not included: motor oil or auto product bottles, lawn chemical bottles, toys or cookie trays. No 5 gallon buckets.

Glass bottles & jars.

Aluminum cans & Steel (tin) cans, including—empty aerosol cans, empty and dry paint cans. *Tip: Place end of food cans inside can and crimp closed.*

Corrugated cardboard. Flatten. Cut to 2 feet by 2 feet. Place in bin or on ground under bin.

NO! Lids of any kind. Remove and throw in garbage.



If your recycling bin is damaged or missing, call 444-4500.

Recycling Collection Tips

- 👉 **NO!** Lids. Remove snap top and screw on lids from all containers and place in garbage.
- 👉 **NO!** plastic bags, Styrofoam[®], motor oil bottles, plate glass, syringes, light bulbs, drinking glasses or pizza boxes.
- 👉 Only glass that you describe as a **bottle** or **jar**.
- 👉 All ♻️ containers must be bottles with screw top lids. *No snap top containers or plastic cups.*
- 👉 Containers marked ♻️ may be bottles or snap top containers.
- 👉 Write your address on the bin using a permanent marker.
- 👉 Flatten all boxes. Cut to 2 feet by 2 feet.
- 👉 All recyclables set out for collection must be in a green bin. (Except pieces of cardboard that may be placed under the bin)
- 👉 Remove bin from curb as soon as possible after collection.
- 👉 Flatten plastic bottles for extra space in bin and to reduce litter (Flattened bottles don't blow about as easily).



Households where all residents in the home have a medical disability or are age 70 or older may apply to use a more convenient location for garbage and recyclables collection. To apply, call 444-5238 from 8AM until 6PM weekdays.

Recycling Drop-off Sites

Dealing with the occasional extra bunch of recyclables is easy. Four drop-off sites serve the city.

Central:

Scrap Central, 8518 Blondo St

Open:

Monday—Friday: 9AM—5PM

Saturday: 9AM—3PM

This site is also a buy back center for aluminum cans. For a fee they accept and recycle appliances.

South Central:

River City Recycling, 6404 South 60TH Street
(north of Harrison Street on 60TH Street)

Open:

Monday—Friday 8AM—4:30PM (Winter)

Saturday 8AM—NOON (Winter)

Monday—Saturday: 8AM—4:45PM
(Spring, Summer, Fall)

This site is also a bulky material disposal facility. There is a fee to dispose of bulky material.

South West:

HyVee at Applewood Center, 96TH & Q Streets



Open Daily:

November—March: 9AM—5:30PM

April—October: 10AM—6:30PM

This site also accepts usable household items for Goodwill.



North East:

Weyerhaeuser, 7200 N 16TH Street



Open:

24-hours

Holiday Collection Schedule

Six holidays are observed by the City's solid waste collection contractor. *Following a weekday holiday, collection is delayed by one day for the remainder of that week.* Friday's collection will be on Saturday.

2004 holidays

- Christmas Day 2003: Thursday, December 25, 2003
- New Year's Day 2004: Thursday, January 1, 2004
- Memorial Day: Monday, May 31, 2004
- Independence Day: Does not affect collection schedule.
- Labor Day: Monday, September 6, 2004
- Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 25, 2004
- Christmas Day: Does not affect collection schedule.
- New Year's Day 2005: Does not affect collection schedule.



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**Christmas tree collection sites
and
2004 holiday collection schedule inside**



Keep America Going, Recycle!

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Our apologies: Due to limitations of available mailing lists, this item may be delivered outside the Omaha city limits.

Your Opinion Counts

The City's solid waste contracts will come to an end at the conclusion of 2005. The current solid waste contracts are held by Deffenbaugh Industries for collecting solid waste (garbage, recyclables and yardwaste) and Weyerhaeuser Recycling for processing and marketing of recyclables.

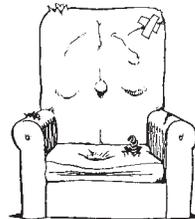
The City will soon begin developing the contract specifications for the new solid waste contracts. Because of the extensive amount of equipment that must be purchased, a contractor must be selected well in advance of the start date.

If you would like to be notified of opportunities to provide input on the City's future solid waste services and contract options, you can register at www.wasteline.org/contract.htm. Information you provide at this website will be used for notification only. ●

Ask for it by Name!



Omaha's Premium Quality Compost
www.omagro.com



There are options for bulky items not permitted through regular collections. Omaha has a low cost, co-pay system for disposal through a local solid waste transfer station. Call 444-5238 for information.

Sign up to receive important solid waste collection e-mail reminders
www.wasteline.org/join.htm