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OMAHA SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

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

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Fall Yardwaste Collection Begins October 24, 2022

WASTE | YARDWASTE | RECYCLING | GLASS

Fall Cleanup

Saturdays
October 1, 8, 15, & 22
9am to 2pm
For information visit
cleanup.wasteline.org

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Set out by 6am

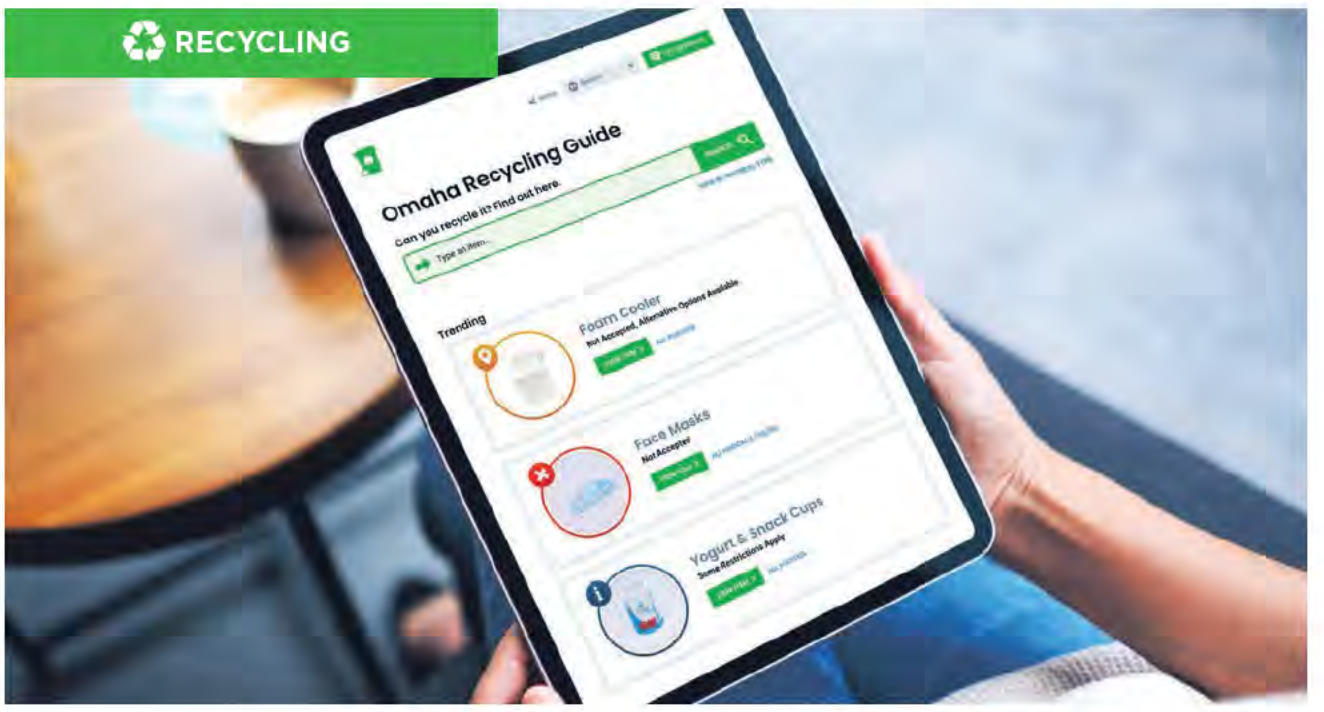
Carts must be removed from the curb by 10am the day after collection.

- 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 sticker

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

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

RECYCLING



Easier Answers To Hard Recycling Questions

To take care of those perplexing recycling questions Omaha now has a new interactive Recycling Guide available at guide.wasteline.org. This searchable database was developed in partnership with Keep Omaha Beautiful Inc. (KOB) and First Star Recycling. The guide contains more than 200 common household items including ones that are easily recognized as recyclable but also includes answers to less common items.

