



SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Residential guide to Lawrence's trash, recycling, composting and hazardous waste programs.



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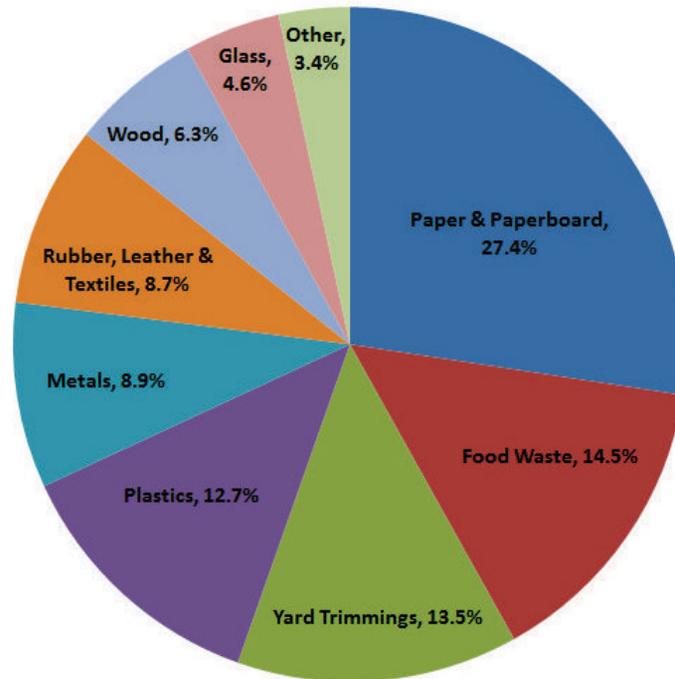
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TOTAL MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE IN US BY CATEGORY (EPA, 2012)



COLLECTION GUIDELINES

- Set trash and recycling carts out by 7:00 a.m.
- Remove empty carts from street within 24 hours.
- Make sure the cart lids are closed.
- Place wheeled carts at the curb or along the alley with the handles pointing towards your residence.
- Do not block the sidewalk with carts.
- Keep carts at least 3 feet away from other carts, mailboxes, fire hydrants, low hanging trees or shrubs, parked cars, or utility poles so trucks can easily access the cart.
- Carts that exceed the weight limit indicated on the lid cannot be picked up. Loading trash carts with sod, rocks, or bricks may overload the cart and cause damage.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The schedule for collection of trash, recycling and yard waste may change due to a holiday. Visit our website at www.lawrenceks.org/swm to view the holiday schedule information or sign up to receive solid waste collection service notifications by text or e-mail at notify.lawrenceks.org.



WEIGHT LIMITS

Carts cannot be picked up if they exceed the following weight limits:

- 95-gallon cart: 332.5 pounds
- 65-gallon cart: 227.5 pounds
- 35-gallon cart: 122 pounds

ADDITIONAL CARTS

Residents can request additional carts online at www.lawrenceks.org/swm or by calling the Solid Waste Division at (785) 832-3032. Additional fees will apply for trash carts, while recycling carts are provided at no additional fee.

CART EXCHANGE POLICY

The City will provide one cart size change per address (owner/occupant) per calendar year free of charge. The City will charge a \$20.00 service fee for any additional requests to change cart sizes. To switch to a different cart size, fill out the form online at www.lawrenceks.org/swm.

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DAMAGED OR BROKEN CARTS

The City is responsible for the maintenance and repair of all carts. However, the City will charge the owner or occupant a fee for any necessary repair or replacement due to the owner's or occupant's abuse, misuse or neglect of the cart. The replacement fee for each trash and recycling cart is \$50.00.

To report a damaged or broken cart, call the Solid Waste Division at (785) 832-3032.

SERVICE NOTIFICATION

Receive trash, recycling and yard waste collection service notifications by e-mail or text, and download the collection service calendar for your address.

Sign up today at notify.lawrenceks.org.



TRASH

The collection and disposal of garbage became a municipal service in 1946. Trash is collected residentially every week and disposed of in a sanitary landfill to protect the health and public safety of the Lawrence community. The standard trash cart size is 65-gallon, but additional cart sizes are available to meet customer needs.



