



# WASTELINE



Recycling, Garbage and Yardwaste Information for the Citizens of Omaha, Nebraska  
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## 2 6 Recycling Collection Changes

**T**HIS NEW YEAR'S EVE you can put away your box cutter because you won't need it to recycle in Omaha. Over the past 10 years of "Omaha Recycles," corrugated cardboard has been one of the most frustrating items to recycle because of the necessity to cut boxes down to 2-feet by 2-feet so they would fit on the collection truck.



January's new "single-stream" recycling program offers some flexibility in how materials are

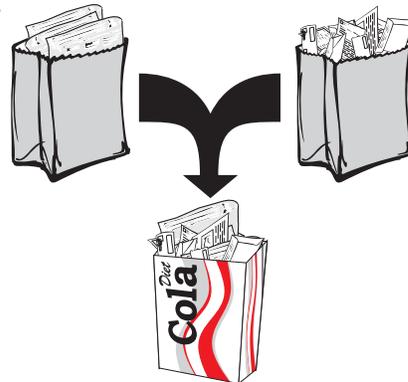
prepared and collected. Much of this flexibility comes from the vehicles used for collecting recyclables. Recyclables will no longer be sorted by hand along the collection route. Instead, packer trucks (commonly called garbage trucks) with large yellow **RECYCLING** signs on the sides and back will be used to collect recyclables and transport them to an indoor, semi-automated sorting facility.



sack or even a small box such as a cereal box or soda box to collect and recycle your paper items. Using a paper sack or box reduces litter too.

One thing packer trucks don't handle is glass, which is why glass has been removed from collection. The force of the truck's compactor breaks the glass creating dangerous shards that contaminate the other recyclables, damage processing equipment, and is a safety hazard for the employees processing recyclables. Glass can still be recycled via Omaha's recycling drop-off sites, which are listed in this issue of **WASTELINE**.

Larger pieces of cardboard can be collected using a packer truck. Although you don't need to cut boxes down, you should still flatten boxes for collection. If you have a number of boxes to recycle, you may stuff the flattened boxes into one box that you haven't broken down.



Single-stream recycling also streamlines paper recycling. In the past, newspaper and "mixed paper" needed to be kept separate, but no more! Most clean paper can be recycled together, and now you may use either a paper

sack or even a small box such as a cereal box or soda box to collect and recycle your paper items. Using a paper sack or box reduces litter too. Please continue to use your bin to recycle your steel cans and aluminum cans along with your plastic bottles marked ♻ and ♻. Additional information about recycling is included inside and at [www.wasteline.org](http://www.wasteline.org) or you may call 444-4500 from 8AM to 6PM weekdays.

### Recycling Decal Enclosed

A decal is enclosed that can be applied to your recycling bin as illustrated, or on another surface as a reminder to recycle.

Apply decal to inside of bin here.



**Inside: 2006 Holiday Collection Schedule  
Recycling Drop-off Sites**

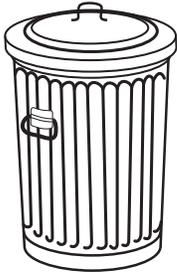


# Garbage

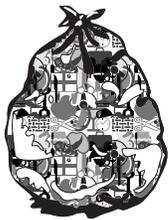
**Collection Missed?  
Call 444-5238 after 7PM  
on your collection day.**

Because of state and federal laws, 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.



**Note: Garbage cans must be removed from the curb by 10AM the day after collection.**

## No!

- 👎 A mixture of garbage and yardwaste.
- 👎 Rocks, dirt and concrete.
- 👎 Dead animals.
- 👎 Any liquids.
- 👎 Loose pet waste or cat litter.
- 👎 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 of garbage when not in a can or bag.
- 👎 Items outside a can or clear bag.

### Within 5 feet of curb or alley



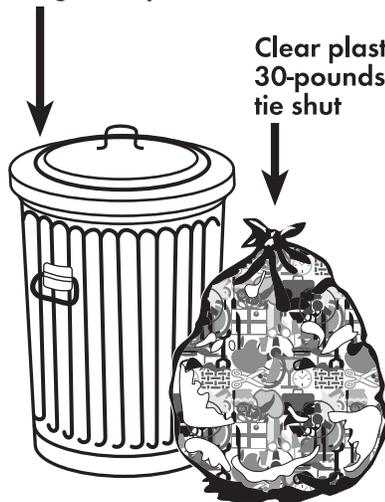
**Set out  
by 6AM**



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

### Garbage: 5 containers max.

32-gal. 45-pound max.



