



ABSOLUTE WASTE REMOVAL
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RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION & YARD WASTE INFORMATION

1. Garbage collection is provided once each week. Place trash for collection by **7 a.m.** Any "observed" holiday in the workweek will delay collections by one day for the rest of the week. For instance, if there is a Monday holiday, Monday's work will be done on Tuesday, Tuesday's on Wednesday, and so forth. Absolute Waste Removal **observes the following holidays:** New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

2. Your base fee for garbage collection pays for collection of up to two 32-gallon cans or bags of trash each week. **Any can larger than 32 gallons will count as two cans. Smaller bags can be used for pick-up. However, any bags in excess of two will require special stickers.**

3. Garbage cans are to be of the type normally sold as such, with a lid, and handles to facilitate carrying and dumping into the truck. Trash bags need to be of sufficient strength to be lifted and loaded into the truck. **Bags must be tied shut.**

4. Volumes in excess of two regulation 32-gallon cans or bags need to have a special "single use" sticker attached to each additional can, bag or bundle over the two allowed by the base fee. Stickers are \$1.50 each, sold in lots of five (5), and are available at Kramer Hardware, Payless Foods, Clear Lake Fareway, Ventura Mart, Market at Oakwood and Absolute

Waste Removal. Stickers may also be purchased through the mail from Absolute Waste Removal, PO Box 268, Clear Lake, IA 50428. If ordering by mail, there is a five (5) sticker minimum and a check payable to Absolute Waste Removal needs to be included with your order. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with the order. Stickers cannot be purchased from the garbage handlers on the route.

5. No can, bag or bundle of trash may weigh more than 40 pounds.

6. All trash must fit within the container (lids on cans, bags tied). If trash sticks out of the can, higher than the sides, that can will count as two cans. Long objects must be cut down to fit the container or tied in a bundle and placed beside other trash containers.

7. Bundles must be no more than 5 feet long and 18 inches in diameter. Weight limit: 40 pounds. Use a sticker on the bundle if total accumulation is more than two cans or bags.

8. When using stickers for more than two cans or bags, place sticker around the neck of the bags. On cans, loop sticker around the handle and stick only the ends together, so collector can easily remove the sticker when dumping the can.

9. All trash must be placed at the curb, or within easy reach of the street or alley. Trash must be at or near ground level, not atop piled snow. Stickers must be easily seen.

10. Stickers are not needed on bags or bundles of recyclable materials set out for curbside recycling.

11. The following items cannot be placed in trash: newspapers, magazines, corrugated cardboard, yard waste, tires, car batteries, waste oil, paint, or other hazardous waste. Some of these items require separate disposal or recycling.

12. Some bulky, large items may also be collected with the purchase of additional stickers. Call Absolute Waste (641-357-4517) to coordinate pick-up and to inquire on number of stickers needed as they vary per item. Some common waste items requiring additional stickers are furniture, mattresses, windows, doors, BBQ grills, appliances, bicycles, carpet, tires, etc. Typically, Christmas Trees require additional stickers and one or two dates following Christmas are set for city-wide pick-up. Customers must call Absolute Waste Removal ahead of time.

The Landfill of North Iowa is a publicly owned sanitary landfill for solid waste located a half mile south of County Road B-35 between Mason City and Clear Lake. The Landfill offers disposal and recycling options for: solid waste, special wastes, appliances, tires, yard waste, grindable wood, household hazardous waste, fluorescent light bulbs, paint, etc.

In addition, the Landfill of North Iowa offers an E-cycling Program for computer and electronics waste. Many items are accepted at no cost, while some require a fee.

Landfill of North Iowa: 1-877-LANDFIL or 641-357-5452.
www.landfillnorthiowa.org

In addition, the City of Clear Lake typically provides a Large Item Pickup for their residential customers once in the spring and again in the fall. Residents are encouraged to use this opportunity to dispose of items which are too large to be discarded through the weekly garbage service. Prior to the date, route maps and guidelines are published in the Clear Lake Mirror Reporter, and on www.cityofclearlake.com. Some appliances and electronics require a special sticker which may only be purchased at City Hall.

Leaf & Grass Clippings

Residents are reminded that the burning of leaves and grass clippings is prohibited within the city limits.

