

## HEFTY® ENERGYBAG™

The Hefty® EnergyBag™ Program is a groundbreaking initiative that aims to divert hard-to-recycle plastics from the landfill. The new Hefty® EnergyBag™ Program will collect filled energy bags and sort them at First Star Recycling's local materials recycling facility before transporting them to energy conversion facilities.

Currently underway in the Omaha area, these plastics can now be consolidated in Hefty® EnergyBags™ bright orange bags and converted into energy to produce cement. With support from local mayors, the program demonstrates the feasibility of collecting non-recycled plastics, sorting them at a local materials recycling facility and effectively converting them into energy resources - all via existing waste management infrastructure.

*Please Note: This program is designed to recover plastics not accepted in UNO's current recycling program. Please still place all recyclable plastics in the nearest recycling receptacle.*

To learn more: [heftyenergybag.com](http://heftyenergybag.com)

## FIRST STAR RECYCLING

- First Star Recycling began operations in Fremont in 1998. In 1999, their facility moved to Omaha.
- First Star Recycling processes recyclables for businesses and communities throughout the Midwest.
- Their mechanical sorting process was the first of its kind in Nebraska and remains the largest in the state.
- They work with community education and outreach to help businesses, organizations, and communities understand the value and importance of sustainable recycling practices.

To learn more: [firststarrecycling.com](http://firststarrecycling.com)



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# WASTE RECOVERY PROGRAM



## PLASTICS ACCEPTED

Check this list for the many non-recyclable plastics that can be collected in the Hefty® EnergyBag™ orange receptacles located throughout campus:

- Toothpaste tubes
- Foam cups & containers
- Fresh & frozen food bags
- Potato chip & snack bags
- Candy wrappers
- Packing peanuts & materials
- Plastic straws, stirrers, utensils
- Pouches (stand-up, squeezable, microwavable, juice)
- pudding cups
- plastic meat packaging
- plastic liners
- plastic cups, plates, bowls
- condiment packets
- plastic pet food bags
- single-serving coffee pods
- non-recyclable plastic bags



Hefty® EnergyBag™ promotional mailer. More information about the program can be found at [heftyenergybag.com](http://heftyenergybag.com)

## SPECIAL REQUESTS - EVENTS

Are you planning a large event or activity that has the potential to generate a large amount of plastics suitable for the Hefty® EnergyBags™, i.e. potato chip bags or candy wrappers? If so, contact the Office of Sustainability and we will work with you to provide large orange bags for your event.

The Office of Sustainability will have a supply of 30- and 55-gallon Hefty® EnergyBags™ to be used during events. The Office will work with organizers to determine the quantity of bags needed and any other logistics needed to handle the bags.

## SPECIAL REQUESTS - OFFICES

Will your office or department be receiving a large amount of plastics suitable for the Hefty® EnergyBag™ program, such as packing peanuts or thin plastic wrappers? If so, contact the Office of Sustainability and we will work with you to provide large orange bags to collect the material.

The Office of Sustainability will have a supply of 30- and 55-gallon Hefty® EnergyBags™ to be used to collect large quantities of acceptable plastics that offices may acquire during the receipt of products. Examples of plastics include, but are not limited to packing peanuts, plastic liners around pens, and other mailing/packaging materials. The Office will work with offices and departments to determine the amount of bags needed based on the materials being received in deliveries.

Office of Sustainability email:

[sustainability@unomaha.edu](mailto:sustainability@unomaha.edu)

## LOCATIONS

There are seven locations across campus where the Hefty® EnergyBag™ receptacles will be located:

- Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center
- Criss Library
- Health & Kinesiology Building
- Mammel Hall
- Milo Bail Student Center (2 locations)
- Peter Kiewit Institute



An example of how to collect plastic materials in your office destined for the Hefty® EnergyBag™ receptacles.

Do you want to participate in the program but there is no receptacle in your building? We recommend that you provide a box or bin for the plastic materials and transport them to the nearest drop location when full.

Visit [unomaha.edu/sustainability/waste-recycling](http://unomaha.edu/sustainability/waste-recycling) to find examples of signs and flyers for your office.