S City of Lincoln and Lancaster County Waste Reduction and Recycling Guide



Recycle Right!

It's easy to think we are being virtuous when we fill up the curbside recycling bin or take recyclables to a recycling drop-off site. However, recycling improperly is costly. Items that are truly not recyclable are called contaminants. Contaminants must be removed in order to receive the highest value for recyclable materials. If you don't recycle properly you place a costly burden on the sorting facility to remove the contaminants. The removed contaminants are then landfilled or sold for a dramatically reduced price. How do your decisions result in contaminating high value recyclables? Leaving fluids or food residue in food and beverage containers is one way. Recycling materials not listed as an acceptable recyclable is another.

Follow these essentials to recycle right:

- Recycle only acceptable items.
- Keep items empty and clean.
- Know and follow your collector's recycling guidelines.

How do you know what items are recyclable?

A list of what is and is not accepted at recycling sites is on the back page of this guide. If you are unsure of whether an item is recyclable in the City's program, call 402-441-8215, email recycle@lincoln.ne.gov or go to recycle.lincoln.ne.gov. Although curbside recyclers generally follow these same rules, it is important to learn their standards. Contact your recycling collector directly if you are unsure if something is recyclable with their service.

High value recyclables accepted in curbside recycling bins and at the recycling drop-off sites are:

• Aluminum/tin cans • Junk mail,
• Cardboard/ magazines,
paperboard catalogs, shredded
• Glass bottles and paper

jars • Plastic containers
Newspapers and #1-#5
inserts



Recycling Container Lending Program

Are you planning an event? The City of Lincoln's Recycling Office encourages you to make recycling a part of any group activity. The Recycling Container Lending Program provides no-cost portable recycling containers. All items collected must be recycled properly before the containers are returned. Visit recycle.lincoln. ne.gov and select "Event Recycling" to secure containers for your event.



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Find Us Online

Websites

- City of Lincoln: lincoln.ne.gov
- Recycling: recycle.lincoln.ne.gov
- Household hazardous waste: <u>lincoln.ne.gov</u> (keyword: household)
- Litter and illegal dumping: <u>lincoln.ne.gov</u> (keyword: kllcb)
- Waste facilities: lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: solid waste)



Facebook

Recycling: facebook.com/LincolnRecycles

What to do with your waste



Curbside Recycling

Many local companies offer subscription curbside recycling on a weekly basis. Recyclables are placed in a single container provided by the company and collected from the curb at your home. Contact your current garbage service or a recycling collector to subscribe to their services



Public Recycling Drop-off Sites Recyclables will need to be sorted if taken to a public drop-off site. Locations and accepted materials can be found on the back page of this guide.



Garbage Collection

Contact the Lincoln Solid Waste and Recycling Association at 402-475-8360 to find the waste hauler that serves your area. Subscription-based weekly garbage recycling and grass and leaf is available from privately owned companies. To select a service provider, check the business listing on the internet, in the phone book or ask your neighbor.

City Waste Facilities

North 48th Street Solid Waste Disposal Facility

5101 N. 48th St. 402-441-8104

Recycling drop-off site: Closed after staffed hours of operation.

Transfer Station: Small vehicles and trailers only. Waste must be secured to the vehicle.

Construction and demolition waste: All vehicle sizes.

Composting: Small vehicles and trailers only. Unloading must be complete by site closing time. Finished compost is available year-round, hand loading only.

Bluff Road Solid Waste Disposal Facility 6001 Bluff Road 402-441-8102

Landfill

Refuse trucks and other large trucks and trailers only. Wastes must be secured to the vehicle with a tarp and/or tie or else load will be rejected.

Certain materials require "special waste" disposal permits. Call for information on fees, hours and other requirements. Unloading must be complete by site closing time.

Yardwaste Composting

Commercial lawn services and waste haulers may drop off grass, leaves and brush to be composted. Call for information on fees, hours and other requirements.

