



WASTELINE



Recycling, Garbage and Yardwaste Information for the Citizens of Omaha, Nebraska
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Omaha Could be a Model for the Nation

IT'S NO SECRET, nationwide participation in recycling programs has decreased but with renewed commitment and just a little effort Omaha can change that downward trend. In doing so, Omaha could set a new standard for the nation and since recycling directly impacts the bottom line — save the city money.

Increased participation means more Omaha tax dollars to strengthen other important programs like street repair and park maintenance.

Omaha's recycling program is a great value—

- ◆ The cost to provide this and all solid waste services is among the lowest in the nation.

- ◆ For every ton recycled, \$22 in landfill tipping fee (the price paid per ton, to the landfill) is saved.
- ◆ Since 1996 more than \$2.6 million in revenue has been generated through the sale of recyclables.

So, make this great value even better by careful shopping so you can recycle even more.

There are other bright spots in the 2002 results—

- ◆ More than 1,000 fewer tons of garbage was generated, equaling a savings of nearly \$23,000 in landfill tipping fees.
- ◆ More than 2,000 fewer tons of yardwaste was generated, equaling a savings of more than \$23,000 in yardwaste tipping fees.

- 1) Produce less garbage by being a wise consumer
- 2) Produce less yardwaste by leaving grass clippings on the lawn. Your lawn will love you for it! Find out more at www.wasteline.org.
- 3) Start recycling, or recycle more.

It's easy to recycle so if your household does not recycle, please start now. Find a paper grocery sack. Place your newspaper in the sack each day, including the coupons and advertisements that came with the paper. When the sack is full, place it in your bin and set it out for collection alongside your garbage can. After your household has become accustomed to recycling newspaper, add a second paper sack for clean mixed paper.

An extra pound per week of recyclables from each household will generate over 3,000 tons of recyclables and avoid nearly \$70,000 of landfill tipping fees in a year. If your family is already recycling all it can, you can help us reach the goal by encouraging a neighbor, coworker, or friend to start recycling.

Need help or a recycling bin? Call the recycling hotline at 444-4500 from 8AM until 8PM, Monday through Friday.

fees.

- ◆ More than \$130,000 in revenue was generated through the sale of Omaha's **Oma•Gro** compost.

There are three ways you can improve Omaha's environmental and financial health.

	Garbage		Recyclables		Yardwaste	
January	8,180	85%	1,473	15%	-	0%
February	6,633	84%	1,220	16%	-	0%
March	7,013	84%	1,377	16%	-	0%
April	8,291	63%	1,506	11%	3,421	26%
May	8,898	56%	1,611	10%	5,518	34%
June	7,952	61%	1,508	12%	3,601	28%
July	8,927	71%	1,490	12%	2,235	18%
August	8,810	64%	1,564	11%	3,380	25%
September	7,907	65%	1,397	11%	2,948	24%
October	8,472	62%	1,546	11%	3,550	26%
November	7,601	45%	1,544	9%	7,805	46%
December	8,225	84%	1,580	16%	4	0%
Total 2002	96,908	65.84%	17,816	12.10%	32,461	22.05%
Total 2001	97,973	64.66%	18,851	12.44%	34,686	22.89%
Total 2000	94,717	64.37%	20,253	13.76%	32,185	21.87%
Total 1999	92,512	64.31%	19,582	13.61%	31,761	22.08%
Total 1998	87,734	61.56%	19,543	13.71%	35,247	24.73%
Total 1997	86,022	63.54%	18,958	14.00%	30,411	22.46%
Total 1996	81,718	59.60%	20,258	14.77%	35,139	25.63%

Third in a series—
Recycling the Real Truth:
We are already recycling as much as we can, and even that is a burden.

- ▶ Simple observation shows that much more can be recycled.
- ▶ Burden? It depends on your perspective. More Americans recycle than vote.
- ▶ The two most easily recycled items have the greatest impact—newspaper and clean mixed paper.

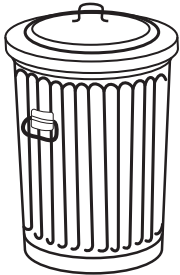


Garbage

**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.



Take Note!

- For bulky items that are larger than allowed for normal collection, there is a disposal option. Through a local solid waste transfer station, Omaha has a low cost, co-pay system for disposal. Call 444-5238 for information.
- Households where all residents in the home have a medical disability or are age 70 or older may apply to use a more convenient location for garbage, yardwaste and recyclables collection. To apply, call 444-5238 from 8AM until 6PM weekdays.
- This brand of Omaha-Approved clear bags is available at many Omaha Retailers.



