

WASTELINE

Recycling and solid waste information for the citizens of Omaha, Nebraska
 City of Omaha
 Public Works Department

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Thank You Omaha!

RECENT **WASTELINE** ISSUES have encouraged Omaha Residents to recycle more, you have responded. The total tons of recyclables increased by a significant amount in 2000, over 600 tons more than 1999's total which represents more than \$13,000 in landfill savings. While the official total for recycling revenue from 2000 is not yet available, we estimate it will approach one-half million dollars.

Please keep up the good work, encourage your neighbors and friends to recycle. *There are many more recyclables we can save.*

If you want to recycle and do not

have a recycling bin, call 444-5238 to request a bin. And 444-5238 is also the place to call if you have questions or problems with garbage, yardwaste or recycling collection. The details of how to participate are listed in this newsletter. *Remember*, this is your money, you can help decide how your tax dollars are spent—parks, snow plows, or bike trails versus burying recyclable materials along with our garbage in landfills. Note: There was a 2,200 ton increase in the quantity of material buried in the landfill, a large fraction of this could have been recycled.

Let's make Omaha a better community, *one recycling bin at a time.*

	Garbage		Recyclables		Yardwaste	
January	7,282	79%	1,986	21%	-	0%
February	6,672	82%	1,453	18%	-	0%
March	7,922	82%	1,741	18%	-	0%
April	7,205	56%	1,580	12%	4,070	32%
May	8,517	53%	1,784	11%	5,892	36%
June	8,910	62%	1,766	12%	3,773	26%
July	8,561	62%	1,536	11%	3,766	27%
August	8,840	62%	1,703	12%	3,707	26%
September	7,499	65%	1,581	14%	2,420	21%
October	7,837	54%	1,698	12%	4,868	34%
November	8,374	62%	1,497	11%	3,569	27%
December	7,098	78%	1,928	21%	120	1%
Total 2000	94,717	64%	20,253	14%	32,185	22%
Total 1999	92,512	64%	19,582	14%	31,761	22%
Total 1998	87,734	62%	19,543	14%	35,247	25%
Total 1997	86,022	64%	18,958	14%	30,411	22%
Total 1996	81,718	60%	20,258	15%	35,139	26%

One Day Only Pesticide Disposal

What: Pesticides only (insecticides, herbicides, fungicides and rodenticides)

When: Saturday, March 17, 2001
8am until Noon

Where: Papio-Missouri River Natural Resource District maintenance building
8901 154TH St, Omaha

Limits: Pesticides only. No other wastes
No material accepted after Noon or before 8am

Recommendations:

Wear chemical resistant gloves when handling pesticide containers

Leave chemicals in their original containers

Place potentially leaking containers in a plastic pail

Wash hands after handling chemicals

For Pesticide Day information:

Connie Lowndes at 444-7804.

Yardwaste Collection Resumes April 2, 2001

Recyclables

Set out by 6am

Paper sack #1—Newspaper (*Do not use plastic bags*)

- Includes: Coupons, advertisements, Parade section and all paper that came with the newspaper.
- Lay sack on top of bin.
- *Do not include:* phonebooks (see notice below) or other paper, rubber bands, plastic bags.

Yes



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

- Includes: Magazines, catalogues, cereal boxes, junkmail (including mailing labels and plastic windows), detergent boxes, greeting cards, wrapping paper, paper back books, office and school paper.
- Lay sack on top of bin.
- *Do not include:* pizza boxes, juice boxes, milk cartons, phonebooks, hard bound books, tissue paper, paper plates, or frozen food boxes.

Yes

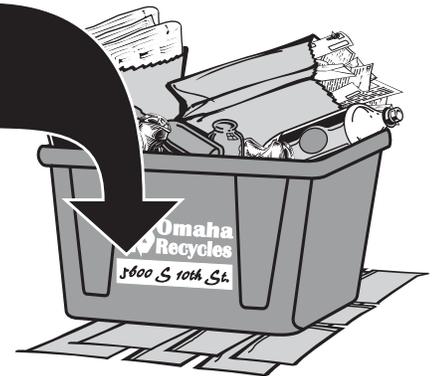


Write your address here.

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

- Remove lids and throw in garbage.
- Plastic bottles marked , including: Bottles that held pop, cooking oil, mouth wash, shampoo, and cleaners.
-  *not included:* frozen food trays, plastic cups, toys or cookie trays.
- Plastic bottles and tubs marked , including—bottles and tubs that held milk, juice, cleaners, margarine, whipped topping, and yogurt.
-  *not included:* motor oil or auto product bottles, lawn chemical bottles, toys or cookie trays.
- Glass bottles & jars.
- Aluminum cans.
- Steel (tin) cans, including—empty aerosol cans, empty and dry paint cans. *Tip: Place end (lid) 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.