Additional Info

Recycling and Compost Recycling Office 402-441-8215 recycle.lincoln.ne.gov

Solid Waste Nuisance Complaints

Lincoln-Lancaster County
Health Department
Report uncollected garbage, litter and
leaking fluids from garbage/recycling
collection vehicles.
402-441-8022

lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: complaint)

Business Waste Reduction and Recycling WasteCap Nebraska 402-436-2384 wastecapne.org

Keeping it clean



Make a Difference

Report illegal dumping

Dumping your waste is against the law. Help us prevent illegal dumping by taking action.

- Get the make, model and plate number of the vehicle involved in the illegal dumping.
- 2. Take a photo of the offender, and note a description of who was doing the illegal dumping.
- 3. Call law enforcement:

 If you are in the City limits, report it to the Lincoln Police Department at 402-441-6000.

If you are in Lancaster County, report the incident to the Sheriff's office at 402-441-6500.





Litter is waste too!

Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful (KLLCB) is a community resource to help keep your County litter free!

How can you keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful?

- 1. Report littering at 1-877-665-4887
- 2. Volunteer for a neighborhood, school, county or city litter cleanup.
- 3. Money is available for individuals and neighborhood associations to complete cleanups.

It's your community—keep it clean!

To volunteer, apply for grant funding or find out more:

- Visit <u>lincoln.ne.gov</u> (keyword: KLLCB).
- Call 402-441-8025.
- Email kllcb@lincoln.gov.

Visit us on Facebook: <u>facebook.com/kllcb</u>.

See pages 5-7 for legal disposal options.



KEEP LINCOLN & LANCASTER COUNTY BEAUTIFUL



Find us online

Website:

City of Lincoln lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: kllcb)

Facebook: Recycling facebook.com/kllcb





Reuse-Give your stuff another life!

Do you have clothing, furniture, appliances or other household goods you no longer need that can still be used? Give them another life! Take these items to the businesses and organizations listed below instead of throwing them away.

Bicycles Lincoln Rike Kitchen

1635 S. 1st St. 402-915-2453 M.A.D. DADS of Lincoln 5610 Seward Ave. 402-742-0224

Books

A Novel Idea Bookstore 118 N. 14th St. 402-475-8663 Bluestem Books 137 S. 9th St. 402-435-7120 Star City Recycling 402-890-4320

Building Materials

Conner's Architectural Antiques

1001 "L" St. 402-435-3338

EcoStores Nebraska 530 W. "P" St.

402-477-3606

Habitat for Humanity ReStore 4630 "Y" St.

4630 "Y" St. 402-464-0010 Scherer's Architectural Antiques

9141 S. 63rd St. 402-423-1582

Cell Phones

Star City Recycling 402-890-4320 Voices of Hope 2545 "N" St. 402-476-2110

Electronics

Gamers

N. 27th-402-435-3700 48th and R-402-464-8899

Goodwill Computer and Flectronics Store

1700 S. 17th St. 402-438-1109

The Gameroom

North-402-438-7161 Downtown-402-421-0935

Star City Recycling 402-890-4320

Eyeglasses

Star City Lions

Drop-off boxes located at optometrist offices, Eyeglass World and Walmart stores

Star City Recycling 402-890-4320

Internet Sites

freecycle.org

(post offers and wants)

lincoln.craigslist.org amazon.com/sellonamazon LinConsign Electronics Facebook Page

Items for Sale Facebook Page

Latex Paints

(Fees may apply) EcoStores Nebraska 530 W. "P" St. 402-477-3606 Habitat for Humanity ReStore 4630 "Y" St. 402-464-0010

Mattresses (clean) People's City Mission 2615 "O" St.

Packing Materials

Mail Plus

3201 South St. 402-434-5315

402-428-2066

Star City Recycling 402-890-4320

UPS Stores

(peanuts & bricks)

Records/CDs

Backtrack Records 1549 N. Cotner Blvd. 402-464-4567

Black Circle Records

100 N. 9th St. 402-613-3376

CD Warehouse

5141 "O" St. 402-486-0047

(No scratches, must be in cases with artwork)

Lefty's Records

2776 South St. 402-438-0038

Recycled Sounds

909 "O" St. 402-476-8240

Thrift, Consignment and Sports Equipment

(furniture, clothing, etc.)
Cause for Paws
2445 S. 48th St.

402-420-5758

Community Action Partnership 210 "O" St.

