COLLECTION SCHEDULE UPDATE: Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 will delay collection by one day for that week.

It’s Time to Wipe Away Winter:
2019 Omaha Spring Cleanup Begins!

The winter of 2018-19 was the wettest in the United States to date, and Omaha recorded 46.1 inches of snow from December to February — also a record setter.

Thanks to an annual city program, Omahans can begin thinking about sweeping the remnants of winter away and preparing their residences for the warm weather ahead. The 2019 Omaha Spring Cleanup (OSC) is set for five consecutive Saturdays starting April 27. Hosted by the City of Omaha and participating neighborhood associations, this free event provides Omaha residents with the opportunity to recycle or dispose of large/bulky items that aren’t accepted through curbside trash and recycling services.

Multiple neighborhoods in a specific section of Omaha will accept items for disposal and recycling between 9:00am and 2:00pm on the following dates:

- SATURDAY APRIL 27
- SATURDAY MAY 4
- SATURDAY MAY 11
- SATURDAY MAY 18
- SATURDAY MAY 25

A map of the 2019 Spring Cleanup sites is available at: dogis.org/springcleanup/

You do not have to be a member of a neighborhood association to participate.

"Spring cleanup is an opportunity to jump-start spring and summer neighborhood festivities," said Julie Smith, program director at ONE Omaha. "Connect with neighbors, get active and do good for your hood by getting the junk off your porch."

Examples of acceptable items are auto parts, bikes, drywall, furniture, lumber, mattresses, and swing sets. Appliances, tires, and lead acid batteries will be accepted as part of the 2019 OSC, but they are considered special regulated items and may have collection sites that differ from your neighborhood location. For more information visit: cleanup.wasteline.org

The following items will NOT be accepted:
- Rocks
- Concrete
- Any items that can be collected via your curbside trash/recycling service
- Propane tanks and other pressurized cylinders
- Toxic materials

Paint, oil, pesticides, and household chemicals can be taken to UnderTheSink at 4001 S. 120th St. On 2019 OSC Saturdays, you may visit UnderTheSink from 9:00am to 4:00pm without an appointment. For more information: underthesink.org

Also on 2019 OSC Saturdays, large tree limbs and brush can be dropped off at the City of Omaha Sewer

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Recycle More or Start Recycling – It’s Habit Forming!

The figures are staggering. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the United States generated about 285 million tons of municipal solid waste (MSW) in 2014. More than 89 million tons of MSW were recycled and composted, which equates to a 34.6% recycling rate. That’s a lot of garbage going to the landfill!

Locally, the recycling rate in Omaha is about 11%. We can do better. That’s why Wasteline is issuing two challenges to all Omahans for 2019:

1. If you currently recycle, consider taking it to the next level.
2. If you don’t recycle, start this spring.

Next Level

If you fill your city-issued green bin on a regular basis, thank you! Now consider recycling glass as well. Glass bottles and jars can be recycled at any of Omaha’s 9 drop-off locations. There are four glass only drop-off sites and five full service drop-off sites where you can recycle all the other items that are collected curbside.

At the glass only drop-off sites, you’ll find a single purple container where all colors of glass bottles and jars can be recycled. At the full service drop-off sites, you’ll find a separate container for glass bottles/jars and a separate container for all other recyclables. To find a site that’s close, visit: wasteline.org/recycling-information/

If you don’t have a car, think about partnering with someone in your family or neighborhood who does. If you have kids, think about turning over your household’s recycling chores to them – they might love it and may even have a suggestion or two for you!

If You Don’t Recycle

Start This Spring

Recycling bins are available to households within the City of Omaha that receive solid waste collection from Waste Management (formerly Deffenbaugh Industries), the City of Omaha’s current collection contractor. It’s as easy as picking up a green recycling bin from one of seven locations, all listed on page 3 with their hours of operation so you can find one near you at a convenient time.

Once you’ve got your bin, start using it! If you’re unsure of what can and can’t be recycled, check out the handy Wasteline guide at: omaharecycles.com

In 2018, the City of Omaha recycled 16,974.86 tons, which resulted in a landfill savings of $434,080. Recycling makes economic sense!