The Guide is designed to help residents recycle right, helping them learn what items can and cannot be recycled through the City of Omaha's Recycling Program. When necessary other local disposal options and alternatives are provided for hard-to-recycle items.

"Recycling, by nature, is a dynamic and complicated topic," said Maddy Wahl, KOB's communications and outreach coordinator. "We are excited to offer our community this searchable guide that helps clarify the sometimes confusing information out there. It provides clear instructions, with the added benefit of where to take items that can't go in a curbside recycling cart or drop-off site container."

Recycling isn't intended to be hard to understand, and much of it falls in the big five categories that are shown on page 4. The new Recycling Guide is simply intended to assist dedicated recyclers to do their best and help avoid wish recycling. Far too often this just creates expensive garbage.

Wish recycling is when someone places an item in their recycling cart hoping that it is recyclable without knowing.

The guide's reactive search function and results panel allows residents to browse the catalog of common household items by using thousands of keywords. The Guide's navigation features engaging visual prompts and photos with clear instructions and educational content.

The Guide also contains helpful tips and fun facts about recycling. If you've got hard-to-recycle items, it has a list of local recycling sources you can use.

"Wasteline.org has been the go-to place for recycling and waste disposal information for the citizens of Omaha. Now with the Recycling Guide, it has become an even more important resource to help residents recycle right," said Matt O'Connell, recycling coordinator for the City of Omaha. "Placing only appropriate materials in your recycling

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Recycling Continued.

carts and at drop-off sites, lowers the cost of recycling processing and keeps recyclables uncontaminated and valuable to end markets, where they become new materials and products."

There are multiple ways to search for an item. Residents can:

- **Enter any item by name or keyword, such as "milk carton"**
- **Browse groups of items by material type, such as "plastics"**
- **Search items from an alphabetized A-Z list**

The Recycling Guide's development team worked and met for over eight months to identify items to be included, acquire representative photos, and write clean and clear instructions. Development will continue so the Guide includes the most fresh information and expands the product listing.

Keep Omaha Beautiful, Inc., acquired a grant from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy to help fund the development and programming of the Recycling Guide. The Guide is built so it may be simultaneously used on Keep Omaha Beautiful's website and First Star Recycling's. Everyone is using one source of information for the first time.

The guide is available at **guide.wasteline.org.**

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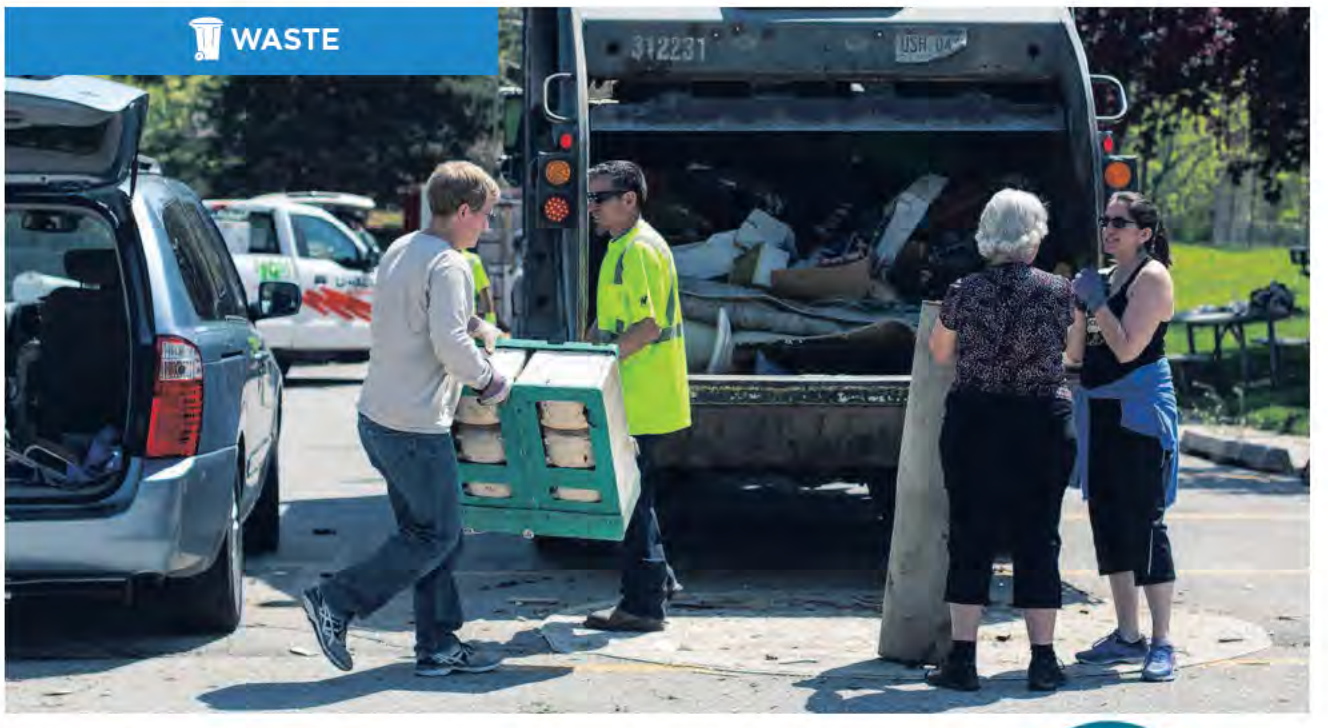

