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# Fall 2023 Cleanup: The Saturdays of October (10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28).

- WASTE
- YARDWASTE
- RECYCLING
- GLASS



## Seasonal Yardwaste Collection Begins October 23

The City of Omaha will offer free yardwaste collection on your regular collection days for six consecutive weeks starting October 23 and continuing through December 1, 2023.

Stickers are not required on your paper yardwaste bags during this time. These bags will be collected separately and composted to make Oma-Gro. Bags must not weigh more than 40 pounds. Bundles of brush still require a sticker during this time, but fitting twigs and brush in paper yardwaste bags is acceptable.

Acceptable yardwaste items include grass clippings, leaves, garden waste, rotted or excess vegetables and fruit. Do not include sawdust, lumber, treated lumber, dirt or sod, pet manure and kitty litter.

Separate and 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 it to a composting facility

The fall 2022 yardwaste collection delivered nearly 4,000 tons to Oma-Gro. The 2023 springtime separate collection was slightly more than 2,000 tons.

Each sticker costs \$2.22 and may be purchased at a number of outlets across Omaha. For a list of locations, visit **wasteline.org**, or call **402-444-5238**.



## Fall Neighborhood Cleanups

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

The City of Omaha’s 2023 Fall Neighborhood Cleanup will be held October 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Visit **cleanup.wasteline.org** for more information, or check with your local neighborhood association to determine the date and location closest to your home.

This annual fall event requires in excess of 300 hours of City of Omaha staff time and 200 neighborhood volunteers plus more than 30 trucks each of the four Saturdays.

Many neighborhood organizations add additional services to their individual cleanup events, including offering metals recycling, hosting garage sales, and collecting items that can be donated to local thrift stores. These efforts increase the overall impact of this annual fall event.

### This past spring, the neighborhood cleanups collected:

- 707 tons of material that went to the landfill
- 46 tons of tires
- 28 tons of appliances and metals

**Good job Omaha neighborhoods!**

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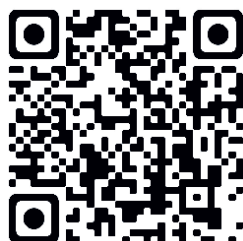


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Hours:

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**



RECYCLING



*Pictured is the final densified EPS Styrofoam. Volume reduction ratio is 90:1*

## A New Outlet For Styrofoam® Recycling

It's always great getting a new TV or air fryer, but what are you supposed to do with those bulky rigid packing blocks? They protected your new tech during the trip from the manufacturer to your home, but what now? Thanks to our friends at Omaha's Plastilite Corporation, you can recycle it if you are willing to put in some effort! Read on so you know exactly what they accept, and where you must take it.

Styrofoam is the registered trademark name for Expanded Polystyrene or EPS that was developed for commercial use in the 1940's. EPS has many uses, but what Plastilite is looking for to recycle are the molded white blocks of rigid foam used to protect items during shipment such as televisions, appliances, and glass items, or packaging made to protect temperature-sensitive medications and perishables (think those disposable picnic coolers you buy at the grocery store).

Plastilite will grind and densify the EPS before sending it to another manufacturer. There, the densified EPS will be made into any number of things, including construction materials, surfboards, picture frames, and even new packaging.

Again, Plastilite only wants blocks of EPS. They must be free of all tape, labels, and any other packing material.

The following are some commonly confused items that are not EPS, and NOT recyclable at Plastilite:



**NO Flexible Foam\***



**NO Food Containers\***



**NO Packing Peanuts\***



**NO Insulation Board**

EPS is only accepted at Plastilite. Do not place it in your green lid cart, or in an Omaha drop-off site. Doing so is just making expensive garbage. Plastilite is located at 4930 Battlefield Drive in northeast Omaha. They are allowing 24-hour drop off of clean EPS. Plastilite is also sponsoring events to collect EPS, so stay tuned for these opportunities.

For more information, please go to **www.plastilite.com/recycle**

*\*These items are acceptable in the orange Hefty® ReNew™ bag program that was formerly called the Energy Bag. Packing peanuts may also be accepted back for re-use at packing and shipping stores.*



WASTE



**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 objects (mailboxes, light poles, etc).
- Only material in your cart will be collected.
- Keep lids closed during storage and collection.
- Maximum 355 pounds.
- Excess yardwaste must be in paper yardwaste bags with a paid sticker.



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.





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)



### 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  
  
**PLEASE NOTE:** The central location off 72nd Street has been closed. A replacement location is being sought.



## 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

## Your Vote Counts

The second drop-off site surveillance trailer has arrived so now is the time for the final selection of names. From the last issue of Wasteline, 37 different name pairs were suggested. City staff has narrowed that list down to 10 name pairs, and it is now time for you to vote.

Just go to **wasteline.org** and follow the link to submit your vote. Voting will end on October 29, and the names will be unmasked on Halloween.

The name pairs you can choose from are (in alphabetical order):

- Batman - Robin
- Bert - Ernie
- Eye - Spy
- Eye Spy - Private Eye
- Holmes - Watson
- ICU - ICU2
- Johnny 5 - WALL-E
- Peek-a-boo - Eye-See-You
- R2 - D2
- Wanda - Vision



Both camera trailers were purchased with the assistance of grants from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy’s Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant fund.



## 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 Services 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 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)

Check Out the  
Wasteline  
Omaha Widget  
*Or be bold and get the App!*

You'll notice that there isn't a full calendar in this edition of Wasteline. That's because personalized calendars are available from the widget.

The new Wasteline Omaha widget, available on the home page at **wasteline.org**, is super easy to use. Just type in your address and you'll get a printable calendar of your trash and recycling days by month. This calendar highlights yardwaste collection and neighborhood cleanups too! If paper calendars aren't your thing, you can also sign up for reminders by email, text, phone call, or tweet. Maybe you would like to add the calendar to your electronic calendar. That's available as well.

The widget is also available as an app for your smartphone. Just search for "Wasteline Omaha" and download it to get push notifications.

All these notification methods are updated when there is an unexpected interruption of service.

Try it out and tell your Omaha friends!

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.

Every Other Week  
Recycling

Sign up for holiday e-mail reminders at [join.wasteline.org](https://join.wasteline.org)

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

OCTOBER / 2023							
	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	30	31	1	2	3	4

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

NOVEMBER / 2023							
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
A	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
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

JANUARY / 2024							
	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

**For future months go on-line to [wasteline.org/widget](https://wasteline.org/widget)**  
Enter your address so you can print a calendar specific for you (instructions available at **[wasteline.org/calendar](https://wasteline.org/calendar)**). Also available is adding the calendar to your on-line calendar, or get the **Wasteline Omaha app** for reminders of the collection schedule.

<b>Group A</b> recycling is shown In <b>Yellow</b>	<b>Group B</b> recycling is shown In <b>Blue</b>
<b>Holiday — No Collection</b>	<u><b>Holiday Shift Days</b></u>