

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

Langston Hughes



# City of Lawrence

## The Flame | February 2019

### 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](http://lawrenceks.org/pds/housing_programs) to download an application.



#### Did You know....



**You can park in Downtown Lawrence for 61¢ a day!**



2019 City parking passes are now available and can be purchased at two locations: the second floor of City Hall, 6 East Sixth Street, and at the Municipal Court building, 1006 New Hampshire. Both locations are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Annual passes are \$192 per year and are valid January through December. Quarterly parking pass are available for \$50.

Both annual and quarterly parking passes are valid in long term lots and at ten-hour meters.

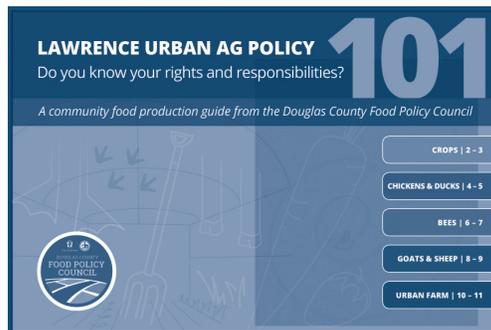
Long-term downtown parking includes the parking garage at 927 New Hampshire, the lower level of the Riverfront parking garage at 600 New Hampshire, designated long-term parking in the Vermont Parking Garage, and at eight long-term parking lots throughout downtown. A municipal parking map is available here: [lawrenceks.org/parking](http://lawrenceks.org/parking).



### 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 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. [lawrenceks.org/urban-ag](http://lawrenceks.org/urban-ag)

Looking for a print-copy of the Urban Ag 101 booklet? Contact Helen Schnoes, Sustainability & Food Systems Planner [hschnoes@douglascountyks.org](mailto:hschnoes@douglascountyks.org) or 785-832-5157.





## After Winter, Yard Work Begins 2019 Compost Facility Services

In 2019, the City's Compost Facility located at 1420 E. 11th Street, which is east of 11th Street and Haskell Avenue over the railroad tracks, will be open to the public on Saturdays, starting March 2nd (weather permitting) and running 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 14, 15, 16 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 [lawrenceks.org/swm/](http://lawrenceks.org/swm/)

## Tips for Saving Energy this Winter

This winter you can save energy, save money, and be comfortable too!

- Stay cozy by plugging air leaks and insulating. Sealing up air leaks with caulking and weather stripping and installing adequate insulation will not only increase comfort, but will reduce home heating costs by up to 20 percent. Focus your efforts on cracks near windows and doors.
- Let a programmable thermostat "remember" for you to lower the heat when you leave the house for a day of gift shopping (or overnight when you're cozy in bed). You can program it to warm up again shortly before you return or awaken.
- Adjust your humidity. A well-humidified house at 68-degrees Fahrenheit is as comfortable as a dry house at 75-degrees.
- Cooking some warm comfort foods? Don't sneak a peek! Opening the oven door lowers the temperature inside - by as much as 25 degrees - which increases cooking time and wastes energy.
- Start a sweater trend. Wearing sweaters or other warm clothes at home will help hold in your body heat naturally.
- Close that fireplace damper. When you're not using the fireplace, closing the damper could save 8 percent of your home's heat.



For more tips, visit: [www.westarenergy.com/energy-saving-tips](http://www.westarenergy.com/energy-saving-tips)