Yes



Phonebook Recycling: Changes in the wind?

We are discussing phonebook recycling with QwestDex and McLeodUSA, *there may be changes in the program this year.*

Follow your regular news sources for updates, and check for recycling information delivered with your new directories.

The next issue of **WASTELINE** will include phonebook information.

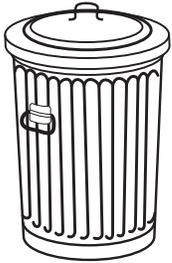


Yardwaste

In 2001, the yardwaste collection season resumes April 2 and ends the week of November 26.

Leaves, brush and other yardwaste must be prepared properly for collection. *There is no limit to the number of properly prepared yardwaste containers or bundles that will be collected.*

Yes!



- 👍 Grass clippings and leaves.
- 👍 Garden waste such as fallen apples, rotted or excess vegetables & fruits.
- 👍 Trash cans up to 32 gallons and weighing up to 45 pounds, marked with a **YW** on both sides.



- 👍 Unlimited number of properly prepared marked cans, paper bags or brush bundles.
- 👍 Special yardwaste paper bags weighing up to 40 pounds.



- 👍 Branches may be up to 2 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length.
- 👍 Branches and brush may be bundled with string or twine for collection. Bundles may weigh up to 30 pounds.

Leave a space of two feet between your yardwaste and garbage cans.

No!

- ⊗ Litter, trash or garbage.
- ⊗ Street sweeping sand and litter.
- ⊗ Pet manure.
- ⊗ Kitty litter.
- ⊗ Branches over 2 inches in diameter.
- ⊗ Branches over 4 feet long.
- ⊗ Mixtures of yardwaste and garbage.
- ⊗ Plastic bags of yardwaste.
- ⊗ Cardboard boxes of yardwaste.
- ⊗ Plastic twine, nylon twine or wire used on brush bundles.
- ⊗ Rope of any kind.
- ⊗ Unbundled brush.
- ⊗ Stones or rocks.

Clip & Save!

Holiday Collection Schedule 2001

Six holidays are observed by the City's garbage, yardwaste and recyclables collection contractor. Following these six holidays, collection will be delayed by one day for the remainder of that week. Friday's collection will be on Saturday.

The remaining holidays for 2001 are:

- Memorial Day: Monday, May 28
- Independence Day: Wednesday, July 4
- Labor Day: Monday, September 3
- Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 22
- Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25
- New Years Day 2002: Tuesday, January 1, 2002



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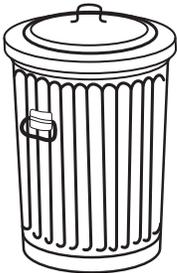
**Yardwaste collection
resumes April 2, 2001**
Celebrate Earthday, April 22, 2001

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.
- See-through bags (clear bags preferred) and weighing up to 30 pounds when full.
- Up to five containers of trash per week (example 2 trash cans and 3 bags).
- Place within 5 feet of curb, approved alley or other approved location.



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).
- Natural Christmas trees.

To follow the plans for the construction of a household chemicals (paint, motor oil, anti-freeze, solvents, cleaners) collection facility, and to learn about current disposal options available now, visit:

UnderTheSink.Org
Special Waste Facility



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“Protecting the environment using common sense and sound science must be a priority for our generation. The Natural Nebraska fund provides an opportunity to address those projects so that our wide-open spaces and natural resources can be preserved for the future.”

...Governor Johanns

In 2000 the Nebraska Legislature created the Natural Nebraska fund to augment the work of the Nebraska Environmental Trust, which has requests for funding that outpace available funds by an average of six to one.

This year, Governor Mike and First Lady Stephanie Johanns are honorary chairpersons for the Natural Nebraska appeal. This effort to raise dollars outside those available to the Nebraska Environmental Trust from the proceeds of the Nebraska Lottery will create an endowment that supplements the funds of the trust.

In its eight years of existence, the Nebraska Environmental Trust has received applications for \$200 million dollars of worthy projects, but been able to help fund just a portion of these habitat preservation, water quality and recycling projects. This year, Douglas County will approach the \$5 million dollar mark of receiving Nebraska Environmental Trust funding for projects within the county. With projects and groups ranging from;

Branching Out,
Heron Haven Wetland,
Fontenelle Forest,
Audubon Society of Omaha,
Wehrspann Lake,
Papio-Missouri River NRD,
and the
Henry Doorly Zoo,

Douglas County has had a remarkable number of important projects that wouldn't have come to fruition without the assistance of the Nebraska Environmental Trust. But still, there is more that could be done if only the dollars were available.

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to Natural Nebraska. It's a gift for your children.

**The best gift you can leave your children
is right under their feet.
In the air that they breathe.
The water they drink.**



For more information about the
Natural Nebraska Fund
and to donate, visit their website at www.naturalnebraska.org
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