



COMMUNITY CLEANUP RESOURCES

Below are a list of resources and helpful tips to keep in mind when conducting a cleanup through Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful. Most of these resources are for the Neighborhood Association Cleanup Grant program, but may be relevant to the Community Improvement Grant program as well.

Additional Disposal Options

There are several items that may need to be disposed of during a cleanup that are not covered through KLLCB's grant programs or are not accepted at City landfills.

- **Household hazardous waste:** The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department holds several household hazardous waste collection events throughout the year. For an event schedule, visit the Toxics Reduction Program [website](#).
- **Yard waste:** Yard waste is not covered through the KLLCB grant program and is banned from the landfill for most of the year. For more information on proper yard waste disposal visit [here](#).
- **Recycling:** Many waste items can be recycled, and some recycling costs are covered through the Neighborhood Association Grant program. View the City of Lincoln's Official Waste Reduction & Recycling Guide [here](#).
- **Building & household materials:** EcoStores Nebraska and Habitat for Humanity ReStore are great resources for reusing building & household materials. They can also assist with disposal of latex paint. Visit their websites for more information: [EcoStores NE](#) & [Habitat for Humanity ReStore](#)

Using Roll-Off Dumpsters

Roll-off dumpster costs are covered through the Neighborhood Association Grant program. They may be a necessary and economical way for neighborhood associations to conduct large cleanups. There are many companies in Lincoln that can provide roll-off dumpsters - the Yellow Pages or an internet search are easy ways to find a company in your area.



Guidelines for using roll-offs:

- Finalize specific details with the roll-off company in advance, including length of use, delivery time and location and pick-up times.
- Ask a company representative to visit the cleanup location to make sure the dumpster placement site is adequate.
- Companies may suggest having fewer roll-offs or be willing to haul them off as they fill up, providing an empty one each time. This can reduce the space needed for roll-offs.
- A 30-yard roll-off with rear doors allows easier access for loading.
- Place roll-offs on private property, on the right-of-way between the curb and sidewalk, or in a parking lot (get permission first). Avoid placing roll-offs in the street, where they block a sidewalk or where they could obstruct a driver's vision at an intersection. If placing a roll-off in a city park parking lot, call the Parks and Recreation Department (402-441-7847) for permission.
- Arrange for roll-offs to be on site during the cleanup day only. If they are left on-site longer they become an attraction for disposal of items that might be hazardous or banned.
- Place volunteers at roll-offs and provide a list of acceptable items to avoid problems with inappropriate material being disposed of.
- If brush or tree trimmings will be accepted at the cleanup, a specific roll-off must be dedicated to brush and tree trimmings only. Refer to the Brush Coupons section below.

Landfill fees

Fees are charged for waste material being disposed of at the landfill. These fees are covered by the Neighborhood Association Grant program. Fees vary depending on the type of vehicle and type of material being disposed. For a complete list of fees visit the City of Lincoln's Solid Waste Operations [website](#).

Brush Coupons

Brush coupons are available from KLLCB for neighborhood associations to use during a cleanup or for distribution to residents. These coupons allow one load (unlimited size) of brush and tree trimmings to be disposed of at the landfill without charge. If brush is being collected in a roll-off dumpster, the coupon must be given to the roll-off company to present to the landfill.

Brush 1 inch or less in diameter can be put in small bundles and disposed of with yard waste or household trash. Please note yard waste may not be collected as part of the cleanup effort. Roll-offs containing yard waste will be rejected at the landfill and neighborhood associations will be responsible for paying any charges.

Contact KLLCB at (402) 441-8035 or kllcb@lincoln.ne.gov to request brush coupons. An initial allotment of twenty coupons may be requested.

Illegal Signs

Cleanup projects are encouraged to remove and dispose of illegal signs found in the project area. It is against City of Lincoln ordinance to attach any type of sign to any public structure, including street signs, light posts and in right-of-ways (area between street and sidewalk). View ordinances regarding signs [here](#) and [here](#).

Community Awareness

If you are organizing a cleanup project for a large group of residents (typically a neighborhood association), make an effort to notify residents on important aspects of the project. It is important to create awareness about materials that will and will not be accepted.

Publicize the cleanup in newsletters, on websites and at community meetings. On the day of the cleanup, post information at waste collection sites. Refer to the "Additional Disposal Options" section above for providing direction to residents on where to dispose of items not accepted at the cleanup.

Funding for community awareness is available through KLLCB's Neighborhood Association Grants (\$250 limit).

Residents should be encouraged to use their regular trash service for cleaning up their property.