



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

Langston Hughes



City of Lawrence

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Weatherization grants available to Lawrence homeowners

The City of Lawrence has grant 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 Services Department will administer grant money provided through the Community Development Block Grant. The program has an emphasis on increasing energy efficiency by reducing the amount of outside air entering the home.

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

1. The home for which the application is being made cannot have received weatherization assistance from the city since January 1, 1993.
2. The home must be owner-occupied with no more than two dwelling units.
3. Mobile homes are not eligible for this program.
4. Annual gross family income cannot exceed the following guidelines:

Grants for energy saving improvements do not require repayment of assistance. Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. The application period begins on August 1, 2018 and the deadline for application is 5:00 p.m., August 31, 2018.



Family Size	Max. Income
1	\$44,350
2	\$50,650
3	\$57,000
4	\$63,300
5	\$68,400
6	\$73,450
7	\$78,500
8+	\$83,600

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.

CITY APPS TO MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER!

There are two ways to find out when your bus will arrive using your mobile device: 1. Download the free "My Bus Lawrence" app on iTunes and Google Play to get real-time bus information, service announcements, alerts and a trip planner. 2. Send a text message to 41411 (TRIP, then bus stop number as body of text) and you will receive a reply text with arrival times. For more information visit www.lawrencetransit.org/mobile-tools.



The Solid Waste Division offers a service reminder app for trash, recycling, and yard waste collection. Available on the iTunes App Store and Google Play, the 'Lawrence Waste & Recycling' app allows customers to select weekly reminders for collection services, including holiday information. A web version is also available at www.LawrenceRecycles.org which includes email, text message, phone call, and calendar reminders.



Download the free "Otocast" app to learn more about the artists and artworks in this year's Outdoor Downtown Sculpture Exhibition. Photos and audio commentaries are provided for each of the works in the exhibition as well as other points of interest throughout the United States. With this app, we invite everyone to head Downtown to take a self-guided tour of the exhibition. Visit www.lawrenceks.org/ODSE to learn more.



SIMPLE STEPS TO REDUCE WASTE

Small changes to your daily habits have endless benefits for our environment and your pocketbook. Remembering the first of the "Three R's" to REDUCE, as well as planning ahead, will make a noticeable difference in the amount of waste you produce.

The most effective way to reduce waste is to not create it in the first place. Making a new product requires a lot of resources and energy. Raw materials must be extracted from the earth, and the product must be fabricated then transported to wherever it will be sold. As a result, waste reduction and reuse are the most effective ways you can save natural resources, protect the environment, and save money.

Little things can add up, so consider buying reusable over disposable items. Here are changes you can make in your everyday life to help you reduce and go reusable:

1. Ditch bottled water and to-go cups and buy reusable drinkware instead. Have one at home and work and keep one in your car. Insulated tumblers can double for hot and cold drinks. Most retailers will fill drinks in reusable drinkware.
2. Stock up on reusable shopping and produce bags. Keep a stash in your car so you never forget to bring them along when shopping! Reusable bags that fold into themselves into a travel size are handy for keeping in your purse or backpack while on the go.
3. Have you ever counted how many straws or plastic forks you go through in one week? These single-use items are not recyclable and add up. Metal/glass straws as well as bamboo, metal, or rigid plastic cutlery can be washed and reused many times over!



SAVE THE DATE



Back to School Safety Fair

Saturday, August 11th
9 am-1 pm
South Park

Join the Lawrence Police Department to learn more about safety from our local partners including Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center, Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Douglas County Emergency Management, The University of Kansas, Lawrence Public Schools, and more!

Activities will include: Car Seat Checks, WRAP (Working to Recognize Alternative Possibilities), Mental Health First Aid, Bounce Houses, and more!

Additional waste reduction and recycling tips are available at www.LawrenceRecycles.org

Construction Ahead



Stay up-to-date with current city construction projects by signing up for our Construction email. We also offer a weekly re-cap of upcoming city construction projects that may affect your commute.

Sign up at www.lawrenceks.org/subscriptions

www.fuelup4summer.com



SUMMER SUN FOOD and FUN
FRESH & FREE SUMMER MEALS

No Registration - No Fee - Just Show Up

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/lprd/sfp/ for locations, dates and times.

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