

Wasteline

OMAHA SOLID WASTE PROGRAM



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

Spring Yardwaste Collection Begins May 2, 2022

WASTE

YARDWASTE

RECYCLING

GLASS

YARDWASTE



Get Your Yard and Garden Ready for Spring

Spring is here! Time now for the springtime yardwaste season which is set to begin on May 2. During this time Omaha residents may set out an unlimited number of properly prepared yardwaste bags without the additional cost of stickers. This free collection will last for six weeks; ending the week of June 6 to 10.

Bundles of branches ARE NOT part of the spring or fall yardwaste collection seasons. Bundles must have a yardwaste sticker attached to them at

all times. Bundles must be tied with string or twine, and weigh no more than 30 pounds.

During the spring and fall yardwaste collection seasons, yardwaste stickers are not required on paper yardwaste bags.

A separate truck collects the yardwaste bags during the spring and fall yardwaste seasons. That truck takes the yardwaste collected to Oma-Gro, where it is turned into compost. Fulfilling Oma-Gro's needs determines when the spring yardwaste season is to be held. This year's season is two weeks earlier than last year.

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2021 – A Fresh Start

With Omaha's new collection using carts, and a new hauling company, it's a fresh start for measuring Omaha's garbage, recycling, and yardwaste.

Now Omaha has a much more controlled system for collection. The carts provide a standard unit unlike the past when trash cans varied in size and the number of trash cans wasn't as regulated as it is now.

Separate yardwaste collection was nonexistent in 2019 and 2020 but finally made a comeback in 2021 with the new collection contracts. While the quantity collected was not anywhere near the quantities of the past, the twelve weeks of collection yearly is a dependable amount to sustain Oma-Gro with a price that the City can afford.

The most dramatic change came with recycling. The recycling collection container got a huge expansion going from 18-gallons to 96-gallons. Since the old recycling bins didn't have a lid it was a deterrent to recycling for some people. Now we have a container with a lid and wheels. Much more convenient, and the public responded in a big way. An additional 8,000 tons of recyclables were collected in 2021 compared to the previous 5-year average. That's 30% more!

Waste (garbage) was also less. That's a good thing! Collecting 2,000 tons less in 2021 compared to the previous 5-year average.

So let's work together to keep things going. Recycle more, compost more, and make less garbage.

RESORTED
STANDARD
US POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 1086
OMAHA, NE

WASTELINE | OMAHA PUBLIC WORKS
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIVISION
5600 SOUTH 10TH STREET
OMAHA, NE 68107-3501

Omaha Collection Numbers

2021	Recycle		Waste		Yardwaste	
January	2,278.04	18%	10,116.27	82%	–	0%
February	1,712.12	17%	8,163.93	83%	–	0%
March	2,397.73	17%	11,905.07	83%	–	0%
April	2,167.54	15%	12,299.60	85%	–	0%
May	2,011.42	13%	12,552.53	81%	919.11	6%
June	2,284.32	14%	13,421.80	80%	1,112.98	7%
July	2,170.59	13%	15,173.63	87%	–	0%
August	2,079.55	13%	13,599.55	87%	–	0%
September	1,966.95	13%	13,088.84	87%	–	0%
October	1,825.01	14%	11,001.37	83%	460.94	3%
November	1,982.07	12%	11,797.99	69%	3,430.78	20%
December	2,053.87	15%	11,432.73	85%	–	0%
Total	24,899.21	14%	144,953.31	82%	5,923.81	3%

Legal Notice: Placement of solid waste (garbage, recyclable materials, and yardwaste) by a resident along a privately owned street or road implies permission for the City's solid waste collection contractor to drive onto that street or road to perform contract work. Accordingly, such residents and owners of private streets and roads shall assume the risk of incidental damages incurred in the course of performing work while driving on the surface of these private streets and roads. Incidental damages may include cracks in the surface of the roadway or cave-ins due to collapsed sewers or poor street surface substrate. The City's contractor is not exempt from causal damages to personal property or premises adjoining private streets and roads. Please call the Solid Waste Hotline 402-444-5238 for questions or concerns about collection on private streets and roads.