402-471-4515

Fabulous Finds 2702 N 49th St

402-466-4006

Family Thrift Center 1745 "O" St. 402-476-2857

Goodwill locations

Home & Closet 1356 S. 33rd St. 402-474-5407

Once Upon a Child

2600 S. 48th St., Suite 15 402-464-4443

OMT! Divine Women's Resale

1725 Van Dorn 402-423-2066

People's City Mission 2615 "O" St. 402-475-6888

Plato's Closet

2525 Pine Lake Rd. 402-420-2440

Play it Again Sports 800 N. 48th St. 402-483-7447

Ruby Begonias (vintage) 1321 "P" St.

402-438-4438 Salvation Army

Salvation Army 4690 Leighton Ave. 402-466-5052

St. Louise Gift and Thrift 2201 "O" St. 402-474-1600

St. Teresa's Thrift Store 643 S. 25th St. 402-475-7065

The Black Market 1033 "O" St. 402-475-1033



Textile Reuse

Worn-out clothes and textiles (pants, shirts, sheets and towels) with stains, tears or just hopelessly out of style can be repurposed into rags as long as they are clean (laundered), drv and odorless. Take them to any clothing donation box, Goodwill or People's City Mission. For toss box locations - visit peoplescitymission.org

The Daisy 6433 Havelock Ave.

402-475-7777
Twice As Nice— The
Consignment Shop

3743 S. 48th St. 402-423-0083

Recycle-Give your waste another life!

Accepts other scrap metal

R Accepts fluorescent tubes

Accepts microwaves

Fees may apply



Plastic Bags

Plastic bags are readily recyclable but should not be deposited at recycling drop-off sites or in curbside recycling bins. Plastic film can clog sorting equipment, causing delays and adding costs to the sorting process. If you have plastic bags, dry cleaning bags, bread bags, wrapping from paper towels, bathroom tissue and napkins, diaper bags or newspaper bags, take them to the following retailers: Hy-Vee, Leon's Gourmet Grocer, Lowe's, Russ's Market, Target, Walmart and Super Saver. For more info, visit: abagslife.

123 System Solutions

17 Gateway Mall 402-464-5556

(large appliances by appointment only)

Alan Mitchell's Appliance

4033 Progressive Ave., #1 402-420-2012

Allen's New & Used Batteries

3320 Cleveland Ave., Suite 2 402-467-2455

(washers, dryers, stoyes and hot water tanks)

Alter Metal Recycling (A)

6100 N. 70th St. 402-476-3306

Hoffman's Appliance

4734 Adams St. 402-466-6252

(water heaters accepted: no dishwashers)

Maior Appliance (3221 Huntington Ave.

402-466-1022 (24/7 drop-off)

N. 48th St. Transfer Station

5101 N. 48th St. 402-441-8104

Sadoff Iron & Metal Company (A)

4400 W. Webster St. 402-470-2510

Scrapy's A

7701 Cornhusker Hwy. 402-217-9095

Automobiles

Must have clear title

Capital City Auto Recyclers

100 W. "P" St. 402-475-2982

Four Brothers Auto Salvage

5440 N. 70th St. 402-467-3531

Kendle's Auto Salvage

100 W. Sumner St. 402-477-9702

LKQ Auto Parts of Lincoln

3450 N. 35th Cir. 402-467-4541

Scrapy's A C

7701 Cornhusker Hwv. 402-217-9095

Star City Auto Salvage

2705 N. 33rd St. 402-464-7009

Automobile Batteries

A-Can Recycling

3255 S. 10th St. 402-421-9101

Advance Auto Parts locations Alan Mitchell's Appliance

4033 Progressive Ave., #1

402-420-2012

Allen's New & Used Batteries 3320 Cleveland Ave Suite 2

402-467-2455

Alter Metal Recycling (A) 6100 N. 70th St. 402-476-3306

Capital City Auto Recyclers

100 W. "P" St. 402-475-2982

Four Brothers Auto Salvage 5440 N. 70th St. 402-467-3531

Graham Tire locations

402-421-1500

H.I.S. Auto Care

7000 Van Dorn 402-488-8934

Interstate All Battery Center 4310 N. 27th St. 402-474-1991

Jensen Tire & Auto locations

Kendle's Auto Salvage

100 W. Sumner St. 402-477-9702

N. 48th St. Transfer Station

5101 N. 48th St. 402-441-8104

O'Reilly Auto Parts locations

Sadoff Iron & Metal Company (A)

