

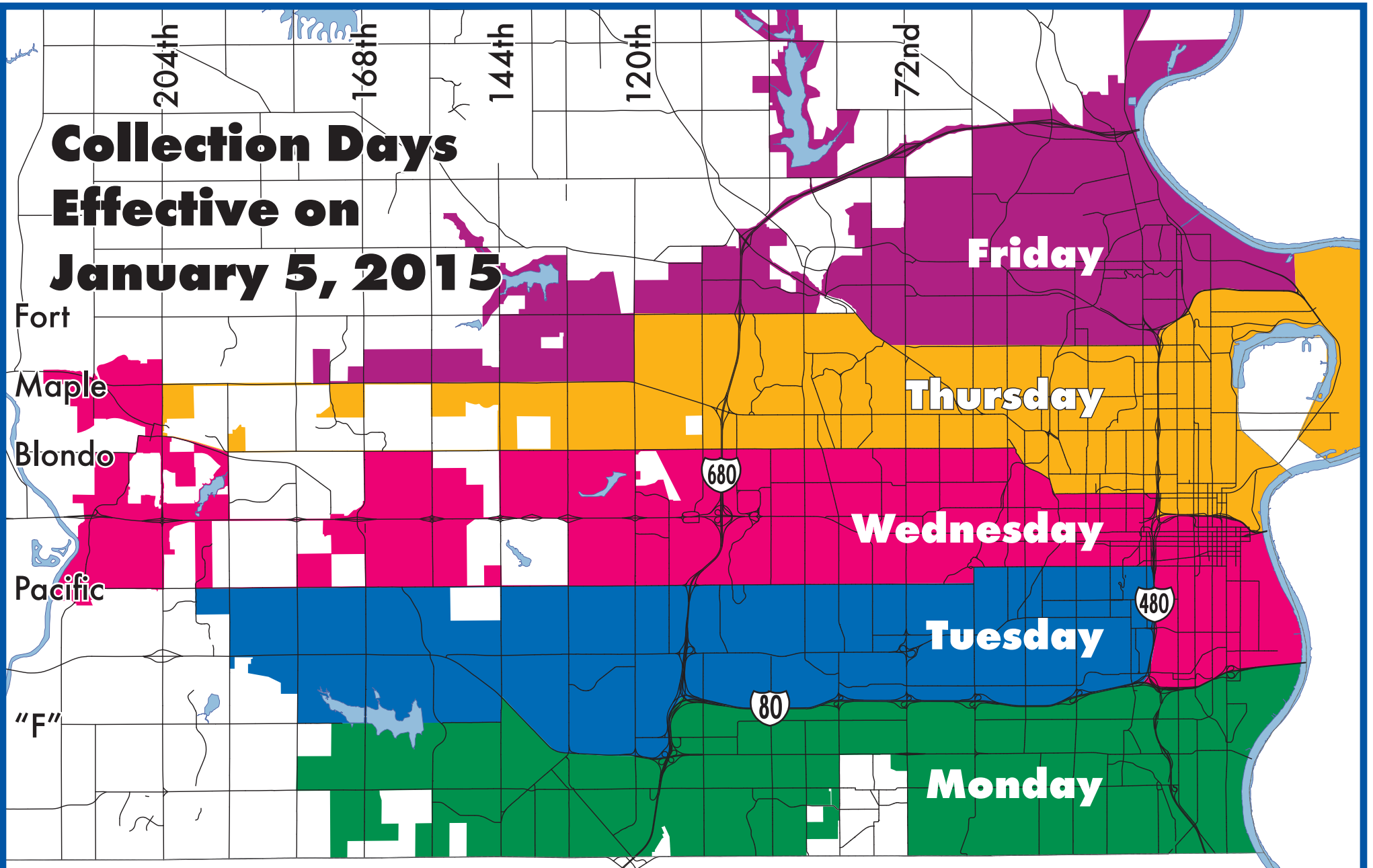


WASTELINE

Recycling, Garbage and Yardwaste Information for the Citizens of Omaha, Nebraska
Public Works Department Robert G. Stubbe, P.E., Director Environmental Quality Division

December 2014
City of Omaha
Jean Stothert, Mayor

**Omaha Christmas Tree
Collection Sites
Open Wednesday,
December 24, 2014
until Tuesday,
January 6, 2015**



New Collection Days Planned

NEXT MONTH, on January 5, 2015, new collection day areas will take effect. This change will have an effect for over 94,000 households in Omaha. If the map above is hard to figure out, you can wait for the postcard that will be mailed out at the end of December. The postcard will tell you what your waste collection day will be, beginning the week of January 5 to 9, 2015. Another option is to try our on-line look up service at <http://newday.wasteline.org>.

