



WASTELINE



Recycling, Garbage and Yardwaste Information for the Citizens of Omaha, Nebraska
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Plan Early!

Christmas trees are not collected as part of the garbage



collection service.

Omaha will be operating the Christmas tree collection sites as in past years. The next issue of Wasteline will include more about the Christmas tree drop-off sites.

Make your plans now on how you will dispose of your Christmas tree. Here are three easy options:

- ▲ take your tree to one of the collection sites using the same means as how you got the tree home;
- ▲ place your tree securely in your yard and wait for yardwaste collection to resume the week of April 5, 2004;
- ▲ consider an artificial tree which can be used for many years. ●

R e c y c l i n g J u s

YES IT'S TRUE! Every paper, can and bottle you recycle helps to bring revenue into the City. Just as Boy Scouts, school and church groups raise money by collecting and selling aluminum cans, the City receives money from the sale of recyclables and avoids the expense of the landfill.

Easy does it

If you haven't tried recycling, go easy and try newspaper recycling with the help of the instructions on page 3.

Just by recycling newspaper, you'll make a real difference both for the environment and for the City. Every ton of newspaper recycled equals \$60 in revenue and avoided landfill expense.

Participation in Omaha's recycling program—

- is easy
- saves tax dollars
- produces jobs
- generates revenue ●

Fourth in a series—

Recycling the Real Truth:

Myth: "Recycled products are hard to find, too expensive, and of a poor

- ▶ *Hard to find?* Recycled products or packaging are available in every grocery, office supply and home center. You can also choose "safe bet" items such as steel and aluminum items and glass bottles.
- ▶ *Too expensive?* Just like non-recycled (virgin) products, you will find some recycled items priced higher and some priced lower.
- ▶ *Poor quality?* Closely tied to price, the old adage "you get what you pay for" is true. Like virgin products, there are items with all types of quality.

Here's the proof of recycling's success:

- ▶ Tires for semi's and airplanes have proved to be an ideal recycled item and are used more than their virgin counterparts. Retread tires are readily available, less expensive and wear as well or better than new tires.
- ▶ Nearly all steel items are made with 20% recycled material.
- ▶ With energy savings of over 90%, recycled aluminum is the most valuable of the common recyclables. ●

Yardwaste Collection Ends the Week of Dec. 1 — 5, 2003

Thanksgiving Holiday: Thursday's collection on Friday, November 28; Friday's collection on Saturday, Novem-

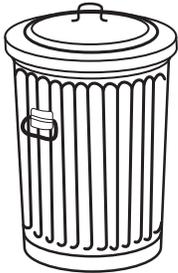


Garbage

**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.
- 👍 Clear plastic bags and weighing up to 30 pounds when full.
- 👍 Up to five 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.
- ▶ 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
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e-mail reminders: www.wasteline.org/join.htm



Recycling

Recycle plastics ♻️ & ♻️, glass bottles, metal cans, mixed paper, and newspaper.

New to recycling? Start Easy...

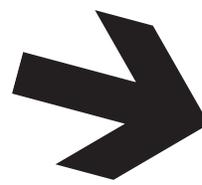


If your recycling bin is damaged or missing, call 444-4500.

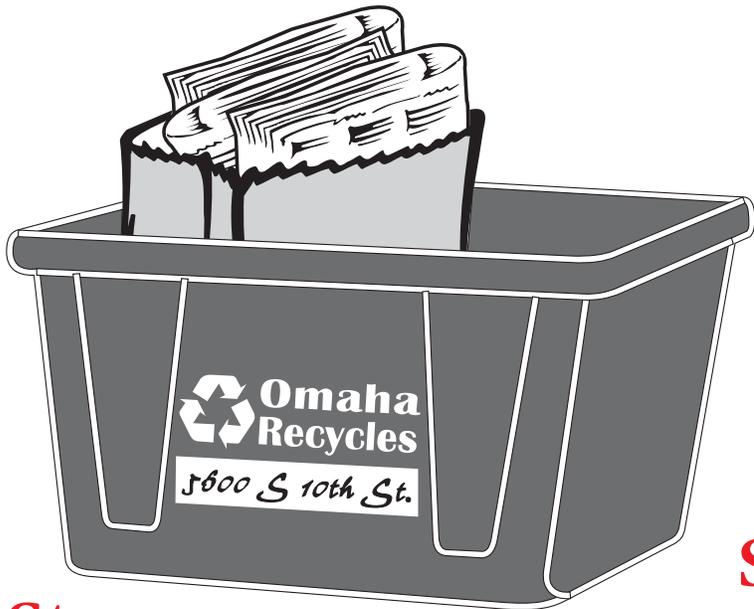
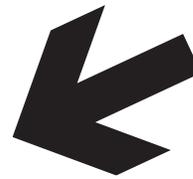


