





RECYCLING, GARBAGE, AND YARDWASTE INFORMATION FOR THE CITIZENS OF OMAHA, NEBRASKA

# **WELCOME TO OMAHA**

**W**WASTE

*✓* YARDWASTE

RECYCLING

GLASS

# Wondering what to do?

#### Couldn't be easier ... there is nothing you need to do!

Basic collection service is provided to residential property as a City service. This is a requirement of Nebraska State Law (NRS 13-2020). You don't need to sign up for the service and you won't receive a bill. That's because this City service is paid for from the City's general revenue fund—a combination of all property taxes and all sales taxes.

But first off, confirm you are within the city limits of Omaha. An Omaha address alone does not mean you are within the city limits. Look up your address on the map found on

#### doc.wasteline.org

Your home should have two carts. If for some reason it doesn't, call **402-444-5238**. (Be sure you look everywhere. It's crazy the places people have hidden their carts.) You will have —

- A BLACK LID cart, which is collected weekly, and contains waste
   [GARBAGE + YARDWASTE = WASTE]
- A GREEN LID cart, which is collected every other week, and contains recyclables.

For specific questions or to report service issues, or if your home for some reason doesn't have a set of carts, call **402-444-5238**.



# Set out by 6am Carts must be removed from the curb by 10am the day after collection.

- Keep carts separate from each other and other things (mailboxes, light poles, etc).
- Only material in your cart will be collected.
- Lids closed during storage and collection
- Maximum 355 pounds
- Excess yardwaste must be in paper yardwaste bags with a purchased sticker



# The DON'TS

Now that you've got a sense of what you **should** do with the waste cart, here's what you **SHOULDN'T** do—

#### DON'T:

- Set your carts too close together or near other things (mailboxes, light poles, etc) when out for collection
- Place items outside your cart
- Have items sticking out of your cart you must be able to close the lid completely
- Exceed the 355-pound weight limit of the 96-gallon cart
- Leave your cart on the curb between collection days

# And **DON'T** put any of the following in your cart:

- Rocks, dirt, or concrete
- Dead animals
- Liquids of any type
- Loose pet waste or loose cat litter
- Tires, engines, or other large auto parts
- Bulky items (chairs, stoves, etc.)
- Lawn chemicals
- Motor oil or automotive batteries



- For proper household chemical disposal learn more at underthesink.org
- For large item disposal learn more at bulky.wasteline.org
   or at cleanup.wasteline.org

# **Thank You For Recycling These:**



Paper (all colors and types)



Cardboard (flatten)



Food Cartons (empty and clean)



Aluminum and Steel Cans (empty and clean)



Plastic Bottles, Jars, Jugs, and tubs (empty and clean)

#### Not in your green lid cart.



**NO Yardwaste** (goes in your black lid cart)



NO Glass (take to recycling drop-off location)



NO Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap (return to retailer)



Do not Bag Recyclables (recyclables must be loose in cart)



When in doubt, throw it out!

NO Tanglers (no hoses, wires, chains, or electronics)



NO Food or Liquid (empty and rinse all containers)

#### For recycling drop-off site locations that also accept glass, visit omaharecycles.com

YARDWASTE

# Seasonal Yardwaste

In the spring and fall, Omaha offers separate and free yardwaste collection. During these two six-week periods, that are announced as the time approaches, yardwaste may be set out in paper yardwaste bags and a sticker is not required. This yardwaste will be collected separately and delivered to the City's Oma-Gro compost facility. Bundles of brush require a prepaid sticker at all times and will not be collected for compost.

During any time of the year, yardwaste may be placed in the black lid waste cart. If there is excess yardwaste and it is not the free collection time, you will need to purchase yardwaste stickers and apply them to your paper yardwaste bags and bundles of brush. They will be collected with your waste and go to the landfill.

The Oma-Gro compost facility accepts self-hauled yardwaste year around at no cost. Visit **omagro.com** for info.

# WASTE

### **Special Assistance**

Special collection for garbage, yardwaste, and recyclables is available. Households where all occupants of the home are at least age 70 or have a doctor verified medical need, qualify for the service. It takes several weeks to get the service set up. To apply, call **402-444-5238** from 8AM to 8PM weekdays. Once approved collection will be up near your home in a convenient location.

# **Large Families**

If your family has 5 or more members, you can get an additional cart free of charge! You can choose an extra waste cart or a recycling cart. Just complete the registration form, which is available at wasteline.org or call 402-444-5238 to have the form mailed to you.

For all other situations, FCC Environmental will lease an additional cart for an annual fee. You must pay in advance, and the fee includes delivery. The information for leasing a cart is available at **wasteline.org** or by calling **402-444-5238**.



#### Sign Up For Notification

#### From your desktop:

Visit wasteline.org/widget to sign up for Text, Email, or phone call reminders. These are customized to your address. You get to pick the day and time for your scheduled notifications! Stay up to date on collection schedule changes or print a personalized calendar.

#### There's an app for that:

For those who prefer smartphones or tablets, you can download the **Wasteline**Omaha app to your device. The app will give you push notifications of your schedule and any changes. Pick the time and day when you receive these notifications.



Properly dispose of unwanted household, lawn, garden, and automotive chemicals at **UnderTheSink**.

#### **Residential Waste Only.**

#### **Hours:**

Wednesday 9:00am - 4:45pm
Thursday 9:00am - 6:15pm
Friday 9:00am - 4:45pm
Saturday Call for an Appointment

402-444-sink [7465] www.underthesink.org