

"We Have
Tomorrow —
Bright Before
Us, Like A
Flame."

Langston Hughes



City of Lawrence

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City's Weatherization Program Now Taking Applications

The City of Lawrence has funds available for weatherizing homes throughout Lawrence. Eligible improvements include attic insulation, storm windows and entry door weather-stripping.

In an effort to prepare Lawrence residents for cold weather, the Community Development Division of the Planning and Development Department will administer grant money provided through the Community Development Block Grant. The program has an emphasis on weatherization because when homeowners reduce the amount of outside air entering home, energy efficiency is increased.

To be eligible for assistance through the weatherization program, homeowners must meet the following requirements:

- The home for which the application is being made cannot have received weatherization assistance from the city since January 1, 1993.
- The home must be owner occupied with no more than two dwelling units.
- Mobile homes are not eligible for this program.
- Homeowners cannot exceed the annual gross family income guidelines which are available at www.lawrenceks.org/pds/housing_programs.

Grants for energy saving improvements do not require repayments of assistance. Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. The deadline for application is 5:00 p.m., August 31, 2015.

Grant applications are available in the Planning and Development Services Offices at 1 Riverfront Plaza, on Level 1, Suite 110 or on the website at www.lawrenceks.org/pds/housing_programs. Call (785) 832-7700 for more information.



The city's Community Development Division is now accepting applications for weatherization grants. Funds are available energy-efficiency improvements including attic insulation, storm windows and weather-stripping for doors.

Transit Service Changes Effective August 1

Several changes to Lawrence bus service went into effect August 1. The new Transit Guide reflecting these changes is available around town, including grocery stores, City Hall, Lawrence Public Library, several locations across the KU campus and on all buses. New routes and schedules can also be found at lawrencetransit.org.

- Route 5 has changed how it serves East Hills Business Park.
- Route 9 now serves Rock Chalk Park instead of Route 2.
- Route 15 began operating in May to serve the new technical training facilities at 31st and Haskell, as well as East Hills Business Park.
- Route 29 has added a "B" schedule. It will use the alternate schedule on Saturdays, class breaks and the summer semester.
- Minor adjustments were made to routing and scheduling on other routes.

For more information, please visit www.lawrencetransit.org or call (785) 864-4644.



RECYCLING REMINDER



Styrofoam



All Styrofoam products, including take-out containers, packing peanuts, and foam sheets should NOT be placed in your blue recycling cart.

Styrofoam products may be marked with a recycling symbol and a #6. Plastic #6 is known as polystyrene. The Material Recovery Facility (MRF) currently accepts plastics #1-7. However, Styrofoam, like plastic bags, are made of expanded polystyrene and are not accepted for recycling in the plastic stream at the MRF.

Search our Recyclable Materials Directory to find area options for recycling Styrofoam products. The directory can be found at:

www.LawrenceRecycles.org

Interested in Composting?

Composting is the best way to recycle organic waste into an ideal material for improving lawn and garden soils. Compost adds essential nutrients and organic matter to the soil, while also building soil structure by loosening the soil for better root penetration and improving the soil's capacity to hold water. The City of Lawrence Solid Waste Division provides many different opportunities to explore compost and the composting process.



Class: Introduction to Composting – On Thursday, August 27, the city will host two, 1-hour educational classes on composting at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The goal of this class is to provide attendees with enough basic knowledge on composting to begin a project on their own. The class is free and open to the public, but there is limited space available. To enroll, email recycling@lawrenceks.org or call (785) 832-3030.

Compost Bins for Sale – Ready to compost at home? Backyard composting bins (\$40 each, limit one per household) are available for sale to residents receiving residential trash service from the City of Lawrence by calling (785) 832-3030.

Yard Waste Carts for Sale – Prefer to give your yard waste to the city for composting? Purchase a 95-gallon yard waste cart for Monday yard waste collection. Carts are designed with vents to prevent strong odors from stored yard waste material, and are wheeled to eliminate heavy lifting. To purchase, complete the online form at www.lawrenceks.org/swm.

Compost & Woodchip Sale Event - This fall the city will hold a Sale Event for compost and woodchips at the city's Wood Recovery and Composting Facility on Thursday through Saturday, September 10, 11, 12 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. The city cannot load trucks with ladder racks.

For more information, visit www.lawrenceks.org/swm.

City's Rental Licensing & Inspection Program Continues

DO YOU KNOW YOUR RIGHTS?



No matter where you rent, you have rights.

The City of Lawrence has a residential Rental Licensing and Inspection program to ensure safe and habitable rental units. You have rights as a tenant, including the right to request an inspection at any time. Find out more online.

www.lawrenceks.org/rent
(785) 832-3345

August is the busiest month of the year for rental property in Lawrence. With so many tenants moving in or out, the city reminds tenants there is a rental registration process and all rental property in Lawrence must be licensed.

The Rental Licensing and Inspection Program requires interior and exterior inspections of dwelling units to ensure minimum code standards are met to protect the life, health, safety and the general welfare of occupants. You may contact the Code Enforcement Division at (785) 832-3345 to inquire if your dwelling unit has been inspected as part of the program. Dwelling units are inspected on a periodic schedule based on 10% of all dwelling units owned by a landlord; your dwelling unit may not be inspected during your tenancy.

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