This is the first city-wide resectoring of Omaha's solid waste collection in more than 30 years. A news conference was held on November 13, 2014, to announce the change and reveal the new collection day area map shown above. At the news conference one of the biggest questions raised was "why now?" The answer is two fold. One, it was delayed as long as possible to avoid disruption and confusion for the large number of households it affects. Two, better

routing software was needed to handle a change of this magnitude and give the City confidence in the solution. The City and Deffenbaugh have been working together on this plan for two years.

Other questions raised by the media were:

Why make this change in January?
The answer is 1) to avoid holidays that impact waste collection, 2) to avoid the yardwaste season so fewer trucks are being used and 3) if residents forgot their new collection day, garbage would not smell because of the cold temperatures.

What happens if residents forget their collection day? It is expected that some residents will forget, however Deffenbaugh will not return to a home until the next collection day. As a solution to this Deffenbaugh will, until the end of January, not enforce the five container limit for garbage collection. This should provide adequate time and disposal

opportunity for residents to learn their new collection day.

How did you decide on these collection areas? These collection areas are based on the industry standard where trucks are empty the farthest distance from the disposal location each day and will be full when they are closest to the disposal location. Also, these collection area bands are designed to grow with the City as new areas are annexed into the City. The dividing lines between the collection areas are major roadways that provide natural boundaries.

Will this change what or how waste is collected? No, Deffenbaugh will collect the same materials as before, prepared the same way, and emptied into the trucks by hand.

This plan is intended to provide good, dependable and efficient service within the cost and terms of the contract.



Collection Missed?
Call 402-444-5238 after 7PM
on your collection day.

Because of state and federal laws, there are limits to the types of waste you may include in your garbage. Each household is limited to 5 properly prepared trash cans or clear bags of garbage per week.

Yes!‡



Trash cans up to 32-gallons that weigh up to 45 pounds when full.

Clear plastic bags that weigh up to 30 pounds when full.



Up to 5 containers of garbage per week (example 2 trash cans and 3 bags).

Place within 5 feet of curb, approved alley or other approved location.

Note: Trash cans and recycling bins must be removed from the curb by 10AM the day after collection.

(Omaha Municipal Code, Chapter 18, Article X, Section 102) **!**

No!

- A mixture of garbage and yardwaste.
- Christmas trees. Follow yardwaste collection rules.
- Rocks, dirt, and concrete.
- Dead animals.
- Any liquids.
- Loose pet waste or loose cat litter.
- Tires, engines, or other large auto parts.
- Bulky items (couches, chairs, stoves, etc.).
- Dark plastic bags that you can't see through.
- Motor oil and automotive batteries.
- Cardboard boxes (empty or full) when not in a can or bag.
- Items outside a can or clear bag.

Solid Waste Assistance



Special collection assistance for garbage, yardwaste and recyclables is available to households where all residents in the home have a medical disability, or are age 70 or older.



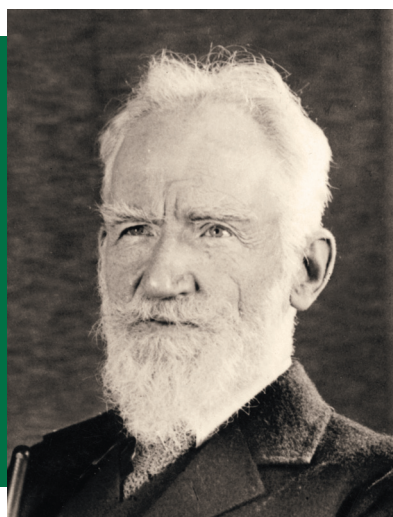
It takes several weeks to get the service set up.