Recycling Drop-off Sites

Recycling glass and the occasional extra bunch of recyclables is easy. Five full service drop-off sites accept glass and all the same materials as your green bin.

Full service drop-off sites consist of two or more large containers. Glass bottles go in one container, and all the other recyclables go in a separate container. Keeping glass separate from the other recyclables is all the sorting you need to do. There are four glass only drop-off sites with just one container to collect glass bottles and jars.

Illegal dumping at drop-off sites is punishable by a fine of up to $500, loss of driver’s license for 6 months and all clean up costs. [Omaha Municipal Code, Chapter 34, ARTICLE 1, Section 4.]

Full Service Recycling Sites

All Recyclables Accepted

West:
Western Douglas County
Chamber of Commerce
20801 Elkhorn Drive
Open: Daily, 7am – 7pm

Northwest:
Parking Lot North 75th and Corby Streets
Open: Daily, 7am – 7pm

Southwest:
Firstar Fiber 10330 111 Street, east entrance
Open: Daily, 7am – 7pm

Northeast:
Parking Lot
2574 Douglas Street
Open: Daily, 7am – 7pm

Southeast:
River City Recycling
6404 South 60th Street (Between Harrison & Q Streets)
Open: Monday – Saturday: 8am – 4:30pm

Winter Hours:
Monday – Friday: 8am – 4:30pm
Saturday: 8am – Noon

Glass Only Recycling Sites

Far West Central:
Hlyee
1000 S 178th Street
Open: Daily, 7am – 7pm

Northwest:
Fresh Thyme
14949 Evans Plaza
Open: Daily, 7am – 7pm

West Central:
Westwood Plaza
12071 West Center Road
Open: Daily, 7am – 7pm

Downtown:
600 Douglas Street
Open: Daily, 7am – 7pm

Special Assistance

Special collection for garbage, yardwaste, and recyclables is available. Households where all occupants of the home have a medical need or are at least age 70 qualify for the service. It can take several weeks to get the service set up. To apply, call 402-444-5238 from 8am to 8pm weekdays.

Wasteline’s Reuse Tip

Did you know we throw away an average of 70 pounds of shoes and clothing per person each year? According to www.worldwearproject.com, almost 100 percent of household textiles and clothing can be recycled, regardless of quality or condition.

So before you throw that old winter sweater in the trash, consider turning it into mittens before snow flies again. Here’s a video that shows you how:

If you’re not into craft projects, donate your old sweaters to someone who is!

Special Waste

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Wasteline.org
Recycling Bin Distribution

**Recycling** Replacement and additional recycling bins are available. Households that receive City of Omaha solid waste collection service may get a bin from one the locations listed here.

These locations also have the bright orange card you need to recycle your recycling bin if it is damaged. Please note that holidays will affect the schedule of each location.

**Saddlebrook Branch Library (14850 Laurel Avenue)**
Monday ................................. Closed
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday .... 8:00am - 8:00pm
Friday .................................... 8:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday .................................. 9:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday .................................... Closed

**A. V. Sorensen Branch Library (4808 Cass Street)**
Monday ................................. Closed
Tuesday ................................. 10:00am - 6:00pm
Wednesday ................................ 10:00am - 6:00pm
Thursday .................................. 10:00am - 8:00pm
Friday and Saturday ...................... 10:00am - 6:00pm
Sunday .................................... Closed

**Bess Johnson Elkhorn Branch Library (2100 Reading Plaza)**
Monday through Thursday ............... 9:00am - 8:00pm
Friday and Saturday ...................... 9:00am - 6:00pm
Sunday .................................... Closed

**South Omaha Branch Library (2808 "Q" Street)**
Monday through Thursday ............... 7:30am - 9:00pm
Friday and Saturday ...................... 9:00am - 6:00pm
Sunday .................................... Closed

**UnderTheSink, Special Waste Facility**
(4001 South 120th Street) Drive around building to parking lot and enter office.