4400 W. Webster St. 402-470-2510

Scrapy's A C

7701 Cornhusker Hwy.

402-217-9095

Star City Recycling 402-890-4320

T.O. Haas Tire locations 402-474-1525

Tractor Supply Company locations Walmart locations

Button Batteries

Akala Jewelry

4230 S. 33rd St.

402-488-8217

Gold Smith Jewelers

5500 Old Chenev Rd.

402-421-2253

Sartor Hamann locations

402-476-8561

Star City Recycling

402-890-4320

The Time Shoppe

6450 "O" St

402-467-1884

Walmart locations

Wolfe Ace Hardware

6118 Havelock Ave.

402-466-7707

Wright's Jewelers

4101 Pioneer Woods Dr.

402-474-0774

NOTE: "Regular" batteries (alkaline, zincair) can be placed in the household trash.

Rechargeable Batteries

Allen's New & Used Batteries

3320 Cleveland Ave., Suite 2 402-467-2455

Best Buv

6919 "O" St.

402-473-2099

Grainger

100 Oakcreek Dr.

402-476-9014

Home Depot locations

(power tool batteries only) **Interstate All Battery Center**

4310 N. 27th St. 402-474-1991

Lowe's

6101 Apples Way 402-420-3660

Menards Locations

Office Depot

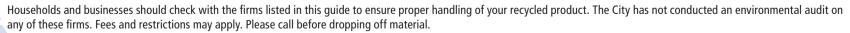
3120 Pine Lake Road 402-437-9115

RadioShack locations

Staples (Cell phone batteries only)

4940 "O" St.

402-467-1118



Star City Recycling 402-890-4320 Target locations Total Tool

2611 Kimco Dr. 402-476-6673 (power tool batteries only)

US Cellular 2662 Cornhusker Hwv.

402-466-8700 (cell phone batteries only)

Clean Asphalt & Concrete

Cather & Sons Construction 6400 N. 70th St. 402-464-2113

Constructors, Inc. 6701 N. 70th St. 402-499-4047

(only concrete)

Gana Trucking & Excavating 13800 S. 54th St., Roca 402-794-5000

Pavers, LLC

12303 Hwy. 6, Waverly 402-786-5900

NOTE: Separation of materials may be required.

Child Safety Seats

Tracy's Collision Center North-402-441-4820 South-402-441-4800

Clothing

H&M

Gateway Mall 402-464-3196

Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs) |D

Bishop Heights True Value B
4200 S. 27th St.

402-420-0077

EcoStores Nebraska B

530 W. "P" St. 402-477-3606

Home Depot locations Lowe's

6101 Apples Way 402-420-3660

Wolfe Ace Hardware B 6118 Havelock Ave. 402-466-7707

Computer Equipment

123 System Solutions 17 Gateway Mall 402-464-5556



American Recycling

5001 S. 16th St. 402-805-4985

Best Buy 6919 "O" St.

402-473-2099 Goodwill locations Office Depot

3120 Pine Lake Road 402-437-9115

Sadoff Iron & Metal Company (A)

4400 W. Webster St. 402-470-2510

Schrock Innovations

2801 Pine Lake Rd. 402-423-9595

Scrapy's A C 7701 Cornhusker Hwy.

402-217-9095 **Staples**

4940 "0" St. 402-467-1118

Star City Recycling 402-890-4320

Fire Extinguishers

General Fire & Safety Equipment

2431 Fairfield St. 402-476-4646

Jacobsen Fire Equipment Company

140 W. Cornhusker Hwy. 402-474-4203

Star City Recycling 402-890-4320

Hearing Aids

Northeast Sertoma -Nebraska Hearing Aid Bank P.O. Box 830731

402-467-4837 or 402-488-2260 for pick up contact@northeastsertoma.org

Star City Recycling 402-890-4320

Oil

Advance Auto Parts locations

Capital City Auto Recyclers 100 W. "P" St. 402-475-2982

Farmers Cooperative 208 W. 3rd St., Firth 402-791-5837

Four Brothers Auto Salvage 5440 N. 70th St.

