



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

Langston Hughes



City of Lawrence

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Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical Department Receives Top Rating

Effective June 1, 2016, the City of Lawrence becomes a Class 1 community based on the Insurance Services Office (ISO) independent rating system for measuring the quality and effectiveness of municipal fire protection. Lawrence is one of only approximately 40 cities out of 48,000 surveyed in the U.S. to have earned an elite ISO Class 1 rating. There are currently 7 Class 1 communities in Kansas.

Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical Department, accredited by the Commission of Fire Accreditation International, joins an elite group of just 38 accredited agencies to attain an ISO Class 1 rating. ISO's Public Protection Classification ratings are used to help establish fire insurance premiums for residential, commercial and industrial properties.

ISO's evaluation program includes 10 classifications, with 1 being the highest and 10 being the lowest. The rating is based on a comprehensive review of fire department capabilities, the water supply system, and the Douglas County Emergency Communications Center, which handles dispatch and tracking services for fire incidents. According to ISO data, a community's investment in firefighting services is a good predictor of future fire losses. Communities with excellent fire protection can expect less property damage and higher survival rates.

Visit www.lawrenceks.org/fire-medical for more information.



“Lawrence property owners can be confident that, thanks to top-quality fire protection, they'll have access to the absolute lowest insurance rates for fire loss insurance.”
- Fire Chief Mark Bradford



Don't move firewood it BUGS me!

Emerald ash borer (EAB) was confirmed in Douglas County in September 2015. Since that time, the Kansas Department of Agriculture and USDA have placed Douglas County in quarantine for firewood and other ash wood materials. Firewood and other ash wood materials cannot be moved from Douglas County in an effort to limit the spread of EAB.

EAB is an exotic beetle that was discovered in southeastern Michigan near Detroit in the summer of 2002. The adult beetles nibble on ash foliage but cause little damage. The larvae (the immature stage) feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. Once a tree is infected with EAB, the tree will not be able to survive and will die.

Douglas County was added to the quarantine which also includes the counties Johnson, Leavenworth, Jefferson and Wyandotte.

The City of Lawrence's Forestry Division is working to develop plans to mitigate the effects of EAB on our local tree population. Over the coming weeks, the city will develop educational materials for homeowners to identify ash trees, check for signs of EAB infestation and provide homeowners can do to treat trees and/or remove them. A handout for diagnosis and to report EAB infestations is available at the Parks and Recreation web page at lawrenceks.org/lprd/eab. More information is available online at www.emeraldashborer.info. Look for more outreach from the city as we work together as a community to manage the EAB infestation and lessen the impact on our tree population.



RECYCLING REMINDER

Single-Stream Recycling: What to Put in Your Blue Cart



Yes

No

Do not bag your recyclables. Place loosely in your cart.

Glass

- Food & Beverage Containers
- All Colors Accepted



Mixed Paper

- Magazines & Junk Mail
- Milk & Juice Cartons
- Chipboard (boxes, tubes)
- Paperback & Telephone Books



Newsprint & Office Paper

- White & Colored Paper
- Shredded Paper (place in clear plastic bag, tied off)



Cardboard

- Cardboard Boxes (flattened/no nested material)
- Pizza Boxes (free of residue)



Plastics

- Plastic Bottles, Tubs, & Jars (marked with recycling symbols #1 through #7)
- Plastic Deli Clamshells
- Plastic items need to be larger than 2 inches.



Metal

- Tin, Steel, and Aluminum Food & Beverage Containers
- Scrap Metal (less than 30 inches and 50 pounds per piece)
- Metal items need to be larger than 2 inches.



NO Plastic Bags & Wrap

- Food Wrap & Bags
- Bubble Wrap & Soda Rings
- Recycle these items at groceries



NO Styrofoam

- Packing Peanuts & Blocks
- To-Go Clamshells, Cups, Plates



NO Items 2 Inches or Smaller

- Bottle Caps & Lids (Plastic & Metal)
- Small Pill Bottles & Straws
- Nails & Paper Clips



NO Prohibited Glass

- Pyrex & Cooking Dishes
- Glass & Ceramic Serveware
- Window & Mirror Glass



NO Rope Items

- Garden Hoses
- Metal & Plastic Wire



NO Hazardous Waste

- Aerosol & Paint Cans
- Batteries & Light Bulbs



NO Electronics

- Cables & Chargers
- TVs, Cell Phones, Appliances



Search the *Recyclable Materials Directory* at www.LawrenceRecycles.org to find local recycling and reuse options for "No" items.

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