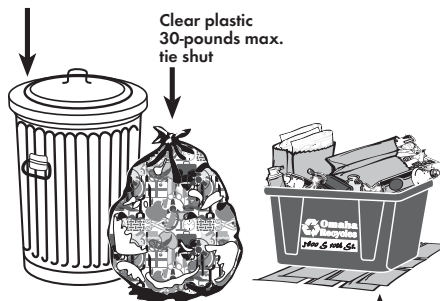
No!

- 👎 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.

Within 5 feet of curb or alley

Garbage: 5 containers max.

32-gal. 45-pound max.



Recycling:

No plastic bags
Cut cardboard to 2 feet by 2 feet
Separate paper bags for newspaper & other paper

Yardwaste: No container limit

32-gal. 45-pound max.
Marked YW

Paper bags only
40-pounds max.

Growing Season Only



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

e-mail reminders: www.wasteline.org/join.htm



Recycling

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 with opening away from wind.
- 👎 **NO!** 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: Magazines, catalogues, phonebooks, cereal boxes, junkmail (including mailing labels and plastic windows), detergent boxes, greeting cards, wrapping paper, paperback books, office and school paper.
- 👍 Lay sack on top of bin with opening away from wind.
- 👎 **NO!** Do not include: pizza boxes, juice boxes, milk cartons, hardbound books, tissue paper, paper plates, or frozen food boxes.

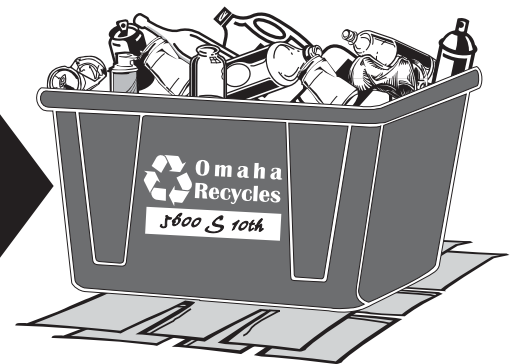
Yes



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

- 👎 **NO!** Lids of any kind. Remove and throw 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, margarine, whipped topping, or yogurt.
- 👎 **NO!** HDPE ♻️ *not included:* motor oil or auto product bottles, lawn chemical bottles, toys or cookie trays. No 5 gallon buckets.
- 👍 Glass bottles & jars.
- 👍 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. Flatten. Cut to 2 feet by 2 feet. Place in bin or on ground under bin.

Yes



Remember to Recycle all your old Telephone Directories in your mixed paper sack.



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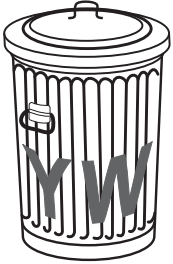
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Yardwaste

Yardwaste is collected from all households from the week of April 7, through the week of December 1, 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.

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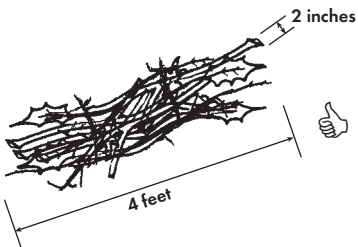


- Grass clippings and leaves.
- Garden waste such as fallen apples, rotted or excess vegetables and fruit.
- Trash cans up to 32 gallons and weighing up to 45 pounds, marked with a **YW** on both sides.



- 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.
- 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.



Recycling Drop-off Sites

Dealing with the occasional extra bunch of recyclables is easy.
Four drop-off sites serve the city.

Central:

Scrap Central
8518 Blondo St
Open:

Monday—Friday: 9AM—5PM

Saturday: 9AM—3PM

This site is also a buy back center for aluminum cans.
For a fee they accept and recycle appliances.

South Central:

River City Recycling
6404 South 60TH Street
(north of Harrison Street on 60TH Street)

Open:

Monday—Saturday: 8AM—4:45PM

(Spring, Summer, Fall)

Monday—Friday 8AM—4:30PM (Winter)

Saturday 8AM—NOON (Winter)

This site is also a bulky material disposal facility.
There is a fee to dispose of bulky material.

South West:

HyVee at
Applewood Center
96TH & Q Streets



Open Daily:

April—October: 10AM—6:30PM

November—March: 9AM—5:30PM

This site also accepts usable household items
for Goodwill.



North East:

Weyerhaeuser
7200 N 16TH Street

Open:

24-hours daily



Clip & Save for Reference!

Recycling Collection Tips

- 👉 **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, drinking glasses or pizza boxes.
- 👉 Only glass that you describe as a **bottle** or **jar**.
- 👉 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.
- 👉 Flatten all boxes. Cut to 2 feet by 2 feet.
- 👉 All recyclables set out for collection must be in a green bin. (Except pieces of cardboard that may be placed under the bin)
- 👉 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 about as easily).



If your recycling bin is missing or damaged, call 444-5238.

Please participate in Omaha's recycling program.

- **It's easy**
- **Saves Tax Dollars**
- **Produces jobs and revenue**