

Labor Day Holiday Delays Collection

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Free Tire Disposal Events

Dates, Times, Locations and Limits

- Limit 16 tires per vehicle
- No tires from businesses

DATE:	LOCATION:
Saturday, August 15	Northeast Joint Use Public Works Facility 1818 Jaynes Street
Saturday, November 7	Former Elkhorn Sewer Treatment Facility 19602 Honeysuckle Drive

Both events will run from **9:00 AM until 2:00 PM.**

Our community thrives when we work together to keep it safe, healthy, and beautiful. This past June, we witnessed an incredible demonstration of civic pride: during our tire collection event on June 6, a staggering 477 vehicles cleared out 66.8 tons of tires from our neighborhoods. ***That is an amazing start, but we aren't done yet.***

To help you keep your properties clean and protect our local environment, the city is hosting **two more free used tire cleanup events** this year.

Why Participate? The Benefits of Clearing the Clutter

Scrap tires sitting around your yard or garage might seem like a minor nuisance, but disposing of them properly does a world of good:

- **Pest Control:** Stagnant water trapped inside old tires creates the absolute perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes, increasing the risk of West Nile virus and other diseases right in your backyard.
- **Fire Safety:** Tire fires are notoriously difficult to extinguish, producing thick, toxic smoke and hazardous runoff. Removing them from your property removes a major fire risk.

■ **Neighborhood Pride:** Clearing away unsightly blight instantly beautifies your property and elevates the entire community.

Know Before You Go: Guidelines for a Smooth Drop-Off

To ensure the safety of our staff and a swift, efficient line for everyone, please keep the following event rules in mind:

- **Residential Only:** This free program is strictly for local residents. Tires from commercial businesses, commercial haulers, or agricultural operations will not be accepted.
- **Tire Limit:** There is a strict limit of 16 tires per vehicle.
- **Prep Your Tires:** All tires must be removed from their rims before you arrive at the collection site.

Major funding for these collection events is provided by the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment through the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grant Fund.



 WASTE





Omaha Fall Cleanup Returns: Free Disposal for Bulky Items

Do you have old furniture, worn-out mattresses, or leftover materials from a summer home improvement project? Omaha's Fall Cleanup Program is back, offering you a convenient, free way to dispose of large, bulky household items that don't fit in your regular trash cart.

Please see **Fall Cleanup**, Page 2

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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

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 & TRASH



PLASTIC BAGS



ELECTRONICS



FOAM CONTAINERS



SCRAP METAL



DIAPERS



HOSES



BATTERIES



CORDS



WIRE HANGER



SHARPS



CAR PARTS

Favor de llamar al 402-444-5238 si tiene alguna duda sobre el sistema de colección de basura en Omaha.

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Event Details & Dates

The 2026 Fall Cleanup will take place on the **first four Saturdays in October**.

- **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day.
- **Who Can Participate?**
Every Omaha resident is welcome! You do not need to be a member of a neighborhood association to use these drop-off sites.

Neighborhood Associations:

If your neighborhood group is interested in hosting a collection site, now or in the future, your association must be registered with the **Omaha Planning Department** to receive the email invitation to sponsor a site.



What You Can Drop Off

While most bulky household items are welcome, some specialty items are only accepted at specific locations:

- **Accepted at All Sites:** Old furniture, mattresses, carpeting, and construction debris.
- **Accepted at Select Sites Only:** Appliances, and scrap metal items (such as bicycles, grills, and old swing sets) for recycling.

Items NOT Accepted

To keep our volunteers and sites safe, the following materials cannot be accepted:

- Commercial or business waste
- Hazardous materials (**Note: UnderTheSink** will be open to accept these items separately)
- Rocks, concrete, dirt, or railroad ties
- Tree trunks, large logs, or stumps
- Dead animals, manure, or animal bedding
- Tires (see article on page 1)

Got Yard Waste?

Leaves, brush, and other yardwaste will not be accepted at the standard cleanup sites. Instead, you can take them directly to Oma-Gro (6606 S. 60th Street), which will be open on all cleanup Saturdays. Oma-Gro is also open weekdays from 7am to 6pm during the growing season.

Things to Know Before You Go

- **Bring Back-Up:** You are responsible for unloading your own vehicle, so please bring a friend or family member along if you need help lifting heavy items.
- **Community Reuse:** Some hosting neighborhood associations may set aside, reuse, or sell certain dropped-off items to help raise funds for local community projects.

Find a Site Near You

As October approaches, a full list of drop-off locations and an interactive map will be made available at

cleanup.wasteline.org.



Give Your Styrofoam® a Second Life: How to Recycle It in Omaha

We all know the material: those bulky white blocks that protect your new electronics, or the trusty cooler that tags along to every backyard BBQ and road trip.