Step 1:
Gather Newspapers Together

Step 2:
Place in paper sack



(paper sacks only!)



Step 3:
Set out in bin for collection

Step 4:
Pat yourself on the back, then repeat.

Please continue to recycle metal cans, glass bottles, mixed paper, and plastics ♻️ & ♻️.

Go to www.wasteline.org for more recycling information.

**Win State and National Prizes
Support**

America Recycles Day November 15

By Entering the America Recycles Day Sweepstakes

Did you know that...

- ⊕ For every ton of paper recycled 4,100 kilowatt hours are saved?
- ⊕ The steel industry recycles about 14 billion cans each year—that's about 600 every second!
- ⊕ Half of all polyester carpet made in the U.S. contains recycled ♻ plastic.

Recycling Pop Quiz...

- 1) True or False? More paper is recovered in the U.S. than is sent to landfills.
- 2) Enough cans were recycled in 2000 to build how many steel framed homes? a) 1,850 b) 18,500 c) 185,000
- 3) How many soft drink containers were recycled in 2000?
a) 52 billion b) 520 million c) 52 million

Enter to win one of many great state and national prizes. Those under age 18 will be in a separate youth-oriented drawing.

**You can't win if you don't make a pledge,
and we all lose if you don't recycle.**

The fine print: Entries must be received by November 20, 2003. National prizes will be determined by a random drawn on December 9, 2003. Nebraska prizes will be drawn prior to the National drawing. **One entry per person.** No purchase necessary. Void where prohibited. Your name and address will be kept confidential and you will not be contacted unless you are a winner. For a complete set of rules visit www.americarecyclesday.org.

ANSWERS: 1) true, 2) c, 3) a

For America Recycles Day, I will (check one or more):

- Buy more recycled-content products
- Increase my recycling efforts at home, work and school
- Encourage my family/friends to be more involved in recycling

Name _____ I am under age 18.

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ County _____

Daytime Phone _____

Make copies for other household members, or make your pledge via the Internet at www.americarecyclesday.org.

Cut here, then mail

Make Every Day, America Recycles Day.

Fold here. Tape only to seal.



Place
Stamp
Here

|||||
AMERICA RECYCLES DAY ENTRY
C/O ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIV.
5600 S 10TH ST
OMAHA, NE 68107-3501

Fold here. Tape only to seal.

Cut here, then mail



Celebrate America Recycles Day November 15

Sponsored Nationally by...

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Keep America Going, Recycle!

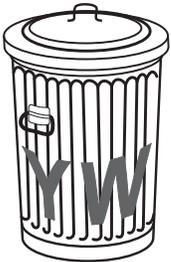


Yardwaste

**Last Week of
Yardwaste Collection,
December 1–5, 2003**

During the winter months, yardwaste is not collected—separately or with garbage. There is no limit to the amount of properly prepared yardwaste that will be collected. Leave 2 feet of space between Yardwaste and Garbage containers.

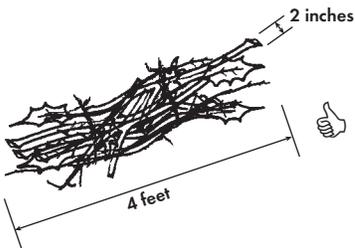
Yes!



- ✔ 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.
- ✘ No 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 manure 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.

