



City of Lawrence

The Flame | October 2015

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

Langston Hughes

Fire Medical Department Works to Promote Fire Safety in October

Do you know if your smoke alarm has batteries and works? Go check now! LDCFM personnel work year-round to encourage residents to make sure alarms are operational and checked regularly. Smoke alarms save lives when properly functioning. For more information on this topic visit lawrenceks.org/fire_medical/smoke_alarms.

Hear the **BEEP** where you **SLEEP**

Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!

Fire Prevention Week Oct. 4-10, 2015

Half of home fire deaths happen between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep.



Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



Some people, especially children and older adults, may need help to wake up. Make sure someone will wake them if the smoke alarm sounds.



Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they do not sound when tested.



When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.



Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

Fire Safety Checklist for Homeowners & Renters

If there is a fire, you may have less than 3 minutes to get out of your home. Preparing ahead of time helps to ensure everyone is safe and knows what to do in case of a fire.

Cooking Safety

- The cooking area has no areas that can burn or may catch fire.
- People stay in the kitchen when they are cooking food.
- Pot handles are always turned toward the back of the stove.

Escape Plan

- There is a fire escape plan that shows 2 ways out of every room.
- Everyone knows where the safe meeting place is outside of the home.
- Everyone living in the house practices the escape plan 2 times a year.

Candle Safety

- Candles are in sturdy fire-proof containers that won't be tipped over.
- Adults blow out candles when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Candles are kept out of reach of children and pets.



Children are sometimes curious about fire.

If you have children in your home, lock up any items that can start a fire (matches, lighters, cigarettes, etc.) and make sure children cannot reach candles.



RECYCLING REMINDER



Scrap & Small Metals



In addition to tin, steel, and aluminum food and beverage containers, scrap metal sized to less than 30-inches in each direction and less than 50-pounds per piece is permitted in the city's single-stream curbside recycling program.

Metal items 2 inches or smaller (bottle caps, nails, pop tabs) or larger than 30 inches and 50 pounds (appliances, metal siding), should not be placed in your blue recycling cart. These items can be taken to Advantage Metals Recycling (1545 N 3rd St.) or the 12th & Haskell Recycle Center (1006 E 11th St.). These recycling centers also accept clean aluminum foil/pans for recycling.

Recycling metal reduces pollution, saves resources, reduces waste going to landfills and prevents the destruction of habitats from mining new ore.

www.LawrenceRecycles.org



The City of Lawrence launched Lawrence Listens, a new online citizen engagement tool which offers residents, businesses and other community stakeholders to provide input and comments on city issues, in May 2015. Lawrence Listens is managed by the City Communications Office with comments and feedback provided to elected officials and departments as part of discussions about city policies, programs and services.

"Lawrence Listens is a great tool for our community," said Megan Gilliland, city communications manager. "This will allow any resident to have a way to comment on city programs and policy discussions. We will take the data collected and provide it an easy-to-understand report that will be a part of the decision-making process. The feedback received is viewable to anyone who participates in Lawrence Listens to see what others in their community are saying about the questions proposed."

The city's goal is to post timely questions reflecting current topics and discussions in the community. Lawrence Listens does require users to register and offers an option to subscribe to get new questions directly to popular social networks and/or email.

"Lawrence Listens allows our community to provide feedback regardless of their personal work or family schedules," said Gilliland. "Lawrence Listens is a way to empower residents to participate in city decisions from the privacy and convenience of their own home. This is not a voting system and is meant to be inclusionary to anyone who wants to have a say in their local government."

Sign up today at www.lawrenceks.org/lawrence-listens.



America Recycles Day Event

Come celebrate the city's 1-year anniversary of residential curbside recycling and participate in a fun, family friendly America Recycles Day event!

When: Friday, November 13

Time: 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Where: Sports Pavilion
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