While Expanded Polystyrene (EPS)—more commonly known as Styrofoam—is incredibly useful, it’s a petroleum-based product that doesn’t break down naturally.

Because it requires special handling, **Styrofoam cannot be tossed into your green-lid recycling cart or city recycling drop-off sites.**

The good news? With just a tiny bit of effort, you can give it a second life! Local manufacturer Plastilite Corporation can densify clean foam blocks and ship them to companies that transform them into surfboards, picture frames, construction materials, and new packaging.

Option 1: Drop Off Large Blocks at Plastilite

If you have large packaging blocks, you can take them directly to the source.

- **What is accepted:** Only rigid Styrofoam blocks. If it bends or squeezes, they don’t want it.
- **What to avoid:** No packing peanuts, and no food packaging (such as egg cartons, meat trays, or coffee cups).
- **Preparation:** All foam blocks must be completely free of tape, shipping labels, cardboard, and other packing materials.

Drop-Off Location & Hours:

Plastilite Corporation is located at 4930 Battlefield Drive in northeast Omaha. They offer a convenient 24-hour drop-off site for your clean foam blocks. Learn more at **plastilite.com/recycle**.

Option 2: Use the Hefty® ReNew® Program for Smaller Items

Do you only have a few small pieces, along with packing peanuts, or foam takeout containers? You don’t even have to leave your house.

Through Omaha’s participation in the Hefty ReNew program, you can recycle all types of clean foam right from your curb. Simply place your Styrofoam blocks, peanuts, and foam food packaging inside an **orange Hefty ReNew bag**, tie it securely, and toss the bag right into your standard green-lid recycling cart.

To find out where to buy bags or to see a full list of accepted items, visit **hefty.com/hefty-renew**.

Plastilite does NOT accept:



NO Flexible Foam*



NO Food Containers*



NO Packing Peanuts*



NO Insulation Board

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

Cart Care, Repairs, and Replacements

Omaha's waste and recycling carts work hard every single week. Over time, lids can crack, wheels can wobble, or a cart might even go on an unexpected neighborhood adventure. If your cart is damaged or missing, here is everything you need to know to get it fixed or replaced.

Give Us a Call

No matter what happened to your cart, getting it resolved starts with a phone call to the Solid Waste Help Line.

- **Phone Number:** (402) 444-5238
 - **Hours:** Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–8 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m.–Noon
 - **After-Hours:** A live person answering service will take your message.
- Notes:** You will receive a callback to confirm your details. Please be sure to answer or return this call promptly so your request isn't delayed or cancelled.

“Where Did My Cart Go?” (Missing or Stolen Carts)

If your cart has vanished, start by checking up and down your block. Every cart has a unique ID number stamped on it. If you don't know yours, call us and we can look it up for you with the best information we have.

- If your cart is truly gone, you will need to:
1. File a report with the Omaha Police Department's non-emergency line at (402) 444-4877 for stolen City property.
 2. Call the Solid Waste Help Line back with your police report number so we can process your replacement.



“Uh-Oh, It's Busted!” (Damage and Repairs)

Whether your cart can be fixed or needs to be completely replaced depends on the type of damage:

- **Normal Wear-and-Tear:** Issues like broken lids, wobbly wheels, or damaged front lift bars are covered under warranty or by FCC Environmental at no cost to you. Cracks, holes, and broken bottoms also happen from normal use and will be covered.
- **Accidental Damage:** Damage caused by hot coals melting the plastic or a vehicle accidentally running over the cart is not covered. In these cases, you will be invoiced for a replacement cart. You can check current rates at wasteline.org/current_pricing and submit the cost to your home insurance if applicable.

What to expect next: Once your request is submitted, leave your cart outside in a spot

where it is clearly visible from the street. You can continue using the cart while you wait. FCC Environmental will make the repair or swap. If they run into an issue or can't access it, they will try again on your next scheduled collection day.

Ewww! This Cart Needs a Bath!

The cleanliness of your cart is up to you. To prevent odors and grime, always bag your household garbage (remember: leave your recyclables loose!).

Give your cart a regular rinse with a hose, and use soap, a splash of bleach, or a power washer for tougher messes. If you prefer a hands-off approach, there are also private local cart-cleaning services available for hire.

Bonus Tip:
Jot down the serial numbers of your carts during good times so if they go on the lam or need repair you have the numbers handy.

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.
- Excess yardwaste must be in paper yardwaste bags with a paid sticker.



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.

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! **A household of 5 or more members qualifies for an additional cart at the City's expense.** 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.



