



WASTELINE



Recycling, Garbage and Yardwaste Information for the Citizens of Omaha, Nebraska
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A Very Good Start!

OMAHA MADE A SMOOTH TRANSITION to single-stream recycling on January 2, and in the first four weeks of January collected 2,446,280 pounds of recyclables. An additional 55,730 pounds of recyclables was collected from the City's drop-off sites.

Everyone's recycling efforts are appreciated. The recyclers in the Friday collection area must be commended for their recycling efforts, which lead the city.

Average Recyclables per Household per Week	
Monday	4.52 pounds
Tuesday	3.82
Wednesday	2.78
Thursday	5.56
Friday	6.82
Citywide	4.57

Every pound recycled is good for the environment and good for Omaha. For the environment, recycling saves natural resources, reduces energy consumption, reduces water consumption, and reduces air and water pollution. For Omaha, landfill costs are reduced and the City receives revenue for all the material recycled. In January, that savings/revenue was over \$76,000. With more recycling, that number will increase.

Even a small increase in recycling will make a big impact. With one-half pound more per household per week, an additional 61,000+ pounds of recyclables will be collected. A half-pound of recyclables is equal to any one of these: two weekday issues of the Omaha World-Herald, one issue of a magazine, seven soup cans, eight milk jugs, or nine two-liter pop bottles.



Mayor Fahey empties the first bin of recyclables on to Firststar Fiber's new single-stream recycling conveyor belt, December 27, 2005.

Recycling is easy

Recycling got even easier this year now that, all clean paper (newspaper, magazines, envelopes, boxes and junkmail) can be recycled together—no sorting! To control litter, use a paper bag or a small box to collect and recycle your paper.

Boxes can be recycled by simply flattening—No size limit!

Read more inside so you'll be able to recycle all you can. Very little effort goes a long way. Keep up the good work Omaha. You are making a difference.



Yardwaste Time

Yardwaste collection starts the week of April 3, 2006

AS SPRING BEGINS there are many choices for maintaining your lawn.

Yardwaste Collection Season

Deffenbaugh will begin collecting yardwaste for 2006 on April 3. Yardwaste collection will continue through the week following Thanksgiving. Yardwaste must be

prepared properly for collection and a description of how to set out yardwaste is on the back of this issue of **WASTELINE**. The City relies on the public to not mix other materials with yardwaste so its retail product, **Oma-Gro** will meet our high standards.

Lawn Chemical Management

Properly applying lawn chemicals helps protect the environment and our

drinking water. Rain and sprinkler run-off from your lawn enters storm drains that lead to creeks and rivers which are sources for our drinking water. Find out more about storm water management at douglas-sarpy.unl.edu/cl.

The City's composting facility asks the public to avoid the use of Clopyralid®

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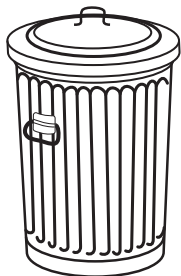


Garbage

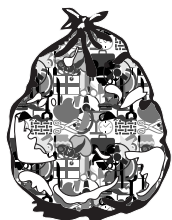
Set Material Out For Collection By 6AM

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 **IOAM** the day after collection.

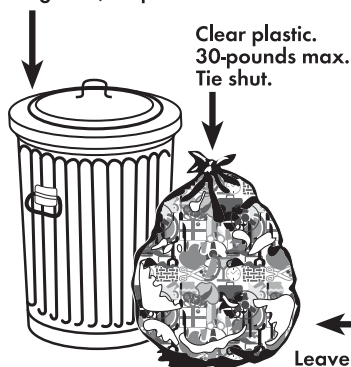
No!

- 👎 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.
- 👎 Christmas trees.

Within 5 feet of curb or alley Collection problems: 444-5238

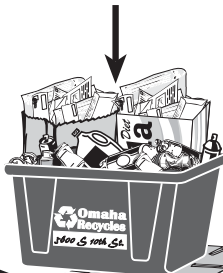
Garbage: Up to 5 containers

Metal or plastic can with handles.
32-gallon, 45-pound max.