TRASH COLLECTION GUIDELINES

- *Loose material.* Sawdust, fireplace ashes (cool for one week), cat litter, sweeping compounds, facial tissues, packaging materials and other loose material must be sealed in boxes or bags and then placed inside the trash cart to prevent litter when containers are emptied by the collectors.
- *Sharps.* Place household sharps (e.g. needles) in a puncture proof container such as an old detergent bottle or coffee can. Secure lid with tape, label the container "sharps" and place inside the trash cart.
- *Hazardous waste.* Do not place household hazardous waste (e.g. paint, cleaners, pesticides, fluorescent lamps) or used motor oil in the trash cart. Call (785) 832-3030 for proper disposal.
- *Yard waste.* Do not set out yard waste with trash when separate yard waste collection is available; Mondays, March through mid-December (weather permitting, excluding holidays). Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, garden waste, brush and trimmings from trees and shrubs.

SPECIAL ITEM COLLECTION

- *Bulky items.* Any bulky item that does not fit in the trash cart (e.g. refrigerators, washers, dryers, hide-a-beds) is collected curbside by appointment only.
- *Carpet.* Eight rolls of carpet and padding per household per year are picked up free. There will be a fee for all additional rolls. Carpet and padding need to be bundled in 5 foot or shorter lengths and no wider than 18 inches in diameter, and must not weigh more than 65 pounds.
- *Tires.* Five passenger tires per household per year are picked up free. Additional or oversized tires are accepted for a small fee. Many tire retailers will also accept waste tires for a small fee.

To request a residential special item pickup for bulky items, carpet, tires, and construction, remodeling, or building materials, please fill out the online form at www.lawrenceks.org/swm or call (785) 832-3032. On your special pickup day, place items 3 feet away from carts, mailboxes, parked cars, etc.

CONTAINER RENTALS

Faced with remodeling? Roofing? Large clean-ups? Roll-off and construction containers are available for both residential and commercial use. Information and online form at www.lawrenceks.org/swm.



MOVE-OUT

Plan ahead to reduce waste during your move. Do not take the city trash or recycling carts with you when you move. Each cart belongs to the address where it was delivered. For more waste reductive moving tips, visit www.lawrenceks.org/swm/moving.

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DONATE OR REUSE

Rethink what you throw away. You can considerably reduce the amount of trash that you send to the landfill by donating items and/or reusing and repurposing them yourself. Here's a list of some of the most common items that can be donated or reused:

- Books
- Building materials
- Carpets and rugs
- Clothing and housewares
- Electronics (recycling options also available)
- Furniture
- Large and small appliances
- Packing materials
- Pallets and wood containers

Many social service organizations will accept donated items and donations are often tax deductible. Also, consider participating in online reuse organizations or sharing used items among family, friends, and neighbors. Visit www.LawrenceRecycles.org for a list of reuse and recycling options.



LAWRENCE RECYCLES

The City's single-stream recycling collection service makes it easy for residents to recycle household waste. The standard recycling cart size is 95-gallon, with collection occurring every other week for residential customers. Recycling conserves resources, reduces pollution and saves energy.

RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING

October 21, 2014 marks the first day of collection for the City's residential single-stream recycling service for single-family and multi-family residences.

Single-stream recycling means all permitted recyclable materials (see page 10) may be combined at your residence and set out for collection in a co-mingled recycling container. Recyclables will be sorted at the HAMM Materials Recovery Facility (MRF).

The recycling program participation is voluntary and you may decline to receive a recycling cart; however, solid waste rates will be adjusted to include recycling for all residential customers.

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RECYCLING COLLECTION GUIDELINES

- Permitted recyclable materials must be set out in the blue recycling cart. Do not bag recyclables.
- Recycling collection will occur the same day as your designated trash day, every other week. Collection schedule available at www.LawrenceRecycles.org.
- Remove empty carts from the street within 24 hours.
- Rinse food residue off all glass, metal and plastic containers. Paper materials must be clean and dry. Flatten chipboard and cardboard boxes.
- Recycling carts may not be used to contain trash, yard waste or any material other than permitted recyclable materials.



YES Permitted recyclable materials listed below.

- Glass food and beverage containers
- Mixed paper (magazines, catalogues, junk mail, chipboard, milk/juice cartons, paperback books, telephone books)
- Newsprint
- Office paper
- Shredded paper (must be in clear plastic bags to avoid littering during collection)
- Cardboard
- Plastic bottles, tubs and jars (marked #1-#7, leave caps on)
- Tin, steel, and aluminum food and beverage containers
- Scrap metal (sized less than 30-inches all directions and less than 50 pounds each)



NO Do not place these items in the recycling cart.