Fall Cleanup Services Announced

The City of Omaha is making it easy for you to keep your home and yard tidy this fall.

Fall Neighborhood Cleanup
The City of Omaha's 2022 Fall Neighborhood Cleanup will be held the first four Saturdays of October (Oct. 1, 8, 15, and 22) from 9:00am to 2:00pm. As that time approaches, visit **cleanup.wasteline.org** for more information, or check with your local neighborhood association to determine the date and location that is closest to your home.

This past spring, the neighborhood cleanup collected —

- 729 tons of material that went to the landfill
- 58.6 tons of tires
- 19.17 tons of appliances and metals

Many neighborhood associations organize additional services for their cleanup, including providing their own metals recycling, garage sale, and thrift store collection, along with beautification of their neighborhood common areas. So the positive impact to Omaha is even greater.

To generate these results spring cleanup requires in excess of 400 hours of City staff time, and over 300 neighborhood volunteers, plus more than 30 trucks each Saturday.

Following spring cleanup, Keep Omaha Beautiful surveyed the neighborhood leaders to measure their satisfaction with how the cleanup events are organized. The survey results showed they are pleased with the organizing assistance the City and Keep Omaha Beautiful, Inc. provides. Giving high marks to the City workers and the truck drivers helping them at the collection events.

UnderTheSink
Special Waste Facility

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

YARDWASTE

Free Yardwaste Collection
The City of Omaha will offer free yardwaste collection for six consecutive weeks starting October 24 and continuing through the week following Thanksgiving. During this time you may place yardwaste in paper yardwaste bags and place them by your black lid waste cart for collection. No sticker required at this time. Brush bundles are not included in this free collection. Each bag may weigh up to 40 pounds, and you may use as many bags as you wish. Yardwaste collected during this period will be used to make Oma-Gro compost.

Free collection of yardwaste bags is offered two times per year – once in the spring and once in the fall. Outside of these time periods, you can dispose of your yardwaste in three ways:

- Place it in your black lid waste cart
- Buy stickers for your paper yardwaste bags or bundles of brush
- Self-haul to composting facility

Each sticker costs $2.07 and may be purchased at numerous outlets throughout Omaha. For a list of locations, visit **wasteline.org** or call **402-444-5238.**

