

# There's Never Been a Better Time to Up Your Recycling Game

Take a moment to get to know your 96-gallon recycling cart (the one with the **GREEN LID** remember). It measures 29¾" wide by 43¾" high by 35¾" deep. Its sturdy lid and big wheels not only make transporting your recyclables to the curb easier, it will cut down on the chance for litter, so remember to keep that lid shut tight!

## Collection Pointers

- Your cart must be at your collection point **before 6AM**.
- Place carts three feet apart from each other and from other objects (like trees, mailboxes, lamp posts and parked cars).
- If your collection is missed, call 402-444-5238 after 7PM on your collection day.
- Your cart must be removed from the curb by 10AM the day after collection.
- If you are unsure of your collection day or recycling group, visit **[doc.wasteline.org](http://doc.wasteline.org)**

**Remember:** Your recycling is picked up every other week on the same day of the week than your waste cart is emptied.

## Keep in Touch

Sign up for our e-mail notification service. This will remind you of upcoming collection delays due to a holiday or weather conditions. To sign up go to

**<http://join.wasteline.org>**

## The **DOS**



**Aluminum & Steel Cans**  
(empty and clean)



**Plastic Bottles & Jugs**  
(empty and clean)



**Paper**  
(all colors and types)



**Cardboard & Cartons**  
(flat, empty and clean)

## The **DON'TS**



**NO Plastic Bags or Wrap**  
(return to retailer or place in Energy Bag)



**Do not Bag Recyclables**  
(Place loose in cart)



**No Tangles**  
(no hoses, wires, or chains)



**No Food or Liquid**  
(empty and rinse all containers)



**No Glass In Cart**  
Please recycle glass at one of Omaha's **RIPPLE GLASS** recycling sites. Visit **[omaharecycles.com](http://omaharecycles.com)** for locations





## Some Questions Others Have Asked

### **Q: How often will my recycling be collected?**

Every other week on your normal collection day. Remember – the switch to the every other week schedule started back on June 29, so just keep doing what you're doing. Your assignment of A or B group recycling, and which week we are on can all be found at [wasteline.org](http://wasteline.org).

### **Q: Can I use my recycling cart for garbage and yardwaste that doesn't fit in my waste cart?**

No. The recycling cart is for recycling only and it is important to not contaminate the contents with other wastes. Repeated misuse of the recycling cart may result in it being removed.

### **Q: Do I have to use the cart to have my recycling collected?**

YES! Once cart collection has started, only material in carts will be collected. You can't use look-alike carts, either. By look-alike we mean carts that retailers sell that look like the City of Omaha's new collection carts. The big difference? They are not marked with the official City of Omaha seal. FCC Environmental WILL NOT collect your recyclables if you don't place them in the recycling cart you received from the City of Omaha.

### **Q: What if my recycling doesn't fit in my recycling cart?**

Firstly, we want to congratulate you on being so green! Secondly, you can lease an additional recycling cart from FCC Environmental. The annual cost is \$45.50 – half the cost of renting an additional waste cart! It must be paid in advance and includes delivery. If your home has more than five family members living in it, the City of Omaha can provide you with an additional recycling cart (or waste cart if necessary) at no cost to you. There is a registration form for this service available at [wasteline.org/mycart](http://wasteline.org/mycart), or call 402-444-5238 for the form to be mailed to you.

### **Q: I use Hefty Energy Bags. What do I do with them?**

If you already use Hefty Energy Bags GREAT, keep doing what you're doing. If orange Energy Bags are new to you, they are an alternative to recycling for plastics that Omaha doesn't otherwise collect. They should be placed inside the recycling cart along with your other recyclable items. Hefty Energy Bags may be purchased at local stores. For more information: [hefty.com/hefty-energybag](http://hefty.com/hefty-energybag).

### **Q: Where should I store my recycling cart?**

You should store it inside your garage/shed or outside your home in a convenient location. You CAN'T keep your recycling cart at the curb all week – it can only be there on your collection day. If storage in your garage or behind your home isn't possible, you may consider putting in a screen fence or adding shrubbery. Take a walk around your block and see how your neighbors are storing their carts – you might get some great ideas!

### **Q: How do I maintain my recycling cart?**

An occasional rinse with a hose is all that should be needed to keep it clean and free from pests.

### **Q: What do I do if my cart is damaged?**

You are responsible for protecting (and not abusing) your carts. In the case of damage due to normal wear and tear, your cart will be repaired at no cost to you. Be smart about what you place in your cart. If, for example, you put hot coals in your cart, you will have to pay for its repair or replacement. To report a damaged cart, please call 402-444-5238.

### **Q: What should I do with my old green recycling bin(s)?**

As we suggested above, consider using it to recycle glass or to collect recyclables in the house or garage before taking to your cart! It also makes a great storage container for items in your garage, garden tools, etc. If you add drainage to its bottom, turn it into a planter for your tomatoes! If you can't repurpose it, you can place it in your new recycling cart.

