

Corrugated cardboard banned from landfills starting April 1st



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LINCOLN, Neb. – In Lincoln and Lancaster County, around 37.5 million pounds of cardboard is thrown out annually, nearly 10 percent of materials found in the landfills.



Starting April 1st, corrugated cardboard will be prohibited from landfills.

"In order to increase the recycling rate, the City of Lincoln decided to ban cardboard, which is the easiest most identifiable recyclable piece," said Kelley McReynolds, General Manager, Mid America Recycling.

Only corrugated cardboard, with two lines and a wafer are required to be recycled as a part of the ban. This means cardboard with a waxy finish, or with food and other materials on it can be thrown away.

The city says people won't be ticketed or penalized for putting cardboard in their trash, but haulers could be fined \$100.

"If there's cardboard left into the container they could possibly leave it behind, they could leave you a note but they can't take it to the landfill," he said.

The city has a list of 22 locations where people can drop off corrugated cardboard for free if they don't use a waste pick-up service.

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