To apply, call 402-444-5238 from 8AM to 8PM weekdays.

Quotes Requested

Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.

George Bernard Shaw, 1856-1950
Irish playwright, essayist, and novelist



Worth Noting

The noted polling company Harris Poll recently conducted an on-line survey for the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI). The results of the survey surprised many in the recycling industry. Surveying more than 2,000 U.S. adults, the poll found that Americans age 18-34 are significantly less likely to say they always recycle compared to older generations.

In all categories of questioning these young adults displayed that they were less "green" than industry insiders thought. While all age groups stressed that recycling must be easy and convenient, young adults showed a greater skepticism that items are actually recycled. The survey was not based on a probability sample. **!**

UnderTheSink.Org

Special Waste Facility



Properly dispose of unwanted household cleaning products, lawn chemicals, automotive fluids, rechargeable batteries, fluorescent bulbs and medical sharps at **UnderTheSink**.

Operating hours are:

Wednesday 9:00AM-4:45PM
Thursday 9:00AM-6:15PM
Friday 9:00AM-4:45PM

Saturday **Call for an appointment**

Open to residents of Douglas and Sarpy counties only. There is no charge.

UnderTheSink does not accept:

- Business waste (including home based businesses)
- Appliances
- Tires
- Computers, TVs or Electronics
- Medicine



UnderTheSink

4001 South 120th Street

402-444-sink

[402-444-7465]



Yardwaste

Set out before 6AM

There is no limit to the amount of properly prepared yardwaste that may be set out for collection. Place yardwaste within 5 feet of your collection location and leave 2 feet of space between yardwaste and garbage containers.

Yardwaste is now collected year-round when properly prepared.

Yes!‡



Grass clippings and leaves.

Garden waste such as fallen apples, rotted or excess vegetables and fruit.

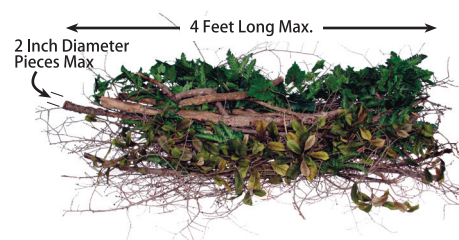
Trash cans up to 32-gallons that weigh up to 45 pounds, marked with a **YW** on both sides.

Special yardwaste paper bags that weigh up to 40 pounds.

Unlimited number of properly prepared marked cans, paper bags or brush bundles.

Bundles of branches and brush, tied with string or twine. Bundles may weigh up to 30 pounds.

Branches may be up to 2 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length.



No!

Plastic bags used in yardwaste collection.

Mixtures of yardwaste and garbage.

Saw dust, lumber or treated lumber/wood.

Litter, trash, or garbage.

Whole cans of dirt or sod.

Street sweeping sand, litter, or rocks.

Cardboard boxes of yardwaste.

Pet waste or kitty litter.

Branches over 2 inches in diameter.

Branches over 4 feet long.

Plastic twine, nylon twine, or wire used to bundle brush or branches.

Rope of any kind.

Brush that is not bundled.

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Seasonally, yardwaste will be collected in conjunction with garbage.

‡ Omaha Municipal Code, Chapter 33, Article II, Division 2.



Recycling

Place Materials Out in Green Bin, Before 6AM.

All Clean Paper—To prevent litter, place in a Paper Sack or Small Cardboard Box
(Do not use plastic bags)

- Includes: Most all clean paper. Things like:

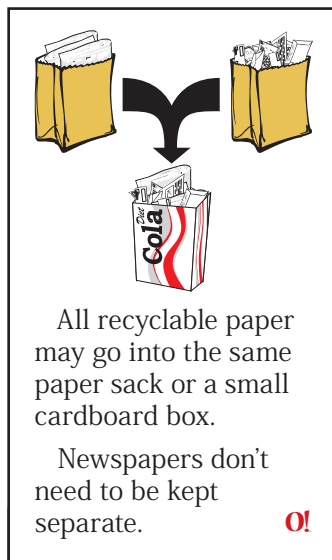
Magazines	Greeting Cards
Newspaper	School Paper
Detergent Boxes	Phonebooks
Junkmail	Paperback Books
Catalogues	Wrapping Paper
Cereal Boxes	Paper Egg Cartons

Lay sack or box either inside bin, on top of bin, or next to your bin with the opening facing away from wind.

