

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

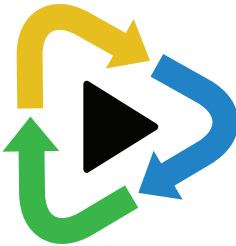


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Wasteline

NEW EXPANDED EDITION

OMAHA SOLID WASTE PROGRAM



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

FREE USED TIRE DISPOSAL NOV. 7. INFO ON BACK



WASTE



YARDWASTE



RECYCLING



GLASS



YARDWASTE

Fall into Yardwaste Season!

Autumn has officially arrived, bringing crisp breezes, golden leaves, and the irresistible urge to tidy up your outdoor spaces before winter. Whether you're trimming back your garden, clearing fallen leaves, or giving your yard a cozy fall refresh, yardwaste season is here to help.

**Six Weeks of NO COST
Yardwaste Collection:
October 26 - December 4, 2026.**

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIVISION
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OMAHA, NE 68107-3501

Holiday Collection Schedule Adjustments

As we approach the end of the year, several upcoming holidays may impact your trash and recycling collection. Please review the schedule details below to see which dates will experience delays and which will remain unchanged.

November

- **Veterans Day (Nov 11, Wednesday):** Services will run on the normal schedule.
- **Thanksgiving Day & Following Day (Nov 26-27):** Collections will operate on a holiday schedule, pushed back by one day. Thursday's collection on Friday, and Friday's collection on Saturday.

December

- **Christmas Day (Dec 25, Friday):** Collection is delayed by one day, moving service to Saturday.

January

- **New Year's Day (Jan 1, Friday):** Collection is delayed by one day, moving service to Saturday.

After New Year's Day, regular collection routines resume until the next observed holiday on **Memorial Day (Monday, May 31, 2027).**

Sign up for holiday and weather delay email reminders at join.wasteline.org.

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Not Sure Where Your Yardwaste Goes?

If you've only gathered a small bushel-basket amount of yardwaste, you can place it directly into your **black lid** garbage cart. No need to bother with paper yardwaste bags.

Got More Than a Little?

If your yard looks like it threw its own leaf pile party, paper yardwaste bags are your best friend. During the six-weeks of no-cost collection the paper bags are all you need; no purchased yardwaste stickers. Then just put your yardwaste bags out near your collections carts on collection day.

Turning Yardwaste into Something Great: Oma-Gro

Oma-Gro is the City's compost making facility, turning yardwaste into rich, soil-enhancing compost. During the no-cost collection period, FCC Environmental Services uses a **separate truck** for collecting yardwaste bags before taking them to the Oma-Gro composting facility. Note that bundles of brush will not be collected separately, and **do require** purchased yardwaste sticker at all times.



FAQ on Yardwaste Bags

What **can** go into yardwaste bags?



GRASS CLIPPINGS AND LEAVES



GARDEN WASTE INCLUDING ROTTED OR EXCESS VEGETABLES & FRUIT



TWIGS & BRUSH TRIMMINGS THAT FIT INSIDE THE BAG

What **can't** go into the yardwaste bags?



SAWDUST, LUMBER, OR TREATED LUMBER



TRASH OR GARBAGE



WHOLE BAGS OF DIRT OR SOD



STREET-SWEEPING SAND OR ROCKS



PET MANURE OR KITTY LITTER



BRANCHES OVER 2 INCHES IN DIAMETER OR 4 FEET LONG



PLASTIC OR NYLON TWINE, WIRE, OR ROPE



PLASTIC BAGS

What are other rules with Yardwaste bags?

- Each bag to weigh **45-pounds or less**
- Place near your regular trash, but leave space from the carts

Let's Keep Yardwaste Clean

Yardwaste mix ups are becoming more common, and a quick peek inside your bag before it heads to the curb can make a world of difference. Yardwaste is meant for the good fall stuff—leaves, twigs, garden trimmings, and other natural bits of autumn.

But over at the Oma-Gro composting facility, staff have found some downright spooky surprises: aluminum cans, motor oil filters, plastic bags, and garden hoses—even a hand tool battery that was smoking nearly starting a fire! None of these belong in yardwaste. They can break equipment, slow down the process, and affect the quality of the compost we all count on.

You're on the right path to Omaha's Premium Quality Compost



Drop Off Location

Oma-Gro recently **moved**. It's now at 6502 South 60th Street.

Right now you can drop off yardwaste at **no cost**.

Then some time in 2027 you'll be able to buy bulk compost at the facility.

Oma-Gro Hours:

Growing season: **7 a.m. – 6 p.m.**
Winter: **7 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Closed on all City of Omaha holidays.



A little extra attention keeps the **compost clean**, the **equipment happy**.

Try it today!

**REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE
RIGHT.**

OmahaRecyclingGuide.org

Get answers to recycling questions & find out what goes where

Can you recycle it?

