

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

Langston Hughes



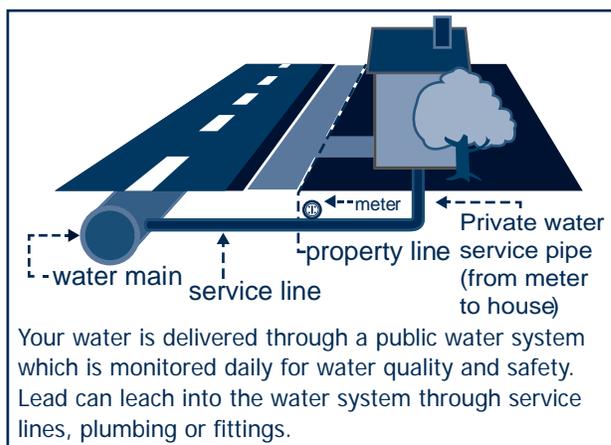
# City of Lawrence

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## Is Your Water Safe?

Lawrence's public water supply is tested for quality and safety. Homeowners may choose to take additional steps.

The ongoing safety concerns about drinking water and elevated lead levels in children in Flint, Michigan are deeply concerning. The contamination in Flint is linked to a change in the water source which resulted in more corrosive water to be used for the public water system. This corrosive water caused the lead from service pipes and plumbing fixtures to leach into tap water.



Lead in faucets, plumbing in homes, and solder connecting plumbing lines, as well as old lead lines can affect each home differently. In Lawrence, the water we provide to homes and businesses is essentially lead-free in the distribution system and prior to entering your individual household plumbing. If concerned about lead, we have recommendations available to reduce lead in your drinking water on our website at [www.lawrenceks.org/utilities/lead](http://www.lawrenceks.org/utilities/lead). These steps range from simple actions such as flushing lines to more complex actions like replacement of service lines and household plumbing fixtures.

In Lawrence, we take water quality very seriously and proactively take measures to ensure your water is safe. Lawrence's water treatment systems comply with the EPA's Safe Water Drinking Act and we participate in a lead and copper sampling program. For many years, we've taken steps to enhance the water treatment process by adding a naturally-derived, food-grade phosphate to the process which inhibits corrosion and helps protect pipes and fixtures in homes and the distribution system. Additionally, in the 1980's we replaced portions of the public service lines with lead-free systems. Our water quality technicians test water chemistry daily to ensure the water delivered to our residents is within all EPA-specified levels.

If you have questions about water quality, contact the Lawrence Utilities Department at (785) 832-7800 or visit our website. Lawrence Utilities distributes water to 30,000 homes and businesses through nearly 500 miles of pipes in the city.

As part of our commitment to helping residents live healthy, active lifestyles the city adopted a tobacco-free policy for all parks and facilities. We believe creating tobacco-free environments will eliminate health risks to each and every citizen, as well as model positive behavior for our youth and keep parks free of the litter tobacco products produce.



## Summer Bus Passes for Students

Summer is almost here and all the fun activities for kids are about to begin. But how do they get there? Lawrence Transit offers a practical solution for a great price!

The Student Summer Bus Pass is a great way for K-12 kids to get to the pool, community centers, parks, the library and shopping. For only \$10, the Student Summer Bus Pass is good for unlimited rides in June, July and August.

This year, passes will be sold at Dillons, Hy-Vee, and The Merc, in addition to City Hall, both aquatic centers and all community centers in Lawrence. For more information, visit [www.lawrencetransit.org](http://www.lawrencetransit.org) or call (785) 864-4644.



# RECYCLING REMINDER



## Spring Cleaning



As the weather warms up, Lawrence residents begin cleaning out their closets, basements, and garages. Paint, cleaners, fluorescent lights and other household hazardous products can be safely disposed of at the City of Lawrence / Douglas County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Call (785) 832-3030 to schedule a drop-off appointment for these items.

What about household goods and bulky items? We recommend donating or selling your items for reuse. Check out Facebook for area Buy, Sell, Trade and FreeCycle groups, host a neighborhood yard sale, or drop-off at your nearest consignment or thrift store. An up-to-date list of local reuse options is available on the Recyclable Materials Directory at [www.LawrenceRecycles.org](http://www.LawrenceRecycles.org).

For those larger items that you can't rehome (carpet, hide-a-bed, large appliances), fill out an online special item pickup service request form at [www.lawrenceks.org/swm](http://www.lawrenceks.org/swm) or call (785) 832-3032.

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## Road Rules:

### Working Together to Share the Road



To help keep everyone safe on the road, the City of Lawrence recommends the following for **motorists**:

- Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Never pass and turn across the path of a moving bicyclist. Slow down and turn behind the bicyclist.
- Allow at least three feet of passing space between you and the bicycle. – It's the LAW
- Do not blast your horn when approaching a bicyclist - you may startle him/her.
- Do not accelerate to pass bicyclist when approaching a stop sign.
- Take extra care to look out for children bicyclists not only in school zones, but also in residential areas, playgrounds and parks.

**Bicyclists** must also follow the rules of the road including these additional tips for safety:

- Obey all traffic rules, signals and stop signs.
- Use head and tail lights at night.
- Always wear your helmet!
- Do not ride on downtown sidewalks.
- Never ride more than two abreast.
- Always ride with the flow of traffic and use hand signals when turning.
- Do not ride with headphones.
- When a road is too narrow for cars and bikes to ride safely side by side, bicyclists should take the travel lane, which means riding in or near the center of the lane.

Left Turn

Right Turn

Alternate Right Turn

Stopping



Do you  
know your  
signals?

Find more information: [www.lawrenceks.org/share\\_the\\_road](http://www.lawrenceks.org/share_the_road)

Get a Lawrence **Bicycle Rideability Map** for planning your routes at [www.lawrenceks.org/mpo/bikemap](http://www.lawrenceks.org/mpo/bikemap).

See how Lawrence compares to the rest of the country by logging your miles in the free **National Bike Challenge** at [www.nationalbikechallenge.org](http://www.nationalbikechallenge.org)



Lawrence Parks and Recreation, along with several community partners, are sponsoring the Lawrence Summer Food Program again. Children between ages 1-18 can get a free breakfast and lunch every weekday in the summer at several locations around town.

Visit [www.lawrenceks.org/summer-food](http://www.lawrenceks.org/summer-food) for locations, dates and times.

**No Registration - No Fee - Just Show Up**

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