- Saturday 9:00am - 4:45pm
- Monday 9:00am - 4:45pm
- Thursday 9:00am - 6:15pm
- Friday 9:00am - 6:00pm
- Sunday 9:00am - 6:00pm

Need to replace a damaged recycling bin?
Get a bright orange card from one of the locations above, place it in your damaged bin and put in on the curb with your other recyclables.

When In Doubt, Throw It Out

**Recycling** Wasteline loves encouraging people to recycle – it’s the right thing to do, and we should be doing more of it. But if you’re confused about whether or not a particular item is recyclable, throw it out. The reason? The wrong plastics are contaminates that must be pulled out or they cause lots of problems downstream. Just remember this handy phrase before you toss something in your green bin – when in doubt, throw it out. And remember NO PLASTIC BAGS!

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<th>Some Common Uses</th>
<th>Recycle Bin?</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>PETE Polyethylene Terephthalate</td>
<td>Soda, Water, Spray, and Window Cleaner Bottles, Food Packaging, and Some Deli Containers</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>HDPE High Density Polyethylene</td>
<td>Detergents, Bleach and Milk Bottles</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>PVC Polystyrene</td>
<td>Plastic Non-Food Containers</td>
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<td>PP Polypropylene</td>
<td>Butter Tubs, Yogurt Containers, and Snap Top Containers</td>
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Garbage

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-gallon that weigh up to 45 pounds when full

Clear Bags

that weigh up to 30 pounds when full

**5 Containers**

containers of garbage per week (for example 2 trash cans and 3 bags)

**5 Feet from Curb**

approved alley or other approved location

NO!

• Mix of garbage and yardwaste
• Items sticking out above the can
• Rocks, dirt, and concrete
• Dead animals
• Liquids of any type
• Loose pet waste or loose cat litter
• Tires, engines, or other large auto parts
• Bulky items (couches, chairs, stoves, etc.)
• Dark plastic bags you can’t see through
• Motor oil and automotive batteries
• Cardboard boxes when not in a can or bag
• Items outside a can or clear bag

‡Omaha Municipal Code, Chapter 33, Article II, Division 2.

Yardwaste

Place yardwaste within 5 feet of your collection location. 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-gallon that weigh up to 45 pounds, marked with a YW on both sides
• Special yardwaste paper bags that weigh 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
• Items sticking out above the can
• Sawdust, 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
• Bundles over 2 inches in diameter or over 4 feet long
• Plastic twine, nylon twine, wire or rope of any kind
• Brush that is not bundled

Recycling

Must use a green recycling bin. Need one? Pick up a recycling bin from one of the locations listed on page 3.

Got clean paper?

Recycle it!

This includes catalogues, cereal and detergent boxes, egg cartons, greeting cards, junk mail, magazines, newspapers, phonebooks and wrapping paper. To prevent litter, place all your clean paper in a paper bag or small cardboard box, then lay it inside or next to your green bin with the opening facing away from the wind.

Got corrugated cardboard?

Recycle it!

Break it down and place it under your bin. If you have a lot of boxes, fold and stuff multiple boxes into one box and place it next to your bin. Easy!

Got empty containers?

Recycle it!

You can place all gable top and aseptic cartons (juice boxes and cartons, milk cartons, and soup or broth boxes) loose in your bin. The same goes for aluminum and tin cans, including empty aerosol cans and empty and dry paint cans with the lids removed. Place the top of food cans inside the can and crimp them closed.

Got plastic containers and packaging marked with a ♦ or ♦?

Recycle it!

This includes bottles, clamshell deli containers, cookie trays, cups, clear plastic packaging, DVD cases, microwave meal trays and snap-top containers. Squeeze out some of the air to prevent litter and fit more in your bin. Lids are okay!

A Summary of 2018 Omaha Solid Waste Stats

**2018 MONTH BY MONTH**

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* Nationwide Driver Shortage

**HISTORICAL LOOK BY YEAR**

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Reported in Tons (2,000 pounds)