402-467-3531 Graham Tire locations 402-421-1500

H.I.S. Auto Care 7000 Van Dorn

402-488-8934

Jensen Tire & Auto locations
N. 48th St. Transfer Station

5101 N. 48th St. 402-441-8104

O'Reilly Auto Parts locations T.O. Haas Tire locations 402-474-1525

Tractor Supply locations
Walmart locations

Plastic Bags

(see inset)

Hy-Vee locations Leon's Gourmet Grocer 2200 Winthrop Rd. 402-488-2307

Lowe's

6101 Apples Way 402-420-3660

Russ's Market locations Super Saver locations Target locations Walmart locations

Propane Tanks

(15 lbs. or larger) Lee's Propane 625 W. "O" St. 402-474-3235 (20 lbs. or larger)

Otte Oil & Propane

3435 Maple St., Davey 402-785-2365

Recycling Buy Back Centers

Cans and/or aluminum

A-Can Recycling 3255 S. 10th St. 402-421-9101

Alter Metal Recycling (A) 6100 N. 70th St.

402-476-3306
Sadoff Iron & Metal
Company

4400 W. Webster St. 402-470-2510

Scrapy's A C 7701 Cornhusker Hwy. 402-217-9095 Televisions (1)

123 System Solutions C

17 Gateway Mall 402-464-5556

Alan Mitchell's Appliance 4033 Progressive Ave., #1

American Recycling 5001 S. 16th St.

402-805-4985 Best Buy

6919 "O" St. 402-473-2099

Major Appliance © 3221 Huntington Ave. 402-466-1022

Scrapy's (A) (C) 7701 Cornhusker Hwy. 402-217-9095

Star City Recycling

Tires **D**

Don's Used Tires 2141 Cornhusker Hwy. 402-477-4332

Four Brothers Auto Salvage 5440 N. 70th St. 402-467-3531

Graham Tire locations

Jensen Tire & Auto locations N. 48th Street Transfer Station

5101 N. 48th St. 402-441-8104 Pittman's Tires
3320 Cornhusker Hwy.
402-467-1082

T.O. Haas Tire locations 402-474-1525 Uribe Scrap Tires

Uribe Scrap Tires 402-450-0971

Toner Cartridges

Best Buy 6919 "O" St. 402-473-2099

Cartridge World locations Latsch's

200 Oakcreek Dr. 402-323-7222

Messiah Lutheran Church & School

1800 S. 84th St. 402-489-3024

Office Depot

3120 Pine Lake Road 402-437-9115

Staples 4940 "O" St. 402-217-9095

Star City Recycling 402-890-4320 Target locations

Wood Waste D

Hofeling Enterprises 2200 S. Folsom Ct. 402-438-8733

Glass Bottle Recycling

Glass can be recycled without losing strength, purity or quality. It is a widely recycled material, but every time glass is handled, it can break. Broken glass contaminates other recyclable materials such as paper. This causes the paper to be landfilled. Broken glass that falls through screens at recycling processing facilities ends up in the landfill. Some curbside recyclers do not accept glass bottles and jars in their single-stream curbside recycling containers.

If your curbside recycler does not accept glass bottles and jars, you can take them to the City's recycling drop-off sites. This glass is shipped to Ripple Glass in Kansas City. It is color separated and the brown glass is made into new beer bottles. The green and clear glass is sold to Owens-Corning to

produce fiberglass insulation.

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Safeguard your home from toxic chemicals!



Shop Smart

- Buy less toxic alternatives.
- Buy only what you need.
- Make your own cleaners.
- Use the EPA's "Safer Choice" website:

www.epa.gov/saferchoice

Use Smart

- Read labels.
- Follow all directions.
- Don't mix products.

Store Smart

- Store in original containers with labels.
- Keep away from kids and pets.
- Keep away from heat and flame.

Bureau of Fire Prevention Proper disposal/handling of ammunition, explosives, fireworks 402-441-7791 Everyday household products such as pesticides, cleaners and automotive fluids can be dangerous. They can cause health problems, contaminate the environment and injure sanitation workers when put in the trash.

