

RECYCLING AT YOUR HOME, PROPERTY OR BUSINESS

Getting settled into a new home, office, or property is an exciting and challenging experience. As you decide how to manage your power, 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 residential consumer recyclables collection 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.

PLASTIC BAGS AND GLASS:

Plastic bags and glass are recyclable, but they must be separated from other recyclables. Plastic bags can tangle up in sorting equipment, and broken glass in a recycling bin could cause your entire load to be sent to the landfill. Take bags to supermarket collection sites. Some recycling collectors do not accept glass (check with your collector). Clean glass bottles and jars can be recycled at city residential consumer recyclables collection 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 collection location for household toxic chemicals and hazardous waste. Visit haztogo.com for more details.

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. Consider mulching or composting your grass and leaves or taking yard waste to the North 48th Street Transfer Station, 5105 N. 48th St. You can also subscribe to yard waste collection through your local garbage collector.

RECYCLING GUIDELINES:

To see the full list, visit recycle.lincoln.ne.gov/recycling-guidelines.htm. It's important to also check with your collector because while most will accept the items below, some don't take specific 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 and 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 flattened aluminum and tin cans.

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



Glass bottles and jars

Acceptable: Empty and clean, clear, green and brown bottles and jars. 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 and newsprint packing paper.

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



Plastic #1-#5 containers

Acceptable: Rigid plastic bottles where neck is smaller than body (cap and neck ring ok) and food tubs 5 gallons or smaller. 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 and k-cups.



Residential mixed paper

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

Not acceptable: Paper plates, coffee cups, paper towels or tissues and soiled or wet paper.



FIND THE RESIDENTIAL RECYCLABLES COLLECTION SITE NEAREST YOU!

Visit recycle.lincoln.ne.gov for a complete list of Lincoln garbage and recycling collectors and current residential consumer recyclables collection sites. These free, public sites are for household use only.