

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

Langston Hughes



City of Lawrence

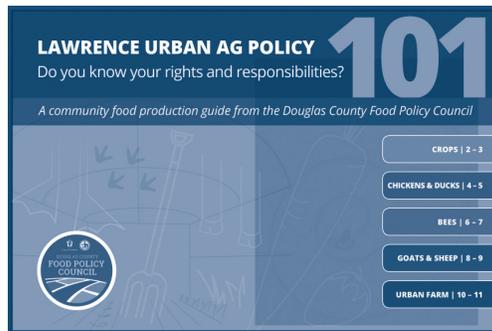
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Planning Your Garden? New Urban Agriculture Regulations Expand Opportunities

Planning your 2018 garden and other food production in Lawrence? Don't forget the great online resources created in 2016 to help residents and food entrepreneurs understand their rights and responsibilities for urban agriculture in Lawrence. Learn what you need to know to grow crops, raise bees and other small animals, and launch an urban farm. www.lawrenceks.org/urban-ag

Looking for a print-copy of the Urban Ag 101 booklet? Contact Helen Schnoes, Sustainability & Food Systems Planner at 785-832-5157.



Kansa from Prairie Park Nature Center

Did you know?

There was one Bald Eagle nest in Kansas in 1989 (Clinton Lake) and, by 2017, there were 100!

City Offers Loan Program for Emergency Repairs

Emergency & furnace loans available for income-qualified Lawrence homeowners

For emergency situations, the city offers an emergency loan program that can provide up to \$5,000 for emergency repairs that eliminate immediate hazards to health and safety or to repair damage to the structure likely to cause health and safety hazards.

The furnace loan program can provide up to \$5,000 for the replacement/addition of existing heating and/or cooling source with approved energy-efficient appliances.

Both programs require a zero interest, zero payment mortgage to be placed on the property. The loan amount is due in full when the applicant is no longer the owner/occupant.

Please contact Community Development staff at (785) 832-7700 for additional terms and conditions, or visit lawrenceks.org/pds/housing_programs to download an application.



Construction Ahead

Stay up-to-date with current city construction projects by following the city on Facebook or Twitter. We also offer a weekly re-cap of upcoming city construction projects that may affect your commute. Sign up for 'City News' at www.lawrenceks.org/subscriptions

City info available online at lawrenceks.org and on cable Channel 25.

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Winter is Cold & Flu Season

Stay healthy with a few simple steps

Wash your hands often:

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps you can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Wash your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands.

Cover Your Cough:

Stop the spread of germs that can make you and others sick! Influenza (flu) and other serious respiratory illnesses like respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), whooping cough, and severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) are spread by cough, sneezing, or unclean hands.

To help stop the spread of germs:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
- Put your used tissue in the waste basket
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands
- You may be asked to put on a face mask to protect others
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub



To learn more, visit: <https://lawrenceks.org/fire-medical/cold-and-flu-season/>

Lawrence Composts



After Winter, Yard Work Begins 2018 Compost Facility Services

In 2018, 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 3rd (weather permitting) through mid-December, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 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).
- Residents may purchase compost or woodchips. Self-load, bring a shovel. Cost: \$10 per pickup truck load (more for larger trucks). Self-loading small quantities like a small bag or a plastic tote is free. Starting in April through October, on the first Saturday of the month, there will be a City operator onsite to load compost and woodchips into trucks and trailers. Cost: \$10 per pickup truck load (more for larger trucks).

Spring Compost and Woodchip Sale Event

The City will also host a Spring Compost and Woodchip Sale Event Thursday through Saturday, March 22, 23, 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Compost Facility. The City will load trucks and trailers. \$10 per bucket load which is equivalent to two cubic yards. The Sale Event will be held rain or shine.

It is **CASH ONLY** for all transactions at the Compost Facility. Bring a tarp to secure woodchips in trucks and trailers to prevent littering the roadway. Compost and woodchips are not intended for commercial applications, but rather for the citizens of Lawrence.

For additional information, visit <https://lawrenceks.org/swm/>

IN 2017

Approximately **15,300 tons of yard waste and brush** were processed through the City's Compost Facility.

Approximately **2,200 tons of woodchips** and **5,000 tons of compost** were distributed through the City's Compost Facility.

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