

# Recycling starts at home!

## Why recycle?

Recycling saves valuable space in the landfill, reduces energy consumption and pollution and creates jobs.

In 2011, Lincoln and Lancaster County residents recycled enough aluminum cans to conserve almost 100,000 gallons of gasoline, and enough paper to save over 50,000 trees.

In the same time period, residents and businesses disposed of nearly 305,000 tons of waste at a cost of \$6.4 million dollars. Nearly half of that was easily recyclable material such as paper, cardboard, glass, plastic and metal cans. The items had an estimated secondary market value of over \$16 million dollars—money that could have been introduced into our local economy.

Recycling is **EASY!** Start **TODAY!**

## Learn more

Curbside recycling prices are \$5 to \$10 per month. Click on “Curbside Recyclers” under the general information tab at [recycle.lincoln.ne.gov](http://recycle.lincoln.ne.gov).

Visit our website for information about drop-off sites, how to recycle other items and recycling events like latex paint exchanges and electronic and household hazardous waste collections.

Check us out on Facebook. Search for “City of Lincoln Recycling and Solid Waste Operations.”

Call the recycling hotline at 402-441-8215.

## RECYCLING OPTIONS

Recycling in Lincoln is easy! Residents can use drop-off sites or curbside haulers.

### Drop-Off Recycling Locations

There are 35 multi-material and newspaper-only drop-off sites in Lincoln and Lancaster County. Most are open 24-hours a day and offer convenient recycling for residents. See the map on the reverse of this brochure for details.

### Materials Collected

Cardboard, glass bottles, plastics #1-#5, residential mixed paper, newspapers, aluminum and tin cans.

### Curbside Recycling Haulers

Journal Star Recycling 402-473-2695  
Midwest Refuse 402-475-0244  
Palmer & Sons 402-474-6814  
Recycling Enterprises 402-424-6655  
RecycleLink 402-466-0412  
Schaaf Refuse Service 402-423-5705  
Star City Recycling 402-890-4320

**Check with your waste hauler to see if it offers curbside recycling.**

### Materials Collected

Varies by hauler.

### Cost

Varies by hauler; ranges \$5 to \$10 per month.

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## 2 ways to recycle...

1. **Subscribe to a private curbside recycling service.**
2. **Take your recyclables to a drop-off site.**



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## Recycling is easy if you follow these simple steps:

### 1. Choose containers to store your recyclables.

Consider using items you already have at home such as cardboard boxes, plastic totes, laundry baskets or garbage cans. Stackable plastic containers are available at local home improvement centers. Reusable cloth bags work well for small spaces such as apartments. Put them under the sink or in a cabinet or hang them on a door knob or hook.

### 2. Choose handy spots in your home for recycling containers.

The kitchen is the source of most household waste. There are many types of recycling containers that can be built into kitchen cabinets. The garage offers out-of-sight storage and accessibility to the car. Don't forget the office, laundry room, pantry and bathroom.

### 3. Establish a family routine.

When the containers become full, take them to one of the drop-off sites on your routes to work, school or errands. Look for community recycling events such as latex paint exchanges and electronic and household hazardous waste collections.

