

Clean Community Guide



**KEEP
LINCOLN & LANCASTER COUNTY
BEAUTIFUL**

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OVERVIEW

The goals of Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful (KLLCB) are:

- 1) A clean, healthy & safe community
- 2) Organize residents to take action
- 3) Reduce litter through cleanup projects
- 4) Prevent litter through education

One of the ways KLLCB accomplishes these goals is by providing residents with educational resources such as the Clean Community Guide. This Guide contains information on how you and your neighbors can work together to keep Lincoln and Lancaster County beautiful. It includes important city contact information, what to do with pet and yard waste, guidelines for illegal signs, garbage containers, prohibited landfill items, and how to dispose of and reduce hazardous waste in homes and businesses throughout the County.

For more information....

Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful
3131 O St
Lincoln, NE 68510

(402) 441-8035
kllcb@lincoln.ne.gov

CITY CONTACTS for WASTE MANAGEMENT & DISPOSAL

Garbage Complaints

For more information about how to file a garbage complaint, call the Health Department at 402-441-8022.

Illegal Dumping

For information about illegal dumping and how to report it, call KLLCB at 402-441-8035.

Recycling Office

For information about recycling and solid waste operations, visit the [Recycling Office](#) webpage or call 402-441-8215.

Household Hazardous Waste

For information about the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal, visit the [Haz to Go](#) webpage or call 402-441-8021.

Landfill & Disposal Fees

For information on landfills and disposal fees, visit the [Solid Waste Disposal Page](#) or call 402-441-8102/8104.

Solid Waste Nuisance Complaints

For information on how to report improper storage, handling, or transportation of solid waste, please visit the [Lincoln Recycling & Solid Waste Operations](#) page or call 402-441-8022.

Business Waste

For information about business waste visit the Health Department's [Business Waste](#) webpage or call 402-441-8021. For additional waste reduction and recycling assistance, visit [Nebraska Recycling Council](#) or call 402-436-2384.

Composting & Yard Waste

For more information about ways to manage backyard composting and yard waste, visit the [Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County](#) webpage or call 402-441-7180.

Animal Control

For information concerning animals, including managing pet waste, visit the [Animal Control](#) webpage or call 402-441-7900.

Bureau of Fire Prevention

For information about proper disposal & handling of ammunition, explosives and fireworks, visit the [Fire Prevention](#) webpage or call 402-441-7791.

Keep Nebraska Beautiful

For more information regarding the Nebraska Materials Exchange Program for businesses, visit the [Keep Nebraska Beautiful](#) webpage or call 402-486-4622.

Neighborhood Hotline

For more information about how to report non-emergency neighborhood problems or requests, call 402-441-6300.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Why are there Neighborhood Quality of Life Ordinances?

Studies have shown that poorly maintained properties and boarded up homes not only reduce property values, but also lead to an increase of crime and other undesirable behaviors in a neighborhood. By reducing the number of junk cars and inadequately maintained buildings, homeowners and tenants can enjoy improved property values and greater neighborhood pride while making their neighborhood more secure and stable.

To report non-emergency problems or requests, call the **Neighborhood Hotline at 441-6300**.

Ordinance

For more information see the City of Lincoln Municipal Code on property maintenance and quality of life ordinances, [chapter 21.05](#) and on hazardous vehicles, [chapter 8.02.020](#).



RECYCLING & YARD WASTE

Recycling

Recycling at home can be a rewarding activity for the entire family. Proper care must be taken, however, to prevent the collected materials from compromising the public health of our community. Improper storage of recyclable materials can create foul odors and attract roaches, flies, bees, mice and rats. The following items are accepted at numerous recycling drop-off sites throughout Lincoln.

Items accepted at recycling drop-off locations

- Aluminum and Tin (steel cans)
- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Newspaper
- Mixed residential paper
- Plastic #1 thru #5 containers

Yard

Grass clippings and leaves become a resource when used as mulch or compost material. During the growing season, yard waste can account for nearly 10% of Lincoln's total waste stream. For these reasons, yard waste is **banned** from the Lincoln landfill from **April 1 through November 30**. Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, and branches.