Corrugated cardboard. Break down flat and place under bin. For lots of boxes, fold and stuff multiple boxes into one box. Set out next to recycling bin.

NO! Do not include: Any soiled paper or these non-recyclable items:

Styrofoam	Hardbound Books
Tissue Paper	Rubber Bands
Plastic Bags	Paper Plates
Diapers	



All recyclable paper may go into the same paper sack or a small cardboard box.

Newspapers don't need to be kept separate.

NO!

Containers—Loose in the bin
(Not in plastic bags)

Gable top and Aseptic cartons including—juice boxes, milk cartons, juice cartons, and soup or broth boxes.

Aluminum cans and Steel (tin) cans including—empty aerosol cans, empty and dry paint cans with lid removed. Tip: Place the top of food cans inside can and crimp closed.

Plastic containers and packaging marked PETE, HDPE, V, or PP.

Flattening bottles helps prevent litter.

Caps and lids are OK.

Includes:

- Bottles
- Cups
- Snap top container
- Clamshell deli containers
- Cookie trays
- DVD cases
- Clear plastic packaging
- Microwave meal trays

Use a paper bag or a small box to hold extra recyclables.

NO! Don't recycle these plastic items, no matter what: Toys, plastic bags, motor oil bottles, lawn chemical bottles, or hazardous chemical bottles

NO! Glass bottles or jars. (Glass may be taken to drop-off sites)



Plastic Bottles, Cups, Caps, Lids, Food Containers and Packaging with numbers:



Collection Pointers

- Place all materials at your collection point before 6AM.
- If your collection is missed, call 402-444-5238 after 7PM on your collection day.
- Leave a couple feet of space between your yardwaste, recyclables, and garbage containers.
- Keep your garbage dry—use plastic bags or trash cans with lids.
- One cap full of household ammonia poured in to each garbage container will deter animals from investigating and searching for food in your garbage.
- Use clear trash bags.



Within 5 feet of curb or alley.

Collection problems: 402-444-5238

Garbage:
Up to 5 containers

Metal or plastic can with handles. 32 gallon, 45 pound max.

Clear plastic. 30 pounds max. Tie shut.



Recycling:
Must use bin

No plastic bags. No glass. Paper in paper bag or box. Flatten cardboard boxes.



Leave space between

Yardwaste:
No container limit

Metal or plastic can with handles. 32 gallon, 45 pound max. Marked YW.

Paper bags only 40 pounds max.



Leave space between

Bundle with string. 4 feet long max. 2 inch diameter branches max. 30 pounds max.



Set out before 6AM

Recycling Bin Distribution Locations

RECYCLING BINS are distributed through five Omaha Library branches and the **UnderTheSink** Public Works facility. This makes recycling bins available for pick up every day of the week with evening hours most days.

Replacement and additional recycling bins are available to addresses with City of Omaha solid waste collection service, from these locations.

Please note that holidays will affect the schedule of each location. **!**

South Omaha Branch Library	2808 "Q" Street
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday	7:30AM – 9:00PM
Friday and Saturday	10:00AM – 6:00PM
Sunday	CLOSED

Saddlebrook Branch Library	14850 Laurel Avenue
Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday	8:00AM – 8:00PM
Friday	8:00AM – 5:00PM
Saturday	9:00AM – 4:00PM
Sunday	CLOSED

Charles B. Washington Branch Library	2868 Ames Avenue
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday	9:00AM – 8:00PM
Thursday, Friday and Saturday	9:00AM – 6:00PM
Sunday	CLOSED

Milton R. Abrahams Branch Library	5111 North 90th Street
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday	9:00AM – 9:00PM
Friday and Saturday	9:00AM – 6:00PM
Sunday	1:00PM – 6:00PM

Bess Johnson Elkhorn Branch Library	2100 Reading Plaza
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday	9:00AM – 8:00PM
Friday and Saturday	9:00AM – 6:00PM
Sunday	CLOSED

UnderTheSink, Special Waste Facility	4001 South 120th Street
Drive around building to parking lot and enter office.	
Wednesday	9:00AM – 4:45PM
Thursday	9:00AM – 6:15PM
Friday	9:00AM – 4:45PM
Saturday	9:00AM – NOON



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Recycle That Christmas Tree—It's Just Natural.

