



WASTELINE



Recycling, Garbage and Yardwaste Information for the Citizens of Omaha, Nebraska
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Oh Christmas Tree...

RECYCLING IS THE WORD for this year's Christmas tree. As in years 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 but this year, Omaha won't be using the AK-SAR-BEN property for the collection so please select one of the 10 other metro area sites for recycling your Christmas tree.

As usual, you must remove all decorations, tree stand and the plastic bag from the tree before recycling. Flocked trees will be accepted. As an added convenience, the sites will be staffed with volunteers from the Omaha Rotary Clubs, Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners, and Millard North High School National Honors Society on January 2, 8, & 9, 2005, 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.

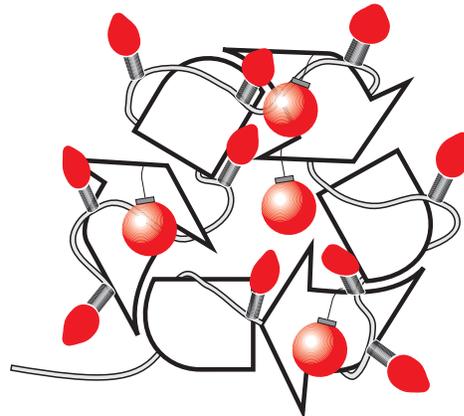
Beyond the tree...

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 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 some suggestions 1) hold some of the recyclables back

Christmas Tree Recycling Sites:

- ♻️ Tranquility Park, North 120TH St & West Maple Rd
- ♻️ AK-SAR-BEN, Parking lot #6, Mercy Rd & S 69TH St entrance. **Closed! Use Another Site.**
- ♻️ Orchard Park, N 66TH St & Hartman Ave
- ♻️ "F" Street Football Field, South 156TH & "F" Sts
- ♻️ Brown Park, "U" Street between 15TH & 18TH Sts
- ♻️ Wehrspann Lake, Hwy 370 entrance to the Wildlife Management Area south parking lot.
- ♻️ Bellevue Haworth Park, Hwy 370 & Payne Dr
- ♻️ Papillion Senior Center, 1001 Limerick Rd
- ♻️ Papio Bay, 815 E Halleck St
- ♻️ LaVista Sports Complex, 66TH St 2 blocks South of Harrison St
- ♻️ Kelly West Park, 87TH Street & Park View Blvd



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.

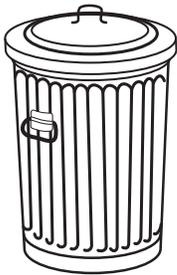
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Garbage

**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 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 5 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.
- ▶ 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 i , select document 90. Here is a short list of some of the fax and voice messages: voice

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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. Repeat weekly.

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.

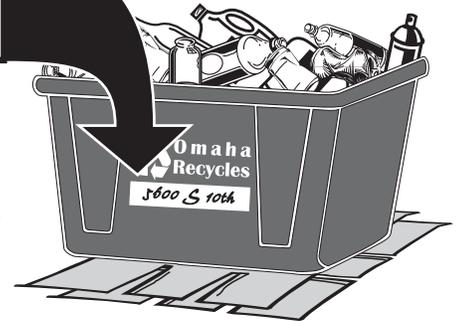
NO! Do not include: pizza boxes, juice boxes, milk cartons, hardbound books, tissue paper, paper plates, or frozen food boxes.

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.

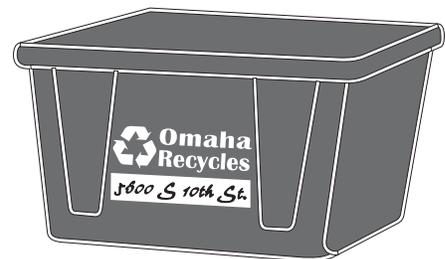
NO! HDPE  not included: motor oil or auto product bottles, lawn chemical bottles, toys or cookie trays. No 5 gallon buckets.

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.



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2004 holiday collection schedule inside**



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2006 Solid Waste Contracts Awarded!

RECENTLY, Mayor Mike Fahey's recommendations for 10-year contracts with Deffenbaugh Industries and Firstar Fiber were approved by the Omaha City Council. *Please note that the current contract remains unchanged through December 31, 2005.*

Beginning in 2006, the new contracts will provide Omaha residents with:

- ▶ More responsive collection services
- ▶ Reduced opportunities for litter
- ▶ Lower total contract costs, saving tax dollars

Changes Occuring in 2006

Under the specifications of the new garbage, recyclables and yard waste collection contracts, residents will receive a quicker response to reported collection problems. Friday area collection problems reported before 10AM on Saturday will be

handled on Saturday. Contract provisions have been added to provide more reliable service for Omaha's registered Special Collection Customers. Smaller trucks than those commonly used for street collection will reduce the chances of property damage from collections in restricted alleys. The new contracts also contain stricter requirements on how residents' containers and lids must be handled and returned by employees of the collection contractor.

Beginning January 1, 2006, residential recyclables will no longer be sorted into multi-compartment trucks on the street. With less handling of recyclables at the curb and by using fully enclosed collection trucks, Omaha residents should see less litter associated with recycling collection. A separate, but distinctly painted, garbage-type truck will be used to collect only the recyclables from

residents' green bins. Deffenbaugh will transport the mixed recyclables to a new recycling facility that will be operated by Firstar Fiber. There, the recyclables will be mechanically sorted indoors and shipped for sale to various recycling markets.

Finally, by working closely and cooperatively with a wide variety of representatives of the solid waste industry and by taking advantage of recent technological advances, Mayor Fahey was able to prepare bid specifications that will provide the service improvements described above, at lower costs to the taxpayers. The overall budget for Omaha solid waste services in 2006 is expected to be about \$700,000 less than the 2004 annual cost; that's a reduction of more than 5%!



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).

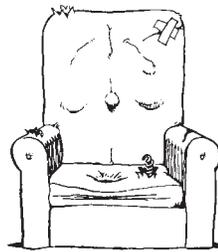


Households where all residents in the home have a medical disability or are age 70 or older may apply to use a more convenient location for garbage and recyclables collection. To apply, call 444-5238 from 8AM until 6PM weekdays.

Back at 'ya

YOU MAY NOT DO IT NOT OFTEN, but every once in a while a garbage can will need to be thrown away. But how? Because garbage cans come in all shapes, sizes, and conditions and to avoid misunderstandings, Deffenbaugh follows strict procedures for garbage can disposal.

Call Deffenbaugh at 731-3333 and ask for the Claims Office who will work out the details of collecting and disposing of your unwanted garbage can. The regular collection crews do not collect garbage cans for disposal. The garbage can must be empty when the Claims Office picks it up.



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.

Ask for it by Name!



Holiday Collection Schedule

When occurring during the work week, 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.

2005 Holidays

- Christmas Day 2004: **Does not affect collection schedule.**
- New Year's Day 2005: **Does not affect collection schedule.**
- Memorial Day: Monday, May 30, 2005
- Independence Day: Monday, July 4, 2005
- Labor Day: Monday, September 5, 2005
- Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 24, 2005
- Christmas Day 2005: Does not affect collection schedule.
- New Year's Day 2006: Does not affect collection schedule.