Ready for Spring Continued.

Oma-Gro needs a good variety of green (nitrogen rich) and brown (carbon rich) plant material to make the best compost.

Yardwaste includes grass clippings, leaves, and garden waste such as fallen apples and rotten or excess vegetables and fruit. The paper yardwaste bags must not weigh more than 40 pounds.

Residents who are on special collection may set their yardwaste bags at their collection location, although it will go to the landfill. If these residents want their yardwaste composted, it must be set out at the normal collection location for their neighborhood.

Don't forget you can place yardwaste in the black-lid waste cart any time of the year. The difference — it goes to the landfill instead of being turned into compost. If you want your yardwaste composted try backyard composting on your own or if you can haul it to Oma-Gro, it's free to unload there.

The Problem with Plastic Bags

Plastic bags are a marvelous thing. So handy, light, and durable. Plastic bags are an invention a half century old but a modern recycling problem.

What seems like a flimsy bag needing double bagging at the grocery store turns out to be tough as nails at the recycling facility. Bags wrap around the equipment that sorts the recyclables. This causes the recycling facility to shut down waiting for workers to cut the bags free from the equipment. Bags of recyclables are pulled out and discarded so your recycling efforts are wasted.

Do your part — NO loose plastic bags or plastic bags of recyclables in your green lid



recycle cart, or at any of the City recycling drop-off sites.

If you want to recycle your plastic bags, take them to a retail store that collects them in barrels — typically near the front entrance.

Or here's an even better idea — avoid plastic bags entirely by bringing and using your own reusable bags.

The Orange Hefty® EnergyBag® Is Different

Pardon the confusion, but there is one type of plastic bag the City does like. It's the orange Hefty® EnergyBag®. When you use an EnergyBag, you are able to recover some additional items, like candy wrappers, juice pouches, and plastic utensils.

Orange Hefty EnergyBag bags can be purchased at local stores, then filled with plastics that are not traditionally accepted. When the bag is full, tie it shut, and place it inside your recycling cart (the one with the green lid) or place

in the green container at one of Omaha's full service recycling drop-off sites.

These orange bags are noticeable and will be picked out at the recycling facility before they cause problems.

To find where the bags are sold and for more information, visit heftyenergybag.com



When In Doubt Leave It Out

Not Everything Is Recyclable

Markets have dramatically changed, and are not tolerant of contamination. Do not bag recyclables. Complex plastic items such as child safety seats go in the black lid waste cart. Things other than containers are not recyclable.



DO NOT place any of the following items in your recycle bin.

DO NOT bag recyclables.



FOOD



PLASTIC BAGS & TRASH



SHREDDED PAPER



FOAM CONTAINERS



SCRAP METAL



PLASTIC FILM & BUBBLE WRAP



HOSES



BATTERIES



CORDS



WIRE HANGER



SHARPS



CAR PARTS

Big Family? No Problem!

If you have a big family and generate too much garbage or recyclables to fit into the pair of 96-gallon carts, don't worry! **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**.



Spring Cleanup

Saturdays
April 23 to May 21
9am to 2pm

For information visit
cleanup.wasteline.org

 **RECYCLING**

 **GLASS**



The full service sites accept all of the recyclables that are collected from Omaha's curbside program. Plus, there is a purple container for glass bottles.



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

Full Service Drop-off Sites



WEST DROP-OFF SITE
Parking Lot
20801 Elkhorn Drive
The site is open: Daily: 7AM - 7PM



CENTRAL DROP-OFF SITE
Parking Lot of West Lanes Bowling
151 North 72nd Street
The site is open: Daily: 7AM - 7PM



NORTHWEST DROP-OFF SITE
Mulhall's
3615 North 120th Street (120th & Maple)
NOTE: The containers have been moved to a parking lot south of Mulhalls parking area, over the bridge (formerly a carwash)
The site is open: 7AM - 7PM



SOUTHEAST DROP-OFF SITE
River City Recycling
6404 S 60th Street
(between Q and Harrison)
NOTE: This site accepts recyclables free and is a dump location for bulky items. There is a fee for all materials except recyclables.