Yard Chemicals: (fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides)

Just because a yard chemical is offered for sale does not mean it is safe. Pesticides have the potential to cause health problems for people. If you choose to use chemicals, do so in a way that minimizes health risks. Be sure to read the labels and follow instructions. Better yet, ask yourself if you really need to use a chemical or is there a safer alternative? Check with the Lancaster County Cooperative Extension Office at 402-441-7180 or lancaster@unl.edu.

For more information...on ways to properly dispose of and manage recycling & yard waste, call 402-441-8215 or visit the [City of Lincoln's Recycling & Solid Waste](#) Website.



GARBAGE ORDINANCES

Garbage Cans must be properly maintained to prevent them from becoming a source of litter, odor and pests.

Ordinance Guidelines

1. The owner of every dwelling in the city shall provide for the collection and removal of solid waste by a licensed waste hauler at least once a week, subject to any exceptions or additional requirements provided by governing law.
2. The owner, agent, or manager having charge of a dwelling for rent or lease within the corporate limits of the city or within three miles thereof shall furnish the same with a sufficient number of solid waste receptacles or containers to accommodate all solid waste from the rented or leased dwelling units.
3. A sufficient number of containers shall be provided to store all solid waste materials prior to removal from the premises.

Ordinance

For more information see the City of Lincoln Municipal Code on garbage, [chapters 8.32.205 – 8.32.220](#).



ILLEGAL SIGNS

Illegal Signs are not only an eye sore they are prohibited by city ordinance. There is a misconception by citizens that telephone poles are where garage sale signs, etc., may be posted. It is illegal to post any signs in the public right-of-way (area between street and sidewalk) or on poles, street signs or trees in the right-of way. When such signs are posted, they advertise where the violator may be found so action can be taken against them.

Ordinance

For more information see the City of Lincoln Municipal Code on affixing objects to public property, [chapter 14.40](#) and [chapter 22.05](#).



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Many items are not regulated by the landfill but the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department encourages citizens to dispose of these items properly to safeguard the environment and protect public health from the potential hazards caused by these products. Throwing these items away in the garbage should be a last resort option.

Households

How should households dispose of household hazardous waste?

Hazardous waste from residents should be disposed of at Lincoln's Hazardous Waste Center.

For more information... please visit Lincoln's [Hazardous Waste Center's](http://www.hazwaste.org) webpage to learn about recycling, disposal options, and alternatives for managing and reducing hazardous waste in your home. For additional questions call 402-441-8021 or email klcwb@lincoln.ne.gov.

**What can you drop off? What can't you?
The website has the info!**



SCHEDULE YOUR DROP-OFF: HAZTOGO.COM



PET WASTE

Pet Waste Can Be Harmful to the Environment

It is also against the law to put pet waste into storm drains. It can pollute local waterways.

What should I do with my pet waste?

- Pet waste should be put in a heavy plastic bag and sealed before putting the garbage out for collection.
- **DO NOT** use pet waste as compost or fertilizer for your garden.

Ways to reduce pet waste

- Do not over-feed your pet. Feed your dog once a day and give the dog only what they will eat.
- Talk to your veterinarian if you have questions on pet food quality and the quantity to feed your pet.
- After feeding, pick up and clean the dish. Rats and mice often live under dog houses and live off food left by the dog. Additionally, leftover dog or cat food that is kept outside will attract opossums, raccoons and other wildlife which can create nuisance problems.

For more information concerning pets and how to file a complaint, please **VISIT** the [Animal Control](#) webpage or **CALL** 402-441-7900.

Ordinance

For more information see the City of Lincoln Municipal Code on disposal of pet waste, [chapter 6.08.155](#).



WOOD PILES

To prevent wood piles from becoming nesting sites for rodents, they should be properly stacked and maintained.

Guidelines for Wood Piles

Wood piles should be stacked:

- At least an arm's length from the wall of your house.
- Away from a dog kennel or pet enclosure.
- At least 12 inches off the ground.
- In narrow stacks with a 2-foot gap between stacks.

For more information...about wood piles or to file a complaint, please contact 402-441-8040.