Is It Hazardous?

Read the label and look for:

- Signal words: Danger, caution, warning, poison, flammable, toxic
- Phrases: Keep out of reach of children, harmful if swallowed, causes burns

Follow the instructions: Care, use, handling, storage, protective equipment, first aid

Unwanted Medication Disposal

Keep your friends and family safe by taking your leftover medications back to a pharmacy. Lancaster County pharmacies offer residents a safe way to dispose of leftover medication year-round. Dispose of prescription and over-the-counter medications today. Visit nebraskameds.org or call the Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222 to find a participating pharmacy near you.

Pesticides are poisonous and dangerous! Do you really need them?

Pesticides are dangerous chemicals that discourage or kill pests such as insects and rodents. While sometimes effective, pesticides are toxic to humans and pets. This is especially true for children, pregnant women and senior citizens. Reduce the risks and consider less toxic alternatives to poisons. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a great place to start! IPM is a non-chemical method that focuses on knowing what pests you have and why, to help you more safely manage the problem.

Follow these safe, chemical-free IPM steps at home:

- Identify the kinds of pests you have. Sticky traps work well.
- 2. Once you know the pest, take steps to eliminate sources of food, water and shelter that they need to survive. Follow these IPM tips at home:
 - a. Keep living areas clean and uncluttered.
 - b. Keep food in tightly sealed containers.
 - c. Keep trash in a closed container.
 - d. Fix plumbing and water leaks.
 - e. Seal all entry points, such as gaps and holes in walls and other surfaces using caulk, steel wool or other pest-proof materials.
- 3. Use traps and baits, or contact Lancaster County Extension at 402-441-7180 for more info.



Hazardous waste disposal services



Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department 402-441-8021 • lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: household)

2017 Collection Event Schedule

No business waste will be accepted. All events are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and are open to Lincoln and Lancaster County residents only.

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Friday, March 24	Appointment only: Call 402-441-8021 to schedule
Saturday, April 29	Walmart: 87th & Hwy. 2
Saturday, May 20	Zoetis: 601 West Cornhusker Hwy.
Friday, June 16	Union College: 52nd & Cooper Ave.
Saturday, June 17	Veyance/Continental: 4021 N. 56 St.
Saturday, Sept. 30	Lincoln Industries: 600 W. "E" St.

Additional Fall Dates TBD: Call 402-441-8021

Do Not Bring

Disposal options located on other pages

- Ammunition
- Antifreeze
- Ashestos
- Batteries
- trash • Electronics and • Large propane grill cylinders computers
- Explosives
- Fertilizers
- Latex paint

Household

extinguishers

Tires

• Fire

Used oil

What To Bring

- Adhesives
- Rleach cleaners
- Brake fluid
- Compact bulbs (CFLs)
- Drain/oven cleaners
- Flea/tick products
- Fluorescent tubes
- Furniture stripper
- Glues
- Grease removers
- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Insect sprays
- Lighter fluid
- Mercury thermometers
- Mercury thermostats
- Mixed gasoline
- Mothballs

- Oil-based paint
- Oil-based stains
- Old gasoline
- Paint thinner
- Pesticides
- Pool chemicals
- Power steering fluid
- Small capacitors
- Small propane cvlinders
- Solvent-based polishes
- Spot removers
- Torch fuel
- Transmission fluid
- Turpentine
- Upholstery cleaners
- Wood preservatives

Small Business Waste Management

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) has a Special Waste Program for small businesses such as nonprofits. small farms, churches, commercial properties and artists that have hazardous wastes. The program helps to ensure that wastes are properly managed and diverted from the Lincoln landfill. The program also provides technical assistance on pollution prevention, material reuse, recycling and other disposal questions.

LLCHD coordinates two Very Small Quantity (VSQ) Generator events each year to provide safe and economical disposal options. Businesses that participate can save \$600 to \$1,200 in fees, labor charges and transportation costs. These collections can reduce toxic exposures while also reducing the risk of hazardous material spills and fires. Contact LLCHD at 402-441-8002 for collection information or other technical assistance.