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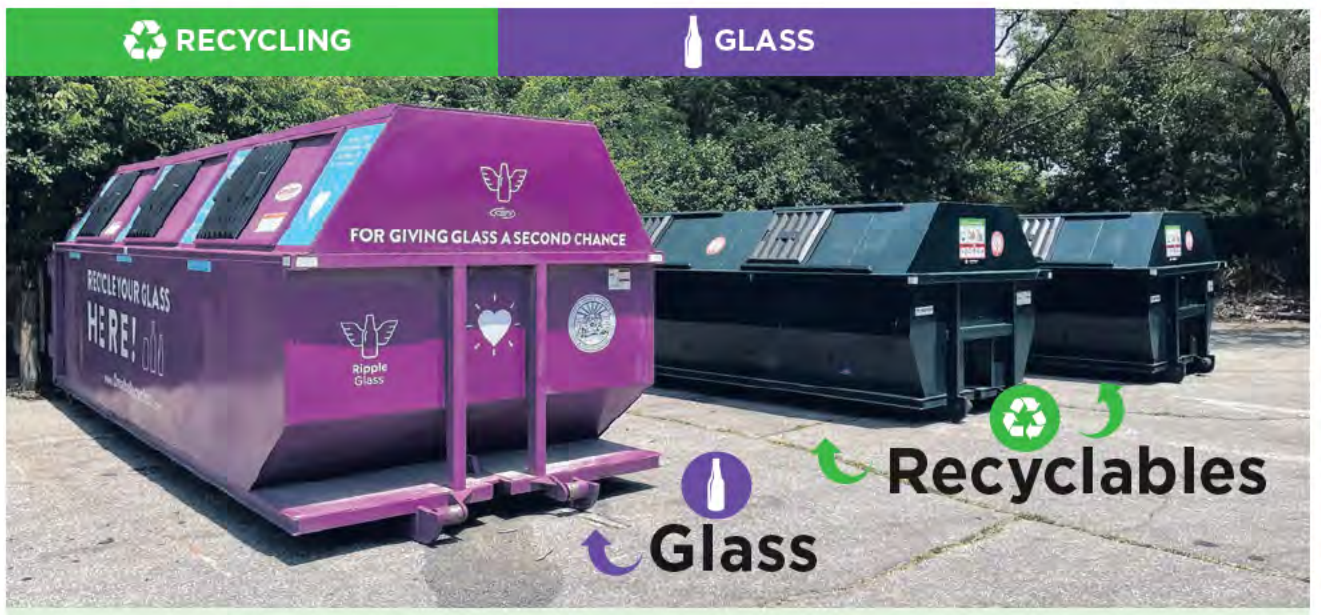

Illegal dumping including placing recyclables on the ground outside containers at drop-off sites is punishable by a fine of up to $500, loss of drivers license for 6 months and all clean up costs. *[Omaha Municipal Code, Chapter 34, ARTICLE I, Section 4.]*

Full Service Drop-off Sites

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.

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

NORTHWEST DROP-OFF SITE
Mulhall's
3615 North 120th Street (120th & Maple)
The site is open: 7AM – 7PM

NORTHEAST DROP-OFF SITE
Creighton University
North 17th and Burt Streets
The site is open:
Daily: 7:30AM – 6PM – (September – March)
Daily: 7:30AM – 8PM – (April – August)

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

SOUTHEAST DROP-OFF SITE
River City Recycling
6404 South 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.
The site is open:
Monday through Friday: 8AM – 4:30PM
Saturday: 8AM – 4:30PM
Winter Saturday Hours: 8AM – NOON

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

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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.

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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**.

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 n cart)
No ponga en bolsas los reciclables
(los reciclables tienen que estar sueltos en la carretilla)

NO Tanglers
(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.

SEPTEMBER / 2022

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
B	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
A	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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	24	25	26
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	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

JANUARY / 2023

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
B	1	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

FEBRUARY / 2023

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

MARCH / 2023

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

APRIL / 2023

	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	1	2	3	4	5	6

MAY / 2023

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

Group A recyling is shown In **Yellow** | **Group B** recyling is shown In **Blue** | ◯ **Holiday — No Collection** | **Holiday Shift Days**

Please call 402–444–5238 if you have any questions about the garbage collection system in Omaha.