NORTHEAST DROP-OFF SITE
North 17th and Burt Streets
NOTE: Fenced area, Southwest corner of intersection. Current construction may require going around road closed signs.
The site is open:
Daily: 7:30AM - 6:00PM - (September - March)
Daily: 7:30AM - 8:00PM - (April - August)



SOUTHWEST DROP-OFF SITE
Firstar Fiber
10330 'I' Street
Use the East driveway to Firstar.
The site is open: Daily: 7AM - 7PM

Glass Only Drop-off Sites



FAR WEST CENTRAL
HyVee
1000 S 178th Street (180th & Pacific)
The site is open: 7AM - 7PM



WEST CENTRAL
Westwood Plaza
12075 West Center Road (Near Taco Bell)
The site is open: 7AM - 7PM



 **WASTE**



Special Assistance

Special collection for garbage, yardwaste, and recyclables is available. Households where all occupants of the home have a medical disability, 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.



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

Residential Waste Only
There is no charge!

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

Thank You For Recycling These:

Gracias por reciclar estos materiales:



Paper
(all colors and types)
Papel
(de todo color y tipo)



Cardboard
(flatten)
Cartón
(desarmado)



Food Cartons
(empty and clean)
Cartones de comestibles
(vacíos y limpios)



Aluminum and Steel Cans
(empty and clean)
Latas de aluminio y acero
(vacías y limpios)



Plastic Bottles, Jars and Jugs
(empty and clean)
Envases de plástico
(vacíos y limpios)

Not in your green lid cart. ¡NO! En la carretilla de tapa verde



NO Yardwaste
(goes in your black lid cart)
Nada de desperdicios de jardín
(póngalos en la carretilla de tapa negra)



NO Glass
(take to recycling drop-off location)
Nada de vidrio
(llévelo a un puesto de reciclar vidrio)



NO Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap
(return to retailer)
Ninguna bolsa ni envoltura de plástico
(devuélvalas a la tienda)



Do not Bag Recyclables
(recyclables must be loose in cart)
No ponga en bolsas los reciclables
(los reciclables tienen que estar sueltos en la carretilla)



NO Tangles
(no hoses, wires, chains, or electronics)
Nada enredante
(ni mangueras, alambres o cadenas, ni cables electrónicos)



NO Food or Liquid
(empty and rinse all containers)
Nada de comida ni líquidos
(vacíe todos los recipientes y enjuáguelos)

Every Other Week Recycling

Sign up for holiday e-mail reminders at join.wasteline.org

Solid Waste Holidays are shown in RED
Days following the holiday where collection is shifted are shown with a red underline.

MAY / 2022							
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
B	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
A	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
B	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
A	29	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	1	2	3	4

JUNE / 2022							
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
A	29	30	31	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
B	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
A	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
B	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
A	26	27	28	29	30	1	2

JULY / 2022							
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
A	26	27	28	29	30	1	2
B	3	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
A	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
B	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
A	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

AUGUST / 2022							
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
B	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
A	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
B	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
A	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
B	28	29	30	31	1	2	3

SEPTEMBER / 2022							
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
B	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
A	4	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
B	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
A	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
B	25	26	27	28	29	30	1

OCTOBER / 2022							
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
A	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
B	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
A	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
B	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
A	30	31	1	2	3	4	5

NOVEMBER / 2022							
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
A	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
B	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
B	20	21	22	23	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
A	27	28	29	30	1	2	3

DECEMBER / 2022							
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
A	27	28	29	30	1	2	3
B	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
B	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
A	<u>25</u>	26	27	28	29	30	31

JANUARY / 2023							
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
B	<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5	6	7
A	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
B	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
A	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
B	29	30	31	1	2	3	4

Group A recycling is shown in **Yellow**

Group B recycling is shown in **Blue**

Holiday – No Collection

Holiday Shift Days