Safe Homes for Seniors Service

This is a FREE home-based service for eligible, older or disabled residents. Trained home handymen are available for an in-home assessment and can help seniors to:

- 1. Identify dangerous toxic products.
- 2. Safely sort, store or remove dangerous products.
- 3. Recycle or safely dispose of hazardous waste.

Call Aging Partners at 402-441-7030 to schedule a free home assessment.



Business waste reduction and recycling

The City's goal is to reduce the annual per capita waste disposal rate by 10 percent by the end of 2018. To reach that goal industries, institutions and businesses need to help. Nearly half the waste disposed in the Bluff Road Landfill comes from the commercial sector. Starting or expanding a commercial recycling program is easy and has many long-term benefits. Those include saving landfill space, conserving natural resources, having a smaller environmental footprint (good advertising) and creating goodwill among employees and clients.

Recycling is a growing industry and an important part of our economy. Results from a 2015 study conducted by the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries showed that recycling in Lincoln supports 384 jobs and \$20 million in wages. As business recycling grows, the number of jobs created will likely increase, and the local economy will benefit.

Here are some steps that your business can take to develop a recycling program:

1. Appoint a "champion" or "green

- team" to lead the way in implementing a waste reduction and recycling program.
- 2. Conduct a waste assessment to determine the amount and type of recyclables generated, as well as how many and what type of recycling containers the business needs.
- 3. Kick off your recycling program with employee training to explain the recycling program.

Several resources are available to assist businesses in developing or expanding their recycling program. Technical assistance is available from the Nebraska Recycling Council (402-436-2384) or the Lincoln Recycling office (402-441-7043).

Grants for the purchase of recycling containers and equipment are also available through the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality or the Nebraska Recycling Council. The City of Lincoln also has a rebate program that will reimburse a business' startup and collection servicing cost (see WRRAP insert).

Waste Reduction and Recycling Assistance Program (WRRAP)

The City of Lincoln has established a Waste Reduction and Recycling Assistance Program for commercial establishments starting new recycling programs. This includes government facilities, schools, nonprofit organizations, multifamily housing complexes, institutions, industries and businesses.

The City will reimburse an establishment up to \$250 for start-up costs such as the purchase of recycling containers or educational materials and up to \$500 for the first six months of the recycling collection service costs. For more information and an application to participate in the program, go to recycle.lincoln.

ne.gov and click on WRRAP under Commercial Recycling.









Yard Waste Management

From April 1 to Dec. 1, grass and leaves cannot be mixed with regular garbage. Your options are:

- Subscribe to a separate collection with your refuse hauler.
- Mulch grass clippings on your lawn or compost grass and leaves in your backyard.
- Residents may take grass and leaves to the N. 48th Street Transfer Station (do not leave plastic bags and containers).
- Tree trimmings, garden waste and weeds can go in regular garbage. Tree branches should be cut and bundled to certain lengths.

LinGRO Compost

You can enjoy the benefits of healthier soil, even if you don't compost. LinGRO Compost can be used as a soil amendment. It's recommended that 1 inch of compost be mixed with 4 to 6 inches of soil. This decreases the density of the soil and increases water infiltration as well as its nutrient content. It also adds organic matter and beneficial microorganisms to the soil. LinGRO Compost is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 402-441-8215 for more information.

Organic waste options

The following firms offer organic waste collection services to Lincoln businesses and institutions:

Waste to Energy Lincoln, an Uribe Refuse Services company, converts food and yard waste into renewable natural gas to fuel Uribe's natural gas-powered collection vehicles. Food waste collections are available independently or may be bundled with Uribe's other recycling and refuse services into one monthly rate. For more information, visit www.wastetoenergylincoln.com, email info@wastetoenergylincoln.com or call 402-467-1239.

Prairieland Dairy accepts organic waste from local businesses and composts it with the manure created from its dairy operations. Prairieland Dairy is currently

accepting food waste and non-recyclable paper products from local businesses. To learn about its collection services, visit www.prairielanddairy.com or contact Jacob Hickey at 402-430-7385 or hickey@pldairy.com.

