

**ELECTRONIC WASTE ITEMS:** Absolute Waste will pick up several electronic waste items with the purchase of additional stickers. Please call Absolute Waste Removal to coordinate pick-up and price 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](http://www.landfillnorthiowa.org).

### RECYCLING DROP-OFF (FOR RESIDENTS ONLY)

To supplement the curbside recycling program offered by the City through Absolute Waste Removal, residents 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. As a reminder: Do NOT simply leave materials at the site.

**Cardboard Dumpster:** Boxes must be broken down so that they are flat and then inserted in the drop-box. Mixed Paper is also allowed.



**Plastics, Clear Glass, Tin/Aluminum Dumpster:** See prior page for recyclable items.

The site is open: Weekdays 7:30 am—4:3 pm. Extended Hours on Monday & Wednesday to 7 pm & Saturday from 9 am—4 pm.



ABSOLUTE WASTE REMOVAL

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## RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING INFORMATION

Recycling collection is provided every other week. Refer to the map enclosed for your specified days of pick-up. The Recycling Collection calendar and map are located at [cityofclearlake.com](http://cityofclearlake.com).

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.**

### HOW ARE RECYCLABLE MATERIALS TO BE SEPARATED?

#### PACKAGE THESE ITEMS TOGETHER

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

#### PACKAGE PAPER ITEMS TOGETHER

Newspapers, mixed paper, phone books, magazines, corrugated cardboard and paperboard need to be placed in a separate bundle and tied together with a string/twine OR in clear plastic see-through bags. Flatten/lay flat cardboard.

**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 packaged separately (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/or 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.

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**TIN AND ALUMINUM CANS:** Metal food and beverage cans are recyclable. Residents need to 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.

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**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.

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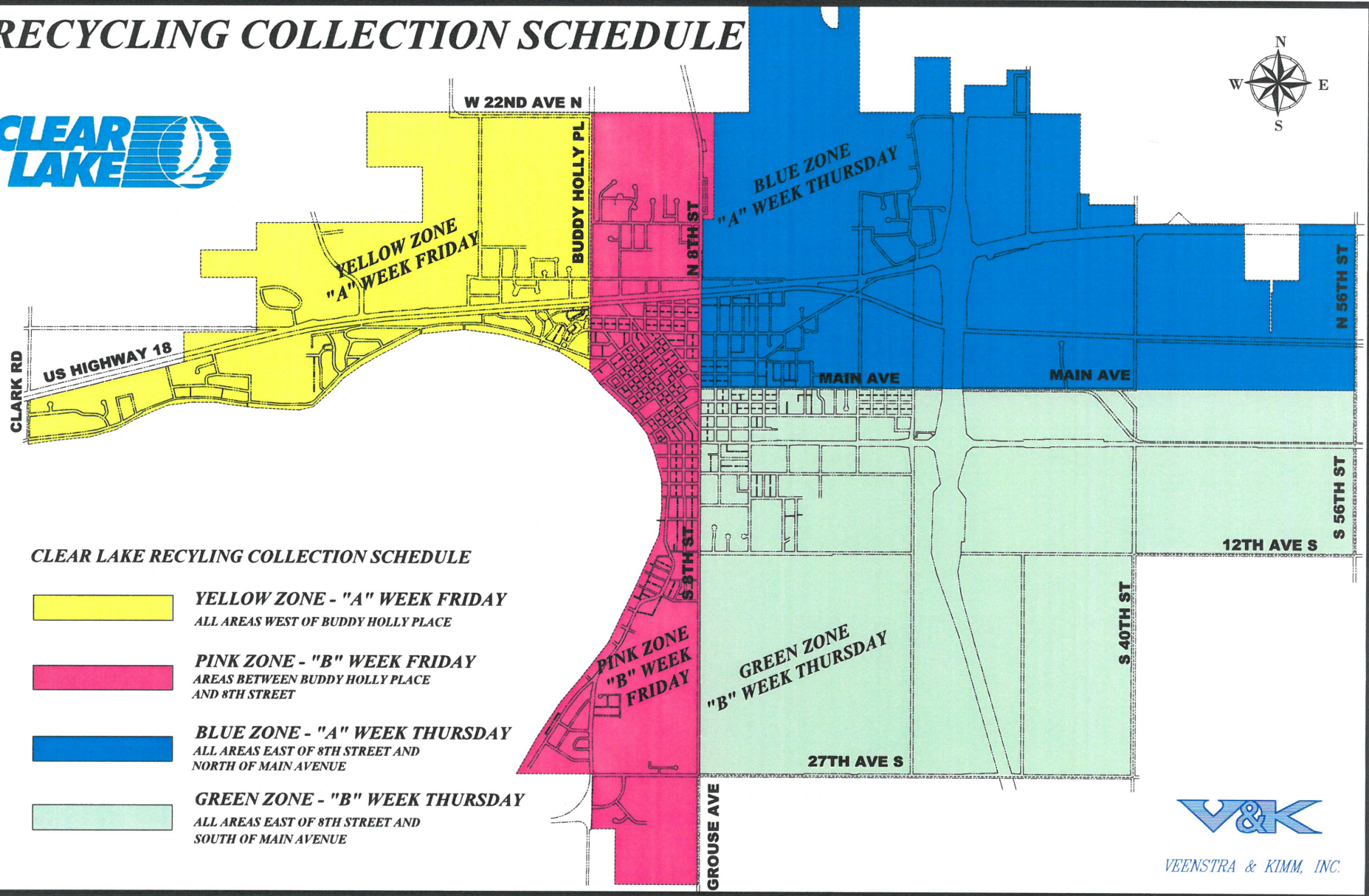
**NEWSPAPERS AND PHONE BOOKS:** Clean, dry newspapers with inserts and phone books are recyclable.

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

**STYROFOAM:** No

**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.

# RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE



VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC.

# 2021

## Clear Lake RECYCLING Schedule

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