Clear plastic  
30-pounds max.  
tie shut

### Recycling:

No plastic bags  
No glass.  
Paper in paper bag or box.  
Flatten cardboard boxes.



Leave space between  
garbage and recyclables

### Collection Pointers

- Place all materials out for collection *by* 6AM.
- If your collection was missed, call 444-5238 after confirming your neighborhood has been collected.



# Recycling

## Place Materials Out by 6AM

### All Clean Paper— In a Paper Sack or Small Cardboard Box (Do not use plastic bags)

Includes: Most all clean paper. Things like:

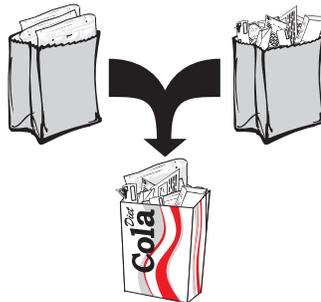
Magazines	Catalogues	Phonebooks
Newspaper	Cereal Boxes	Junkmail
Detergent Boxes	Greeting Cards	Wrapping Paper
Paperback Books	School Paper	Advertisements

Lay sack or box either inside or on top of bin or next to your bin with opening facing away from wind.

**NO!** Do not include: Any soiled paper or these non-recyclable items:

pizza boxes	juice boxes	milk cartons
hardbound books	tissue paper	paper plates
frozen food boxes	rubber bands	plastic bags

Yes



All recyclable paper may go into the same paper sack or a small cardboard box.

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

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. Fold and stuff multiple boxes into one box. Set out next to recycling bin.

**NO!** Glass bottles or jars.  
(Glass may be taken to drop-off sites or placed in garbage)

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, snap-top food containers.

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

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

Yes



Remove Lids!



Discard lids in garbage.



Stomp 'em flat!



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<p><b>Recycle in Bin</b></p> <p>Paper: Newspapers, Telephone Books, Magazines, Catalogues, Junkmail, Cardboard, Paper Egg Cartons &amp; Plastic Containers, Pop Bottles, Milk Jugs, Detergent Bottles, Cleaning Product Bottles, Snap Top Containers</p> <p>Aluminum &amp; Steel Cans: Food Cans, Pop Cans, Empty Aerosol Cans, Empty/Dry Paint Cans</p> <p>Use a box or paper bag for extra recyclables. Recycling bin required for collection. Prevent litter! Paper in a paper bag or small box. Flatten plastic and metal containers.</p> <p>www.wasteline.org/mybin 444-5238</p>	<p><b>Items to Recycle</b></p> <p>Glass: Glass bottles may be taken to a drop-off site or placed in garbage</p> <p>Non-recyclable Paper: Pizza Boxes, Juice Boxes, Milk Cartons, Hardboard, Books, Tissue Paper, Paper Plates, Solid Paper</p> <p>Non-recyclable Plastics: Plastic Bags, Frozen Food Trays, Plastic Cups, Candles/Deli Trays, Lawn Chemicals, Bottles, Motor Oil Bottles, Plastic Toys</p>
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# Recycling Decal Enclosed

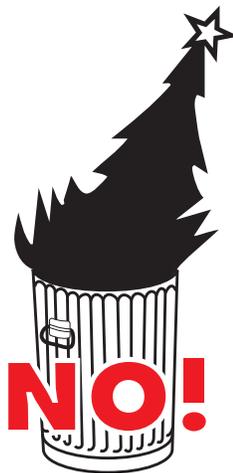
# Oh Christmas Tree...Oh Christmas Tree. Here's Where to Recycle Thee.

**R**ECYCLING 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.

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 and Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners, on December 31, 2005 and January 7, & 8, 2006, from 10AM until 4PM each day.

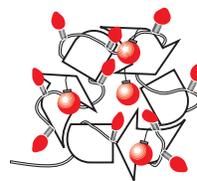
To receive a complete brochure by fax about the Christmas tree collection sites, call 444-3610 and select option 3.