Big Red Worms is a vermicomposting service in Airpark. The service operates an organic food waste collection service for commercial customers and uses red wiggler worms to decompose the waste. Residents can also participate in the program by making an appointment to drop off their food waste. For more information, visit www.bigredworms.com or contact Jeremiah Picard at 402-476-9340 or worms@bigredworms.com.

Building materials reuse & recycling

What to do with your latex paint and building materials:

Share your good latex paint with friends or family. Bad latex paint can be dried out with cat litter or other absorbent material and thrown away in the trash.

- Good, usable latex paint and building materials can be taken to Habitat ReStore or EcoStores (fees may apply).
- Buy and donate goods, usable home improvement items at these locations:

ReStore

4630 "Y" St. 402-464-0100

www.lincolnhabitat.org/restore

Tuesday-Friday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



530 W. "P" St. 402-477-3606 www.ecostoresne.org

Monday, Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.



Plastic Resin

Vinyl siding and PVC piping can be recycled at Central States Reprocessing: 4121 NW. 37th St. 402-470-0007 (Fees may apply)



Wood Waste

(No painted or treated wood)
Hofeling Enterprises
2200 S. Folsom Ct.
402-438-8733
(Fees may apply)

Public recycling drop-off sites

North

- N.W. Roundhouse Dr. & West "P"
- 2 UNL Food Stores Warehouse 1200 N 17th St
- University Place N. 47th & St. Paul
- Recycling Enterprises 1200 W. Upland Ave.
- Russ's Market N. 63rd & Platte Ave.
- Centro Plaza N 48th & "R"
- 48th Street Transfer Station 5101 N. 48th St. limited hours of operation
- 8 Air Park Recreation Center 3710 NW. 46th St.
- Mighlands Fire Station 5435 NW. 1st St.
- North Star High School 5801 N. 33rd St. limited hours of operation
- 11 3250 N. 20th St., Unit 8
- 12 Lancaster Event Center 4100 N 84th St

South

- Leon's Gourmet Grocer 2200 Winthrop Rd.
- Union College
 - S. 53rd & Calvert athletic field parking lot
- East High School S. 70th & "A"
 - Seacrest Field parking lot
- 16 South of Randolph Car Wash
- S. 21st & Monroe Ave. Trabert Hall
- S. 12th & South streets
- 18 Pepsi Cola Distribution Facility 1901 Windhoek Dr.
- Russ's Market 1550 S. Coddington Ave. limited hours of operation
- 20 Russ's Market 33rd & Hwv. 2
- Super Saver 27th & Pine Lake
 - **Newspaper Only Drop-Off**
- Blessed John XXIII Center 3700 Sheridan Blvd.
- Indian Village (allev) S. 13th & High

Multi-Material Recycling Sites

Acceptable: Inserts/ads are OK.

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Cardboard Residential mixed nane Glass bottles and jars Newspaper #1 through #5 plastic

W. Fletcher

Highland Blvd.

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W Adams

Newspaper only

Lancaster County Bennet Refuse Transfer Station

Rosa Parks Way

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Davey Refuse Transfer Station Denton 2nd & 91st Streets Firth Community Center Hallam Village Shop Hickman City Park Malcolm Village Shop Panama Refuse Transfer Station

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Roca Village Shop Waverly Honey Creek Restaurant

Glass bottles and iars

Acceptable: All food and beverage glass. Green, brown and clear glass. Labels OK. Empty, clean.

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Not Acceptable: Drinking glasses, window glass, mirrors and light bulbs.



Corrugated cardboard and paperboard packaging

Not Acceptable: Other paper products and plastic bags.

Acceptable: Flatten cardboard and paperboard (i.e. cereal boxes).

Not Acceptable: Packing material and waxed cardboard.

Aluminum and tin

Newspapers

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

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



containers. Labels OK. Empty, clean. Not Acceptable: Motor oil containers, plastic toys, plastic #6 or #7 containers, Styrofoam, plastic lawn



Residential mixed paper

chemical bottles and plastic bags.

Acceptable: Mail, magazines, office and school paper, telephone directories and shredded paper.

Not Acceptable: Tissue paper, milk cartons, juice boxes, paper plate, newspaper, soiled or wet paper.