Recycling: Must use bin

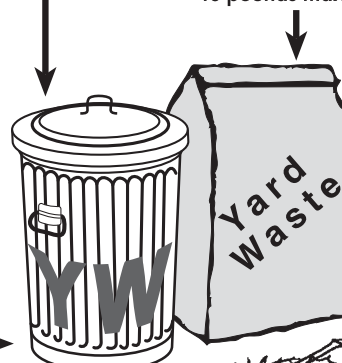
No plastic bags.
No glass.
Paper in paper bag or box.
Flatten cardboard boxes.



Yardwaste: No container limit Growing Season Only

Metal or plastic can with handles.
32-gallon, 45-pound max.
Marked YW.

Paper bags only.
40-pounds max.



Leave space between

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Bundle with string.
4-feet long max.
2-inch diameter branches max.
30-pounds max.



 **Set out by 6AM**

Collection Pointers



Recycling

Place Materials Out in Green Bin

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	Paper Egg Cartons

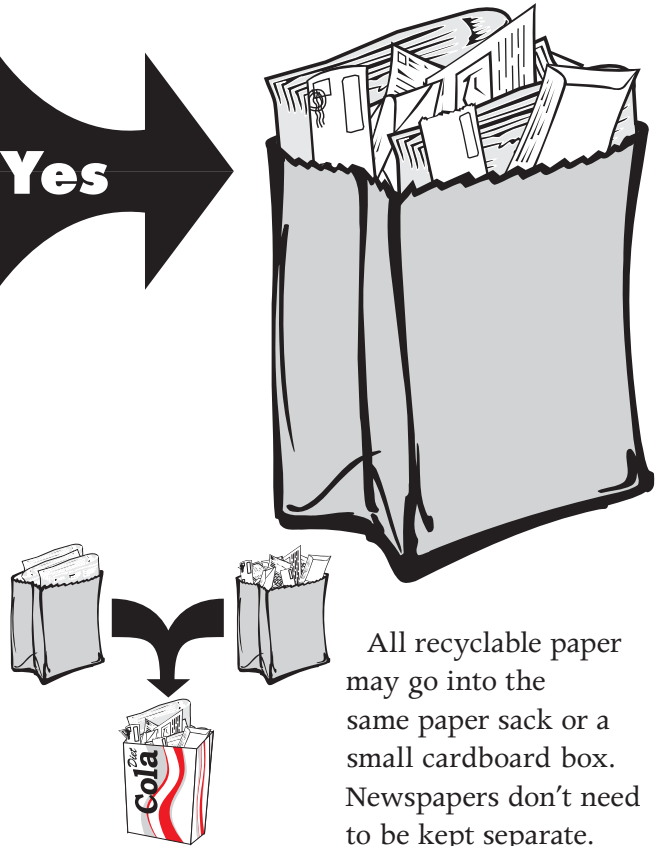
Lay sack or box either inside bin, on top of bin, or next to your bin with opening facing away from wind.

Corrugated cardboard. Break down flat and place under bin. For lots of boxes, fold and stuff multiple boxes into one box. Set out next to recycling bin.

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

Pizza Boxes	Juice Boxes	Milk Cartons
Hardbound Books	Tissue Paper	Paper Plates
Styrofoam	Rubber Bands	Plastic Bags

Yes



All recyclable paper may go into the same paper sack or a small cardboard box. Newspapers don't need to be kept separate.

Containers—Loose in the bin (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.

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, tubs or snap top containers marked HDPE ♻️, including those that held milk, juice, cleaners, or other food items.

NO! HDPE ♻️ not included: motor oil or auto product bottles, lawn chemical bottles, toys or cookie trays.

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

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

Yes





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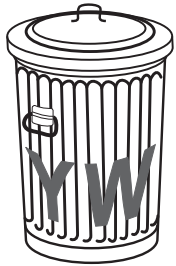
**Yardwaste Collection
Resumes Week of April 3, 2006**



Yardwaste **Collected from April 3 until the week after Thanksgiving.**

There is no limit to the amount of properly prepared yardwaste that can be collected. Place yardwaste within 5-feet of your curb and leave 2-feet of space between Yardwaste and Garbage containers.