## Christmas Tree Recycling Collection Sites

- 1) Tranquility Park, North 120TH St & West Maple Road
- 2) Orchard Park, North 66TH Street & Hartman Avenue
- 3) "F" Street Football Field, South 156TH & "F" Streets
- 4) Brown Park, "U" Street between 15TH & 18TH Streets
- 5) Wehrspann Lake, Hwy 370 entrance to the Wildlife Management Area south parking lot.
- 6) Bellevue Haworth Park, Hwy 370 & Payne Drive
- 7) Papillion Senior Center, 1001 Limerick Road
- 8) Papio Bay, 815 East Halleck Street
- 9) LaVista Sports Complex, 66TH Street, 2 blocks south of Harrison Street
- 10) Kelly West Park, 87TH Street & Park View Boulevard

All the glass bottles, metal cans and the plastic bottles marked with ♻ and ♻ from holiday entertaining are recyclable as well. But remember, to be recycled, glass bottles must now be taken to one of the recycling drop-off sites. If



you have more recyclables than your green bin will hold, simply keep some for the next week's collection, or you can take the extra recyclables to one of the recycling drop-off sites.

## Beyond the tree...

Wrapping paper, gift catalogues and greeting cards are all recyclable and may be recycled with your other clean paper as described in this edition of **WASTELINE**. Cards with flocking and foil wrapping papers should be disposed of in the garbage.

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

## Recycling Collection Tips

-  **NO!** Glass in recycling bin. Take to a drop-off site (*listed on the reverse*) or place in garbage.
-  **NO!** Lids. Remove snap top and screw on lids from all containers and place in garbage.
-  **NO!** Plastic bags, Styrofoam<sup>®</sup>, motor oil bottles, plate glass, syringes, light bulbs, batteries, drinking glasses or pizza boxes.
-  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.
-  The green bin must be used for setting out recyclables.
-  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 away as easily).

## Stomp Out Recycling Litter

**P**REVENTING LITTER FROM RECYCLING ACTIVITIES can be a challenge because of the open topped recycling bin, light weight plastics, and sheets of paper. But you can minimize litter by carefully preparing your green bin for collection.

- ▶ Remove all lids and place in garbage.
- ▶ Flatten all metal and plastic containers so they sit deeper in your recycling bin and are less likely to blow away.
- ▶ Always place lighter materials in the bottom of your bin and cover with heavier items.
- ▶ Use a paper grocery sack or small box to hold paper, and wait until the box or bag is packed tight to set out. Be extra careful when recycling shredded paper.

Plastic bags must never be used for recyclables collection. If extreme weather conditions are forecasted, consider whether you can wait to recycle until the next week. Also keep in mind that there are recycling drop-off centers available if extreme weather conditions are forecasted.



## Holiday Collection Schedule

**W**HEN 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.

### 2006 Holidays

- ▶ Christmas Day 2005: Does not affect collection schedule.
- ▶ New Year's Day 2006: Does not affect collection schedule.
- ▶ Memorial Day: Monday, May 29, 2006
- ▶ Independence Day: Tuesday, July 4, 2006
- ▶ Labor Day: Monday, September 4, 2006
- ▶ Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 23, 2006
- ▶ Christmas Day 2006: Monday, December 25, 2006
- ▶ New Year's Day 2007: Monday, January 1, 2007

## Recycling Drop-off Sites

Recycling glass and the occasional extra bunch of recyclables is easy.

Five drop-off sites serve the city.

**Central North:** . . . . . Scrap Central  
8518 Blondo Street

Open: Monday—Friday: 9AM—5PM  
Saturday: 9AM—3PM

**Central South:** . . . . . Firstar Fiber  
10330 "I" Street

Open: Monday—Friday: 7AM—7PM

**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—4:30PM (Spring, Summer, Fall)

**North East:** . . . . . Weyerhaeuser Recycling  
7200 North 16TH Street

Open: 24-hours



**South West:** . . . . . HyVee at Applewood Center  
96TH & "Q" Streets

Open: Daily, November—March: 9AM—5:30PM  
Daily, April—October: 10AM—6:30PM

