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## Cleaning Up



### Under The Sink Under The Sink Opens

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While lots of old bottles, cleaning solutions and chemicals end up in the trash, that's the wrong place for hazardous materials. The metro now has a new option.

Benitta Evans needed to get rid of a lot of old paint but until now she wasn't sure what to do with it all.

"Now we can do a little more recycling," she says.

Starting next week, material like this can be dropped off at a new Omaha collection facility at 120th and E.

The groundbreaking for Under The Sink was held in 2003 but problems with the building and some equipment delayed its opening.

Omaha hopes homeowners respond the same way people have in Council Bluffs. The Center for Household Hazardous Waste opened five years ago recycling insect spray, anti-freeze and pretty much anything that includes the word poison, caution or danger on the label.

Glen Ingham, supervisor of solid waste management for the Bluffs facility says, "There's quite a few people that come over from Omaha. Now, we do charge Omaha residents. It's not horribly expense but it's enough to cover our costs."

If you live in Sarpy or Douglas County, there's no charge to make a trip to Under The Sink.

The new facility is located at 4001 S. 120th Street and it opens June 1, 2005. You can visit the [Web site](#) for more details or call 444-7465 for a list of products acceptable for drop-off. Drop-off is by appointment only.

[Click here](#) for information on the Council Bluffs Recycling Center Household Hazardous Waste.

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