Solid Waste Division yard waste collection and spring events 2016

Residential curbside yard waste collection on Mondays begins February 22nd: The City's Solid Waste Division crews will pick up yard waste on Mondays only starting February 22nd through mid-December, except on holidays. Residents may set out yard waste by 6:00 a.m. on Mondays only in cans, city trash or yard waste carts (NO recycling carts), or compostable paper yard waste bags. Bundles are also accepted (must not exceed 5-feet in length or 18-inches in diameter; must not weigh more than 65-pounds). Bundles must be tied with durable string or twine (please do not use wire, duct tape, etc.). For a complete list of yard waste collection guidelines, please visit www.lawrenceks.org/swm.

Compost Facility opens Saturdays beginning March 5th: The City's Compost Facility located at 1420 E. 11th Street, which is east of 11th and Haskell Avenue over the railroad tracks, will be open to the public on Saturdays, starting March 5th through mid-December, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the following:

- Residents may drop off brush and other yard waste which includes leaves, grass clippings, garden waste, and prunings from trees and shrubs. Cost: $5 per pickup truck load (more for larger trucks). Cash only.
- Residents may purchase compost or woodchips. Self-load only, bring a shovel. Cost: $10 per pickup truck load (more for larger trucks). Cash only.

Electronic Recycling & Secure Document Shredding Event - Saturday, March 19th:

 The City's Solid Waste Division will host an Electronic Recycling and Document Shredding Event at the Free State High School NE parking lot, 4700 Overland Drive, on Saturday, March 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Items accepted for recycling are confidential paper documents (maximum of 3 bags/boxes), televisions, video and audio equipment, computers, printers, scanners, fax machines, microwaves and other small appliances, cell phones and other hand held devices. There is no recycling fee for document shredding or electronic equipment except for CRT monitors/TVs ($10 per CRT monitor, $20 per CRT TV under 27 inches, $40 per CRT TV over 27 inches, and $50 per rear projection/console TV). Fees may be paid by cash or check. Items not accepted at this event include large appliances (i.e. refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers) and household hazardous waste (i.e. fluorescent light bulbs, paint, pesticides, and compressed gas cylinders). Electronic recycling will be provided by MRC and secure document shredding will be provided by Jayhawk File Express. Documents will be collected on-site at the event and securely shredded off-site.

Compost and Woodchip Sale Event - March 24th, 25th, 26th: This spring the City's Solid Waste Division will hold a Sale Event for compost and woodchips at the city's Wood Recovery and Composting Facility Thursday through Saturday, March 24th, 25th, 26th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (the city will load trucks and trailers; $10 per bucket load/two cubic yards). The sale will be held rain or shine. Cash only. Compost and woodchips are not intended for commercial applications but rather for the citizens of Lawrence.

Earth Day Parade and Celebration - Saturday, April 23rd: The 16th Annual Earth Day Celebration in South Park, hosted by the City's Solid Waste Division, will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 23rd. The day starts with a parade, hosted by KU Environs, at 11:00 a.m. on Massachusetts Street from Seventh Street to South Park. At the park there will be live music, children's activities, local food vendors, and exhibits about waste reduction, recycling, fair trade, composting, energy and water conservation, land preservation, wildlife and habitat preservation. All activities are free and open to the public. There is no rain date.

The Lawrence Transit System will offer free rides on the T all day Saturday, April 23rd, providing the experience and benefits of public transportation on all fixed routes.

More information available at www.LawrenceRecycles.org.