SEARCH

Keep Omaha Beautiful

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.

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.
- 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 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.

WASTE

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**.

The Orange Bag Evolution:

Omaha’s Beloved Hard-to-Recycle Plastics Program Goes Local

Hefty® steps back, but First Star Recycling keeps the program alive—transforming discarded flexible plastic packaging into local Solutions Plastic™ lumber right here in Omaha.

As autumn arrives across Omaha, it brings a natural time to reflect on our household waste management and recycling habits. Keeping our recycling stream clean helps divert valuable resources from landfills and into valuable resources for manufacturing. Among Omaha’s recycling offerings, few initiatives have earned as passionate a following as the specialty program dedicated to hard-to-recycle film and flexible plastics. Today, we are sharing an important update regarding the next chapter of this beloved community program.

Originally introduced to residents as the Hefty® EnergyBag® program and later re-branded to the Hefty® ReNew® program, the initiative was created to divert tricky, hard-to-recycle items—such as snack packaging, candy wrappers, and plastic utensils—away from the landfill. Recently, Reynolds Consumer Products (parent company of Hefty®) announced it is phasing out the national Hefty® ReNew® brand and will discontinue bag distribution by the end of 2026.

However, Omaha residents need not worry! The program is not going away. First Star Recycling, Omaha’s primary recycling processor, is stepping up to maintain the program locally under a new, simplified name: **The Orange Bag Recycling Program.**

A LOCAL SUCCESS STORY

While orange bag recycling represents a very small fraction of the total tonnage collected in Omaha’s green lid carts, it holds a special place in the hearts of eco-conscious residents. It provides a practical outlet for everyday materials that would otherwise be destined for the landfill.



Unlike many cities across North America that relied on distant facilities to process orange bags, First Star Recycling took the initiative to invest in local processing creating, **Solutions Plastic™**, to turn these flexible plastics into high-quality, durable plastic lumber boards.

This plastic lumber can be used to construct outdoor furniture, garden beds, and other durable goods. You can learn more by visiting **solutionsplastic.com**. By processing materials locally, Omaha residents can be confident that their collected flexible plastics are given new life right here in Nebraska.

ANY ORANGE PLASTIC BAG WORKS!

You do not need Hefty branded bags! Any brand of bright orange plastic bag works in First Star’s sorting system. You can purchase orange plastic bags from major online retailers. First Star Recycling is also a retailer for large, 55-gallon orange bags for commercial users and bulk purchases by the case.

WHY THE COLOR ORANGE MATTERS

There’s a reason an orange bag is essential for operational success—it’s a color that ‘pops,’ standing out during the manual sort portion of First Star’s single stream recycling processing. Human sorters easily spot the

bright orange bags immediately, pulling them off the sort line before they can tangle in machinery.

KEEPING MAIN RECYCLING CLEAN

As we refresh our recycling routines this fall, the Public Works Department also reminds all households of basic recycling best practices. Clean, accurate recycling reduces waste, protects equipment, and keeps materials flowing smoothly through the circular economy.

Loose plastic bags, garden hoses, ropes, and food-soiled materials should never be placed in your green lid cart. These items wrap around rotating machinery, causing severe jams and shutting down sorting operations. Only place flexible plastics inside a securely tied Orange Bag!

Remember to rinse food containers to prevent contamination, and flatten all cardboard boxes to save space in your recycle cart and collection trucks



For additional questions about waste collection, drop-off locations, or recycling guidelines, refer to **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: 7AM – 7PM



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

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
(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)

Don't Let Old Tires Haunt Your Fall — or Your Winter



Fall is here, bringing cooler days, swirling leaves, and that slightly spooky feeling that everything is shifting toward winter. It's the season when forgotten things start to cause trouble, and old tires are no exception. A tire leaning against a fence or hiding behind a garage might seem harmless, but once the fall rains roll in and winter's

freeze follows, those tires can turn into real environmental monsters. Left sitting out, they collect water, and harbor insects and disease. Clearing them out now keeps those problems from lurking all winter long.

Before winter arrives and locks everything in place, now is the moment to clear out those old tires and prevent months of environmental trouble.

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.

This is the third tire collection event this year, and three events are also planned for 2027.



Free & One Day Only Used Tire Collection Event

- For Omaha and Douglas County residents. Nebraska plated vehicles only.
- *You must unload your own tires.*
- **Limit:** 16 tires per vehicle - **No** repeat trips

Saturday, November 7, 9am-2pm

Former Elkhorn Sewer Treatment Plant,
19602 Honeysuckle Drive, West Omaha



We Accept: Car, motorcycle, and small truck tires



We Do NOT Accept: Tires with rims; tires from retailers or auto shops; semi tractor, trailer, bicycle, or lawn mower tires



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



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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