

WASTELINE



Recycling and solid waste information for the citizens of Omaha, Nebraska

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Then There Were Three **UnderTheSink**

PREVIOUS ISSUES OF WASTELINE have reported the progress made toward development of a facility to collect household chemicals. On Friday, April 20, the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA), announced the three potential sites for a household chemicals collection facility. MAPA's technical advisory committee started with a list of 38 potential sites, the list was reduced to ten for the public meetings in March and now the short list of three sites will be further evaluated.

- **Site 1:** 60th & Harrison, near River City Recycling Center
- **Site 2:** North of 120th & I Streets, Omaha street maintenance yard
- **Site 3:** L St & Hwy 75, in former Omaha Stockyards area

The short list of sites was determined by comparing the three sites using the following criteria.

Distance from Population Centroid

The population centroid is estimated to be at 74th and Hickory Street. The lower the drive time to the centroid, the more points a site received.

- Site 1:** 7 points (4.62 miles)
- Site 2:** 6 points (6.11 miles)
- Site 3:** 6 points (6.71 miles)

Zoning of the Site

The following is a list of point awards for the zoning criteria based on the appropriateness of the zoning:

- Site 1:** 8 points (General Industrial)
- Site 2:** 8 points (General Industrial)
- Site 3:** 5 points (Heavy Industrial)

Distance to Major Traffic Ways and the Interstate System

Points awarded based on ease of access as follows:

- Site 1:** 5 points
- Site 2:** 8 points
- Site 3:** 9 points

Ability to Acquire the Land

Points awarded for reviewer's assessment of effort required to obtain the sites:

- Site 1:** 10 points (city owned)
- Site 2:** 10 points (city owned)
- Site 3:** 10 points (city owned)

Site Condition

Points were awarded based on size, site grading, earthwork requirements, environmental condition and other engineering criteria:

- Site 1:** 7 points
- Site 2:** 4 points
- Site 3:** 3 points

When Will the Final Selection Be Made?

In the next round of evaluation, these three sites start fresh with no points. The design team members and the project partners will conduct a final evaluation re-visit the three finalist sites and compare them to additional suitability criteria. A final site recommendation will come in early June. The site will be announced and a final public hearing will be held to solicit comments from the public. Advertisements and public notice for the meetings will be in the area papers and on the web site. Please plan to attend.

Keep informed

The best way to keep informed about this project is to visit the facility web site, www.underthesink.org. There you can submit your opinion and learn about household hazardous waste. You can also access the information by the *FRED* faxback system at 444-3610. The documents available are:

Facility Environmental Protection & Safety	140
Potential Sites Short List	139
Potential Sites (long list) & Opinion Survey	138
Frequently Asked Questions	135
HHW Alternatives & Disposal	105 (116 in Spanish)
Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Auto Battery, Tire, Gas & Freon Disposal	104 (115 in Spanish)
Proper Paint Disposal	102 (117 in Spanish)

Phonebook Recycling

Old phonebooks can be recycled in the **mixed papers** sack and included in your recycling bin.

Old phonebooks can also be recycled at the City's drop-off sites: 96TH & Q Sts, 7200 N 16TH St and 6030 S 60TH St

Through July 3, QwestDex and McLeodUSA have arranged for phone book drop-off sites. Check your new directory for more information.

No solid waste collection on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, 2001

All collections will be delayed by one day that week. Friday's collection will be on Saturday, June 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 sack #2) or other paper, rubber bands, plastic bags.

Yes



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

- Includes: Telephone books, 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, hard bound books, tissue paper, paper plates, or frozen food boxes.

Yes

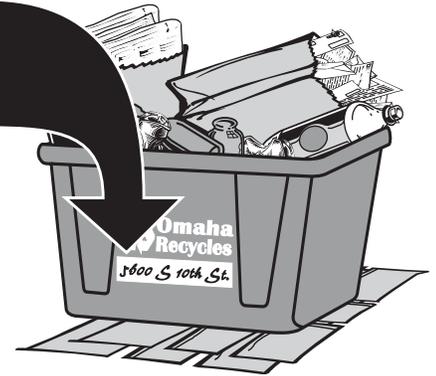


Write your address here.

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



Please participate in Omaha's recycling program.

• **It's easy**

• **Saves Tax Dollars**

• **Produces jobs and revenue**

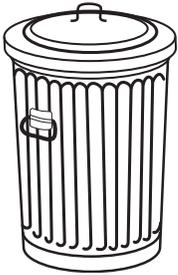
Call 444-5238 if you do not have a recycling bin and wish to recycle.

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.

Bulky Stuff

Do you have stuff you would like to discard but it is too large for garbage collection? The City of Omaha will help pay for its disposal if you deliver it to River City Recycling and mention the Bulky Item Disposal Program. For more information, call one of the following:

- **FRED** message & faxback line: 444-3610, voice message 686, faxback Document 108 (available 24-hours)
- Clean-up Omaha hotline: 444-6200 (M-F, 9:00AM – 4:00PM, voice messaging available)
- Solid Waste Information & Complaint line: 444-5238 (answering service can take messages after 8:00PM)

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.
- 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:

	Voice	Fax
Recycling, Curbside	680	109
Recycling, Special Topics	683	113
Recycling, Drop-off Sites	685	107
Garbage Collection	682	127
Yardwaste Collection	681	127
Collection Problems	684	127
Bulky Item Disposal	686	108





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Phonebook Recycling Memorial Day Collection Schedule

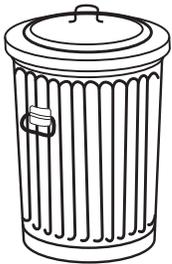
FaxREplyDocuments 444-3610. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
FRED document number 138. Revised May, 2001

Yardwaste

Leave 2 feet of space between
Yardwaste & Garbage containers

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!

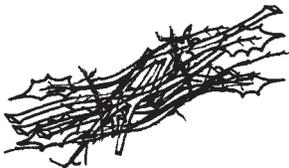


- 👍 Grass clippings and leaves.
- 👍 Garden waste such as fallen apples, rotted or excess vegetables & fruits.
- 👍 Trash cans up to 32 gallons and weighing up to 45 pounds, marked with a **YW** on both sides.



- 👍 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.

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.