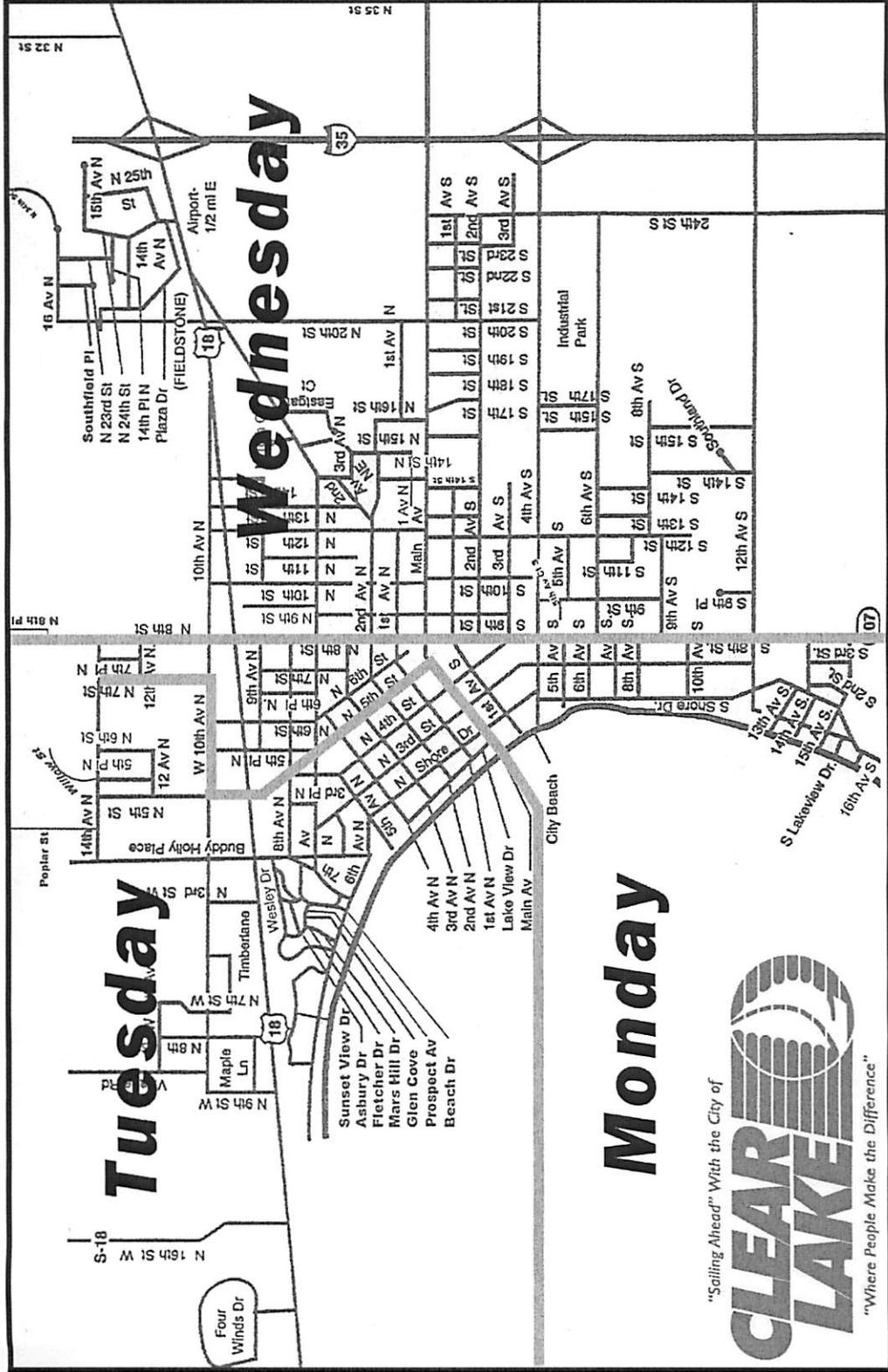
From approximately April through mid-November, the City of Clear Lake provides curbside leaf and grass clipping collection within the city limits. Absolute Waste Removal will collect leaves and grass clippings in biodegradable bags or in an open garbage container on the resident's regular garbage collection day. Absolute Waste Removal will initially pick up the garbage AND then return later the same day to pick up leaves and grass clippings. All items must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day.

Alternatively, resident may take their own leaves and grass clippings to the City's yard waste collection site located at 1419 – 2nd Ave South. Also, branches up to 6" diameter but no more than 15' in length may be taken to the site. The site is open: Monday and Wednesday from 3 – 7 pm & Saturday from 9 am – 4 pm.



Please contact City Hall at 357-5267 or Absolute Waste Removal at 357-4517 with questions. As always, your anticipated cooperation in keeping Clear Lake an attractive community is most appreciated.

Clear Lake Trash Collection Map & Schedule



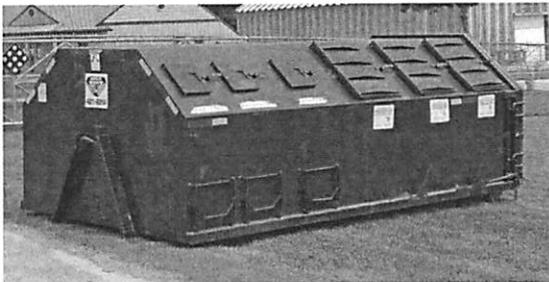
CORRUGATED CARDBOARD AND PAPERBOARD: Paperboard is gray in appearance and is used as a food container, such as cereal, cracker, and cake mix boxes. This type of material, along with corrugated cardboard, is recyclable.

