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Christmas & New Year’s Day — No Delay This Year

WASTE

YARDWASTE

RECYCLING

GLASS

New Tools to Help You

Smartphone App and Website Widget

In an effort to provide better communication to Omaha residents, the City of Omaha has partnered with a company and their product called ReCollect. ReCollect is customizable and we think will make your life easier. It can remind you of your garbage and recycling collection schedule in the way you want, at the frequency you want.

ReCollect is a smartphone app and a website widget available on iOS and Android. For the Omaha version of ReCollect, just search for Wasteline Omaha. The website widget on wasteline.org replaces older pages with this new responsive utility giving information specific to your address, such as printing service calendars.

We hope you will choose to use the app and receive notifications that way, but if the app isn’t for you, the website widget will let you sign up for notifications by email, text message, or even a phone call. So hop online right now. Try it out. Download and sign up.



WASTE



Rejoice AND Reduce Waste This Holiday Season

Celebrating the season is an important tradition for many of us each December; cards filled with best wishes, family gatherings, festive food, holiday parties, and presents for those near and far. No matter how you celebrate this year, think about doing so in a way that’s a bit kinder to the environment.

Holiday waste comes in many forms, but two of the top offenders relate to food and packaging. According to Stanford University, Americans throw away 25% more trash during the Thanksgiving to New Year’s holiday period than any other time of year. The extra waste amounts to 25 million tons of garbage, or about one million extra tons per week.

Take a moment to peruse our suggestions for reducing your holiday waste.

Food-Related Waste

Think before you buy. Plan your menu, get a head count on who will be dining and don’t overbuy. Also, don’t purchase items no one at your table will eat just because they’re ‘holiday classics.’

If you have leftovers you won’t eat the next day, send them home with guests or freeze them for later use.

Packaging

Make it easy to recycle – have clearly marked recycling bins or assign the task of collecting recyclables to one of the younger members of your party.

- Use plates, glasses and cutlery that can be washed or recycled.
- Plan to buy wrapping paper that can be recycled. So avoid wrapping paper, that has shiny foil, is plastic coated, or loaded with glitter or flocking.

- Save ribbons and bows, and use them season after season. Gift bags are particularly easy to reuse.
- When buying gifts, try to avoid purchasing ones that are heavily packaged.
- Shop at local stores to avoid the excess packaging and shipping materials that result from shopping online.
- Wrap your presents in reused brown paper bags, newspapers, calendars or fabric.
- Recycle your packing peanuts at a local mail/shipping business that accepts them.

Eco-Friendly Gift Ideas

Holiday gift shopping with the environment in mind doesn’t mean buying everyone on your list a cloth bag or a reusable water bottle. Here are gifts that go easy on the environment...

- Movie, concert or sports tickets
- A gift certificate to a local restaurant or retail outlet
- A membership to a place the recipient would enjoy (zoo, museum, gym)
- Gardening tools
- Handmade gifts
- Repairing a loved one’s prized possession
- Vintage clothing and accessories

Other Tips to Put into Practice

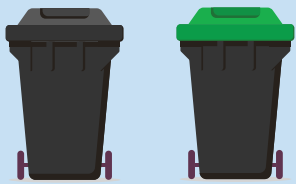
- Switch to rechargeable batteries.
- Select high quality and sustainable items.

Pick what works for you and your family, then rejoice and reduce this holiday season!

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



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 the 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.



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



Christmas Tree Disposal Sites Return

If you enjoy the tradition of having a live tree in your home during the Christmas holiday, we can help you beneficially dispose of it when the season is over.

The City of Omaha provides five Christmas tree disposal sites, and the metro area has a total of 14 to choose from. Beginning December 24 and continuing through January 10, 2023, you may drop off your tree during daylight hours by throwing it on the pile at any site.

Thanks to our friends from the Rotary Clubs of Omaha and the Douglas-Sarpy Master Gardeners, volunteers will be available to help you unload your tree on January 7 and 8 from 10am to 4pm at two disposal sites: Tranquility Park North and F Street Football Field.

But before you load “O Tannenbaum” into your car, you must remove all nails, wires, ornaments, tree stands, and lights. At the

site, please remove the plastic bag and take it home to your garbage. Flocked trees are permitted. Wreathes and evergreen roping WILL NOT be accepted. Place those in your black lid cart at home.

If your home celebrates using an artificial tree, when it is time to be replaced, you can either fit it in your black lid garbage cart or perhaps a thrift store could find it a new home. Placing the tree outside near a birdfeeder could provide shelter for birds during the winter.

Trees dropped off after January 10 will be considered illegal dumping, which is punishable by a fine of up to \$500, loss of driver’s license for six months and all clean-up costs.

The 92 tons of trees collected last Christmas were used to make Oma-Gro compost. For a complete list of disposal locations, visit <http://trees.wasteline.org>.

The Orange Hefty® EnergyBag® Is Different

We can’t stress it enough, don’t bag your recyclables. Doing so just makes expensive garbage. However, 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.

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

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 then place it inside your recycling cart (the one with the green lid) or in the green container at one of Omaha’s full service recycling drop-off sites.

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



Check this list for the many hard-to-recycle plastics that can go in your Hefty® EnergyBag® orange bags. All items must be clean, dry and free of foil lining:

PLASTIC PACKAGING (NO FOIL LINING)

- See-through chip bags
- Snack food bags
- Plastic pet food bags
- Salad bags
- Fresh/frozen vegetable and fruit bags
- Shredded cheese packages
- Cheese stick packages
- See-through granola and energy bar wrappers
- See-through candy wrappers
- See-through stand up pouches
- Pudding cups
- Yogurt tubs
- Butter/Margarine tubs
- Sour cream tubs
- Dry mix liners (cake, powder mixes)
- Cereal box liners
- Cookie/cracker box liners



PLASTIC BAGS & WRAPS*

- Plastic air pillow packs
- Plastic bubble wrap
- Plastic grocery bags
- Plastic food wrap
- Food storage bags



FOAM PRODUCTS

- Foam cups, plates and bowls
- Foam to-go boxes
- Foam packing peanuts
- Foam egg cartons
- Foam block packaging



PLASTIC DINNERWARE

- Plastic straws and stirrers
- Plastic utensils
- Plastic colored cups
- Plastic plates and bowls
- Rigid plastic clear cups



The following items ARE NOT accepted in the orange bags

NO

 **NO** batteries or electronics

 **NO** food, liquid or coffee grounds

 **NO** cans, glass or plastic bottles

 **NO** paper, cartons or boxes

 **NO** medical products or hazardous waste

 **NO** hoses, tubes or rope

 **NO** foil or aluminum



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

Firststar Fiber
10330 'I' Street
Use the East driveway to Firststar.
The site is open: Daily: 7AM - 7PM

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.

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**.



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



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.

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

JUNE / 2023							
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
A	28	29	30	31	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	1

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

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

Group A recycling is shown In Yellow

Group B recycling is shown In Blue

Holiday — No Collection

Holiday Shift Days