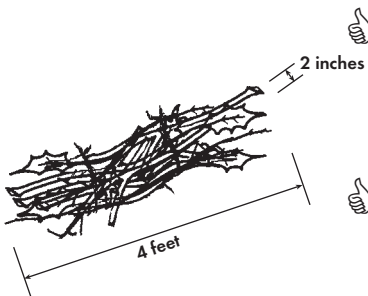
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- ✔ Grass clippings and leaves.
- ✔ Garden waste such as fallen apples, rotted or excess vegetables and fruit.
- ✔ Trash cans up to 32 gallons and weighing up to 45 pounds, marked with a **YW** on both sides.



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



- ✔ Bundles of branches and brush, tied with string or twine. Bundles may weigh up to 30 pounds.
- ✔ Branches may be up to 2 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length.

No!

- ✘ Plastic bags used in yardwaste collection.
- ✘ Mixtures of yardwaste and garbage.
- ✘ Saw dust, lumber or treated lumber/wood.
- ✘ Litter, trash or garbage.
- ✘ Whole cans of dirt or sod.
- ✘ Street sweeping sand, litter or rocks.
- ✘ Cardboard boxes of yardwaste.
- ✘ Pet waste or kitty litter.
- ✘ Branches over 2 inches in diameter.
- ✘ Branches over 4 feet long.
- ✘ Plastic twine, nylon twine or wire used to bundle brush or branches.
- ✘ Rope of any kind.
- ✘ Unbundled brush.



Yardwaste Time *(continued from cover)*

containing herbicides. This particular herbicide is persistent and remains in the environment for a very long time. If you use a lawn service, be sure to ask them to use products that don't contain Clopyralid.

Unwanted lawn chemicals and other household chemicals are accepted for proper disposal at **UnderTheSink**, the household chemical disposal facility the City operates for the residents of Douglas and Sarpy Counties. Appointments are needed to use the facility, visit www.underthesink.org or call 444-sink (7465) for more information.



Pet waste

Pick up pet waste. It's the law in Omaha, but it also helps to keep our creeks and rivers clean. Pet waste should be double bagged and included with your garbage. Do not dispose of pet waste with your yardwaste.

Leave it on the Lawn

Leave grass clippings on your lawn. It's your best and easiest choice. Grass clippings don't cause thatch, so using good lawn-mowing management practices can lessen your work, make a healthier lawn, reduce the water needed, and reduce the "waste" generated from your lawn. A brochure entitled *Bag No More* explains this lawn-mowing program and is available at www.wasteline.org, and from the Douglas/Sarpy Cooperative Extension Service.

Remember to buy **Oma•Gro!** Visit www.omagro.com for application rates, a listing of retailers and details about buying **Oma•Gro!** direct from the production facility.

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Solid Waste Assistance

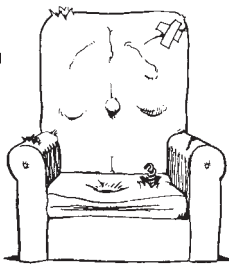
Special garbage, yardwaste and recyclables collection assistance is available to households where all residents in the home have a medical disability, or are age 70 or older.



To apply, call 444-5238 from 8AM to 8PM weekdays.

Bulky Item Disposal

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.











Bin Replacement

If your recycling bin becomes damaged or lost, call 444-4500.



Recycling Collection Tips

-  **NO!** Glass in recycling bin. Take to a drop-off site or place in garbage.
-  **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, 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.
-  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).

Recycling Drop-off Sites

Recycling glass and the occasional extra bunch of recyclables is easy. Here are the drop-off sites that serve the city:

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

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

South West: **Firstar Fiber**
10330 “I” Street

Open: Monday—Friday: 7AM—7PM
Use the East driveway to Firstar, and the site is on your left before you reach the guard shack after you turn off of I Street.

South East: **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: **CARE Recycling**
1011 North 45TH Street

Open: Monday—Friday: 7:30AM—3:30PM
Closed on state holidays

Other Recycling Sites (not City sponsored)

HyVee
96TH & “Q” Streets

Weyerhaeuser Recycling
7200 North 16TH Street