ELECTRONIC WASTE ITEMS: Absolute Waste will pick up several electronic waste items with the purchase of additional stickers. Please call Absolute Waste Removal (641-357-4517) to coordinate pick-up and to inquire on number of stickers needed as they vary per item.

Alternatively, the Landfill of North Iowa offers an E-cycling Program for computer and electronics waste. Many items are accepted at no cost, while some require a fee. For further information, contact the Landfill of North Iowa at 1-877-LANDFIL or 641-357-5452 or www.landfillnorthiowa.org.

RECYLING DROP-OFF CENTER

To supplement the curbside recycling program currently offered by the City through Absolute Waste Removal, residents now have the option to drop off and sort their



own recycling. The recycling center is located at the City's Public Works Facility at 1419—2nd Ave S.



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RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION

Recycling collection is provided twice a month. Place recyclable items at the curbside by 7 a.m. Any "observed" holiday in the workweek will delay collections by one day for the rest of the week. Absolute Waste Removal observes the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Refer to the map enclosed for your specified days of pick-up.

HOW ARE RECYCLABLE MATERIALS TO BE SEPARATED?

Residents need to place clear glass containers, tin and aluminum containers, and plastic containers in a clear plastic see-through bag.

Newspapers and phone books, magazines, corrugated cardboard and paperboard need to be placed in separate bundles and tied together with a string or twine: (1) newspapers and phone books combined in one bundle, (2) magazines in another bundle, and (3) corrugated cardboard and paperboard combined in another bundle (flattening corrugated cardboard and paperboard boxes will aid in bundling them

together). Flattened cardboard and paperboard may also be placed in a medium size box with flaps. When box is full of flattened cardboard, fold flaps over the top. Tie closed, if necessary.

SPECIAL NOTE: Because our recycler will not accept wet paper recyclables, place bundles in a clear bag to keep them dry on rainy collection days, or wait until the next collection day to set out for collection.

WHERE CAN I GET THE CLEAR, SEE-THRU PLASTIC BAGS AND ARE THERE ANY LIMITS IN THE AMOUNT OR NUMBER OF RECYCLABLES SET OUT EACH COLLECTION PERIOD?

Residents can purchase or use any clear, see-through plastic bag. Area grocery stores carry see-through bags in the aisle alongside trash bags. There are no limits to the number of recycling bags or bundles that you can set out for collection ... in fact, the more you set out, the better.

CAN I PLACE RECYCLABLE ITEMS LOOSE IN A BIN OR TRASH CAN?

No. In order to save on collection costs, Absolute Waste Removal has developed a method that utilizes a garbage truck to collect the recyclables. This method requires that glass, cans, and plastic be confined together (the plastic bag keeps these items together) and that paper products be bundled and tied (this process keeps like-paper products together and saves you paying for sorting at the recycler's facility).

For these reasons only recyclables in plastic bags and bundled paper will be collected. Additionally, our recycler will only take clean recyclable material and the plastic see-through bag will ensure that only acceptable material is sent to the recycler (we have to pay for disposal costs of unacceptable materials sent to the recycling facility).

Therefore, if the recyclable materials are not placed at the curbside in the appropriate clear bag or bundle and/or if the material is not clean, the entire bag will not be picked up.

WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

GLASS: Clear glass food and beverage containers can be recycled. Residents need to remove any caps or rings from these containers and then rinse the container clean before it can be recycled. Labels do not have to be removed.

GLASS THAT CANNOT BE RECYCLED: Colored glass, dishes, ceramics, ovenware, windows, and mirrors cannot be recycled.

TIN AND ALUMINUM CANS: Metal food and beverage cans are recyclable. Residents need to remove any paper labels from these containers and then rinse the container clean before it can be recycled.

CANS THAT CANNOT BE RECYCLED: Aerosol cans, paint cans, or any metal cans that have contained petroleum products cannot be recycled.

PLASTIC CONTAINERS: Plastic containers which have any code # (1-7) inside three arrows on the bottom of the container are recyclable. Containers must have a neck (be in the shape of a bottle or jug). Typically, these include natural and colored plastic containers such as milk, water, orange juice, liquid detergent, bleach and shampoo bottles. Remove caps and rings and discard those in the trash. Please rinse containers prior to recycling.

PLASTIC CONTAINERS THAT CANNOT BE RECYCLED: Oil and antifreeze containers, ice cream containers, margarine tubs, plastic bags and Styrofoam.

NEWSPAPERS AND PHONE BOOKS: Clean, dry newspapers with inserts and phone books are recyclable.

MAGAZINES: Glossy, glue back or stapled bound magazines are recyclable.

Clear Lake Recycling Map and Schedule

