

RECYCLING FOR NEW HOMEOWNERS

Moving into a new home is an exciting and challenging experience. As you decide how to manage your electricity, water, gas and garbage collection services, now is also a great time to establish your recycling routine. The City of Lincoln has made it easy for you to help conserve natural resources and divert waste from the landfill. **Just follow this guide:**

GETTING STARTED:

When arranging your garbage collection service, know that garbage collectors also offer recycling pickup. It's easy, convenient and affordable. The weekly cost for this service is less than a cup of coffee at your favorite coffee shop.

You can mix most recyclables in one container, and wheeled bins are easy to roll to the curb on recycling collection day. Visit recycle.lincoln.ne.gov for a list of garbage and recycling collectors. Another option is to take your recyclables to one of the City's conveniently-located public recycling drop-off sites for no fee. Find your nearest location on the second page.

RECYCLING BASICS:

Start by focusing on the basics: paper, cardboard, cans and plastic bottles and tubs. These essential items are the easiest to divert from the landfill and process into new products. Make sure everything is empty and clean, because soiled or wet materials can cause your entire load to be sent to the landfill.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

Plastic bags and glass are recyclable, but they must be separated from other recyclables. Plastic bags can jam sorting equipment, and broken glass in a recycling bin could mean that the entire load is sent to the landfill. Take bags to supermarket collection sites. Some recycling collectors do not accept glass (check with your collector), or take clean bottles and jars to city drop-off sites.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD DISPOSAL BAN:

Clean and dry corrugated cardboard is not accepted in the landfill. (Lincoln Municipal Code 8.32.040). Corrugated cardboard, an easily recyclable material, is three layers of paper with a corrugated or rippled middle layer. Residents must ensure that clean, dry corrugated cardboard is not placed in trash containers. This helps dramatically reduce the amount of material going to Lincoln's landfill. Learn more about the cardboard disposal ban at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: cardboard).

HAZARDOUS WASTE:

Most refuse items can be recycled or placed in the trash, but some hazardous household items require special attention. Lincoln's Hazardous Waste Center, 5101 N. 48th Street, is the convenient drop-off location for household toxic chemicals and hazardous waste. Visit haztogo.com for more details.

MANAGING YARD WASTE:

From April 1 to December 1, grass and leaves (including crabgrass and pine needles) cannot be mixed with other waste or placed in plastic bags for general waste collection. Tree trimmings, garden waste and weeds can be included with regular household garbage.

RECYCLING GUIDELINES:

To see the full list, visit recycle.lincoln.ne.gov. We also recommend you check with your collector, because while most will accept the items below, some won't take items such as glass, plastic bags and more.



Cardboard boxes, corrugated cardboard, and paperboard packing

Acceptable: Clean and dry corrugated cardboard and paper board packaging (e.g. cereal; frozen dinner boxes). Please flatten to help save space.

Not acceptable: Soiled or wet corrugated cardboard and paperboard.



Cans (aluminum and tin)

Acceptable: Empty, clean and flatten aluminum and tin cans.

Not acceptable: Other metal products, aluminum foil, and cans with liquids or food residue.



Glass bottles & jars

Acceptable: All empty and clean, clear, green and brown bottles and jars. Empty and clean. Labels are ok. (Some glass is not accepted from curbside recyclers).

Not acceptable: Window glass; drinking glass; mirrors; dishes and cups; vases; porcelain products. Glass bottles and jars with liquids or food residue.

Newspapers

Acceptable: Newspaper and inserts; newsprint packing paper.

Not acceptable: Plastic bags; product samples; wet or soiled newspaper.



Plastic #1-#5 containers

Acceptable: Rigid plastic bottles where neck is smaller than body (cap and neck ring ok); food tubs 5 gallons or smaller. Empty and clean. Liquid and food residue must be removed. Labels are ok.

Not acceptable: Styrofoam products; motor oil or chemical containers; plastic plates, cups or eating utensils; plastic film (grocery sacks); metal of any kind; bulky rigid plastics larger than 5 gallons; flower pots; k-cups.



Residential mixed paper

Acceptable: Mail, magazines catalogs; telephone directories; paperback books; molded paper egg cartons.

Not acceptable: paper plates; coffee cups; paper towels or issues; soiled or wet paper.



RECYCLING DROP-OFF SITES AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS

- 1 N.W. Roundhouse Dr. & West P St.
- 2 UNL Downtown Parking Lot
N. 17th St. & Holdrege cul-de-sac
- 3 University Place
N. 47th & St. Paul
- 4 Russ's Market
N. 63rd & Platte Ave.
- 5 Transfer Station
5101 North 48th St.
limited hours of operation
- 6 Air Park Recreation Center
3710 NW. 46th St.
- 7 Highlands Fire Station
5435 NW. 1st St.
- 8 North Star High School
5801 N. 33rd St.
- 9 A&J Recycling
3250 N. 20th St.,
(East end of parking lot)
- 10 Lancaster Event Center
4100 N. 84th St.
Leon's Gourmet Grocer
2200 Winthrop Rd.
- 12 Union College
S. 53rd & Calvert
athletic field parking lot
- 13 East High School
S. 70th & A St.
Seacrest Field parking lot
- 14 Lewis Ballfield
Capitol Parkway & J St.
- 15 Trabert Hall
S. 12th & South streets
- 16 Pepsi Cola Distribution Facility
1901 Windhoek Dr.
- 17 Russ's Market
1550 S. Coddington Ave.

- 18 Russ's Market
33rd & Hwy. 2
 - 19 Super Saver
27th & Pine Lake
 - 20 Labor Temple
4624 Y St.
- CARDBOARD ONLY**
- 21 Anderson Branch Library
3635 Touzalin Avenue
 - 22 Walt Branch Library
6701 S. 14th Street
 - 23 Gere Branch Library
2400 S. 56th Street
 - 24 Eiseley Branch Library
1530 Superior Street
- COUNTY SITES**
Not shown on map
- Bennet Refuse Transfer Station**
South of the American
Legion Hall on S. 158th St.
- Davey Refuse Transfer Station**
3435 Maple St.
- Denton**
West 2nd and 91st streets
- Firth Community Center**
311 Nemaha St.
- Hallam Village Shop**
Next to the Fire Hall,
130 S. Harrison St.
- Village of Malcolm**
300 S. Exeter St.
- Panama Refuse Transfer Station**
north end of Pine St.
- Roca Village Shop**
Roy and C streets
- Waverly**
Honey Creek Restaurant
13631 Energy Way