FOR MORE THAN 20 years, many of the Omaha area Rotary Clubs, along with the Douglas-Sarpy Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners, have helped make Omaha's Christmas tree recycling program the success that it is. Omaha owes them a debt of gratitude for their years of dedicated service.

Again this year, the Rotary Club members and Master Gardeners will assist residents in recycling their Christmas trees by staffing the busiest sites on December 27 and 28, 2014 and January 3 and 4, 2015.

Another debt of gratitude is owed to Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium. This is the second year that Nebraska's top tourist attraction has hosted a Christmas tree drop-off site. This site is in the northwest corner of their parking lot near the intersection of South 13th Street and Bob Gibson Drive. It is easy to access and very visible.

Trees taken to collection sites must have all decorations and lights removed. Plastic bags and tree stands must also be removed. Flocked trees are accepted. Evergreen roping and artificial trees are not accepted.



MASTER GARDENERS

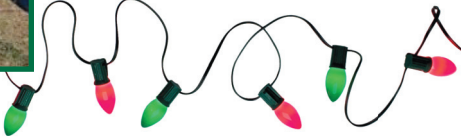
soup boxes, juice boxes and the plastic bottles marked PETE ♻, HDPE ♻, V ♻, and PP ♻ from holiday entertaining are recyclable as well. But remember, to be recycled, glass bottles and jars must

The Christmas tree collection sites will close on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

Since 2012, yardwaste has been collected year-round by Deffenbaugh when prepared properly. Preparing a Christmas tree for collection by Deffenbaugh means trimming off all the branches and either placing the branches in a trash can marked with a **YW** or bundling them with string or twine. Tree trunks that are larger than 2 inches in diameter are not accepted and will need to be disposed of another way.



be taken to a recycling drop-off site. If you have more recyclables than your green bin will hold, use a small box or paper bag to hold the extra recyclables. Set the box out with your green bin or take the extra recyclables to a recycling drop-off sites. **!**



Christmas Light Recycling

HERE'S A UNIQUE way to do two good things at once. Strings of Christmas and other decorative lights can be recycled and it will benefit Susan G. Komen Nebraska in their work for breast cancer education, screening and treatment.

Any working or nonworking strings of decorative lights are accepted as well as working or non-working extension cords. Everything from mini-lights to the screw in, old fashioned, outdoor light strings are accepted.

Lights and cords will be collected at Scrap Central Inc., the sponsore of this collection event. Scrap Central is located at 2728 North 85th Street, and lights will be collected through January 20, 2015. Scrap Central is open Monday through Friday 9:00AM to 4:45PM, and Saturday 9:00AM to 2:45PM. Scrap Central asks that you remove all packaging, twist



ties, rubber bands or other material. Please empty all bags and boxes when dropping off light sets.



There may be other opportunities to recycle holiday lights at retailers and through other charities. **!**

Christmas Tree Collection Sites

December 24, 2014 to January 6 2015 (except as noted sites are open during daylight hours)

- Tranquility Park, North 120th Street & West Maple Road
- Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium, Northwest corner of parking lot, near intersection of Bob Gibson Drive and South 13th Street.
- Orchard Park, North 66th Street & Hartman Avenue
- "F" Street Football Field, South 156th & "F" Streets
- Ta Ha Zouka Park, 20801 Elkhorn Drive
- Kelly West Park, 87th Street & Park View Boulevard

- Wehrspann Lake, Highway 370 between I-80 and 168th Street. Wildlife Management Area south parking lot.
- Bellevue Old Sarpy County Landfill, 8902 Cedar Island Road
- Papillion Senior Center, 1001 Limerick Road
- Papio Bay, 815 East Halleck Street
- LaVista Sports Complex, 7350 South 66th Street, 2 blocks south of Harrison Street
- Hughes Mulch Products, 3211 Keystone Drive. Only open 8AM to 5PM Monday to Saturday.