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OMAHA ADDS PAPER TAKE-OUT CUPS TO LIST OF RECYCLABLE ITEMS

April 21, 2025 Omaha, NE -- The City of Omaha Public Works Department, in partnership with First Star Recycling, is excited to announce a new addition to the list of recyclable items in celebration of Earth Day. Starting now, paper take-out cups for both hot and cold beverages are accepted for recycling in Omaha's green-lid collection carts, as well as at recycling drop-off sites throughout the city.

This new initiative expands recycling efforts to include all types of take-out cups. This includes:

- Hard plastic cups that may go directly in the recycling cart or drop-off site container.
- Foam cups, often called Styrofoam® cups, that must be placed in a Hefty® ReNew® bag to be recycled. Place in garbage if you do not participate in the ReNew® bag program.

Plastic lids and straws from all take-out cups should either go in a ReNew® bag, or into the garbage.

This initiative is part of Omaha's ongoing efforts to promote sustainability and reduce waste. By increasing the variety of recyclable items, the city aims to make it easier for residents to participate in recycling programs and contribute to a cleaner environment.

For more information on what is acceptable for recycling, please visit omaharecycles.com.

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