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
- **NORTHEAST DROP-OFF SITE**
Creighton University
Burt Street between 29th & 30th Street
(West of the former Creighton Dental College Building)
The site is open:
Daily: 7:30AM – 6PM (Sept. – March)
Daily: 7:30AM – 8PM (April – Aug.)

- **NORTHWEST DROP-OFF SITE**
Mulhall's
3615 North 120th Street
(120th & Maple)
The site is open: Daily: 7AM – 7PM
- **SOUTHWEST DROP-OFF SITE**
First Star Recycling
10330 'I' Street
Use the East driveway to First Star Recycling.
The site is open: Daily: 7AM – 7PM
- **SOUTHEAST DROP-OFF SITE**
Parking Lot
333 South 72nd Street
Accessible only when north bound.
The site is open: Daily: 7AM – 7PM
- NOTE:** The site at River City Transfer has closed. River City Transfer is still open for bulky item disposal.



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

GLASS

Got Glass?

How to Responsibly Recycle Your Glass Bottles in Omaha



If you have ever held a glass bottle over your green-lid recycling cart and wondered, “Does this go in here?” you are not alone. While glass is highly recyclable, **it cannot be placed in your curbside green-lid cart.** When mixed with other recyclables, the glass can break, contaminating other valuable recyclables like cardboard and paper.

Fortunately, keeping glass out of our landfills is incredibly easy. Omaha has drop-off sites designed specifically to handle your glass bottles and jars safely and efficiently.

The Power of a Recycled Bottle: Where Does It Go?

Glass is actually the most economical and environmentally efficient material collected for recycling in Omaha. In 2025, Omaha recycled 1,723 tons of glass. The energy savings equates to taking 108 cars off the road!

Every single bottle and jar you drop off is collected and shipped to **Ripple Glass** in Kansas City, Missouri. Ripple processes the glass into “cullet” (crushed glass clean of impurities), which is then redirected into two primary markets:

■ **Brand-New Bottles:** Turned right back into beverage containers, closing the loop.

■ **Eco-Friendly Insulation:** Converted into Owens Corning’s iconic pink fiberglass insulation.

Using recycled cullet to make new glass and insulation saves a tremendous amount of energy compared to using raw materials like sand, soda ash, and limestone. It’s a win for the environment and a win for our regional economy.

Where to Recycle Glass in Omaha

Omaha has two types of drop-off sites, full-service and glass-only. Both accept glass bottle and jars. Recycling drop-off sites are listed on page three of this issue of Wasteline.

3 Quick Steps to Prepare Your Glass

To ensure your glass can be processed successfully, follow this quick checklist before you make your trip:

STEP 1:
Empty and Rinse. Give your bottles, food jars, and containers a quick rinse. They don’t need to be spotless, but they should be free of leftover food and liquid.

STEP 2:
Toss the Tops. Metal and plastic bottle caps, corks, and pump tops cannot be recycled with the glass. Twist them off and toss them into your household garbage. (Don’t worry about removing the paper labels on the bottles—the processing machinery handles those automatically!).

STEP 3:
Keep it Food & Beverage Only. The drop-off sites are designed to handle food and beverage containers. Please **do not drop off** mirrors, lightbulbs, ceramics, or Pyrex® baking dishes, as these materials have different melting points and will ruin the batch.

The next time you empty a bottle, don’t throw it away. Toss the cap in the trash, set the bottle aside in a tote bag or crate by your door, and make glass recycling a seamless part of your next weekend errand run!



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

UnderTheSink.

Residential Waste Only

Hours:

Wednesday	9:00am - 4:45pm
Thursday	9:00am - 6:15pm
Friday	9:00am - 4:45pm
Saturday	By Appointment Only

For an appointment or additional information:

402-444-sink [7465]

underthesink.org



REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE RIGHT.

OmahaRecyclingGuide.org



Get answers to recycling questions & find out what goes where

Can you recycle it?

SEARCH 

TRY IT TODAY!



The Omaha Recycling Guide is a partnership of Keep Omaha Beautiful, The City of Omaha, and First Star Recycling.

Personalize Your Wasteline Calendar

To create your personalized collection calendar, visit **Wasteline.org/WIDGET**. Enter your address, click on “Get a Calendar,” and follow the prompts. The printable calendar includes your trash and recycling collection days, as well as information on yardwaste collection and neighborhood cleanups.

If you prefer using a smartphone, you can download the “Wasteline Omaha” app. This app provides push notifications to keep you updated.



Get the App!



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.

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RECYCLING

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 and Cups
(empty and clean)
Cartones de comida y tazas
(vacíos y limpios)



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



Plastic Bottles, Jars, Jugs, and Cups
(empty and clean)
Botellas de plástico, tarros, Jarras y tazas
(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
(llévalo 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)

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