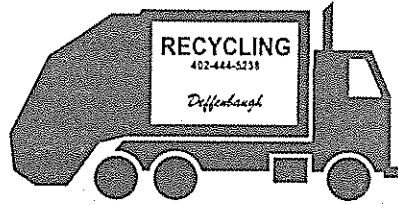


- ▶ Never use plastic bags to hold recyclables. See details inside for what is recyclable and how to prepare it for recycling.
- ▶ Use only the special paper bags or unlined trash cans, marked with a YW, for yardwaste. No plastic bags or boxes of yardwaste will be collected.
- ▶ All garbage bags must be clear or see-through bags.
- ▶ Omaha uses single-stream recycling collection. Packer trucks, commonly called garbage trucks, with large yellow **RECYCLING** signs on the side and back, collect and transport recyclables to an indoor, semi-automated sorting facility.



- ▶ If you believe your collection was missed, wait until 7PM on your collection day, then call 402-444-5238, but don't delay too long as this may cause you to wait until your next day of collection. City personnel answer this number until 8PM weekdays. An answering service is used overnight, weekends and holidays.
- Call 402-444-5238 if you have questions about Omaha's solid waste collection system. Once again, Welcome to the big O!

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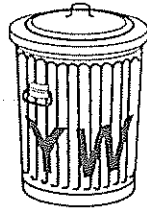
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Yardwaste Set Material Out For collection Before 6AM

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. Seasonally, yardwaste will be collected in conjunction with garbage.**

Yes!

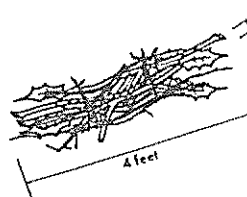


- ✔ Grass clippings and leaves.
- ✔ Garden waste such as fallen apples, rotted or excess vegetables and fruit.
- ✔ Trash cans up to 32 gallons that weigh up to 45 pounds, and marked with a YW on both sides.
- ✔ Special yardwaste paper bags that weigh up to 40 pounds.
- ✔ Unlimited number of properly 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.



WASTELINE

Omaha Public Works—Environmental Quality Division
5600 South 10th Street, Omaha, NE 68107-3501

Welcome to Omaha. As an Omaha homeowner, you will receive solid waste collection including garbage, yardwaste, and recyclables by the City's collection contractor, Deffenbaugh Industries.

In Omaha, the weekly collections are provided to all households and apartment buildings with four or fewer units. Collection service is provided on the same day by three different trucks. This service is funded through general sales and property tax revenue. You may choose and pay for solid waste collection through a private company.

WASTELINE is an informational publication mailed to all Omaha households to advise them of important issues in solid waste collection and disposal. This is a special new resident edition that covers all the information you need to take full advantage of Omaha's solid waste collection program.

The City must meet state and federal regulations on what may be collected in addition to the limits set by the City so that an equal amount of service is available to all of Omaha. Compliance with these regulations ensures that Omaha spends your tax dollars wisely.

Important Service Notes:

- ▶ Garbage, recyclables and yardwaste must be set out before 6AM on your collection day.
- ▶ Garbage, recyclables, and yardwaste are collected using separate compactor trucks that pick up only one of the three materials.
- ▶ Write your address on your recycling bin so it can be returned if lost.
- ▶ You must set out your green bin every time you have recyclables for collection. Recycling crews look for the green bin to identify that there are recyclables for pick up.

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Garbage Set Material Out For collection Before 6AM

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. **Properly prepared containers of yardwaste do not count against the 5 containers of garbage limit.**

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.



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 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 trash can or bag.
- ✘ Items outside a can or clear bag.

Note: Empty trash cans and bins must be removed from the curb by **10AM** the day after collection.