- Plastic bags/plastic film (drop-off recycling options)
- Styrofoam™ - polystyrene
- Pyrex® - glass cookware
- Ceramics - cups and dishes
- Trash
- Electronics
- Garden hoses
- Clothing and textiles
- Light bulbs
- Motor oil containers/filters
- Household hazardous waste
- Organics (food & yard waste)

RECYCLING

DROP-OFF RECYCLING OPTIONS

Many items can also be recycled at drop-off locations throughout town. Some of the more common items are listed below. For more detailed information, please visit www.LawrenceRecycles.org.

- Cardboard
- Glass
- Metals



DOWNTOWN PEDESTRIAN RECYCLING

The downtown pedestrian recycling program, “Recycle On The Go”, will begin in November 2014. The goal is to provide recycling for pedestrians while downtown, and to increase awareness about recycling outside of the home. For more information, visit www.LawrenceRecycles.org about this upcoming program.

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FACEBOOK

The LawrenceRecycles page is the best way to stay current on trash, recycling, composting, and household hazardous waste program services, community events, as well as environmental topics. Photos from our community events are also posted there.



Like us today at [facebook.com/LawrenceRecycles](https://www.facebook.com/LawrenceRecycles).

MATERIALS DIRECTORY SEARCH

Not sure if an item can be reused or recycled? Not sure where to take it? Use the Materials Directory Search available at www.LawrenceRecycles.org to find your answers.

LAWRENCE COMPOSTS

The City provides residential curbside collection of organics on Mondays during the growing season. Composting is the natural recycling of organic matter (leaves, grass and brush) into a useable mixture suitable for improving soil structure and providing nutrients. Composting also keeps usable organic matter out of the landfill and reduces greenhouse gas production.



YARD WASTE COLLECTION GUIDELINES

- *Set-out.* Materials should be set out by 6:00 a.m. in a can, City cart (trash cart or yard waste cart), or compostable paper yard waste bag for Monday yard waste collection, March through mid-December, weather permitting, excluding holidays.
- *Bundles.* Bundles of tree and brush trimmings are accepted. Bundles must not exceed 5 feet in length nor 18 inches in diameter and must not weigh more than 65 pounds. Bundles must be tied with durable string or twine only.
- *Weight & height.* No yard waste container should weigh more than 65 pounds, unless it is a wheeled City cart. Material should not extend more than 12 inches above the top of the container.
- *Herbicides.* If using a lawn herbicide, please ensure it does not contain any persistent chemicals, which could outlast the composting process (approximately 90 days) and later may damage sensitive plants. If using such a product, please mulch mow your clippings.

CHRISTMAS TREECYCLING

After the holiday, live-cut trees will be collected curbside. Trees will be used for wildlife habitat. All artificial items, including tinsel, lights and stands must be removed in advance of pick-up, including all plastic overwraps. Collection schedule is available at www.lawrenceks.org/swm.

YARD WASTE CARTS FOR SALE

Brown 95-gallon yard waste carts are available for purchase to be used for Monday yard waste collection only. These carts cannot be used for trash or recycling collection. Only \$60 each. Visit www.lawrenceks.org/swm to order yours.

Benefits of a Yard Waste Cart:

- 330 pound capacity
- Built-in vents to control odor
- Easy mobility
- Wide opening for easy fills
- Weatherproof & durable



PUBLIC DROP-OFF

Yard waste and brush may be brought to the City's Wood Recovery & Compost Facility located at 1420 E. 11th Street (two blocks east of 11th and Haskell).

- Saturdays ONLY
- March through mid-December
- 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Cost: \$5 per pickup truck load
(more for larger trucks and trailers)
- Cash only

This facility is for yard waste and brush only; no railroad ties, landscaping timbers, sod, lumber, etc. For more details, visit www.lawrenceks.org/swm.

COMMUNITY COMPOST & WOODCHIP SALE

The City sells both compost and woodchips to the public every Saturday, March through mid-December, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Self-load only. There are also sale events where the material is loaded for you. For more information and sale event dates, please visit www.lawrenceks.org/swm.

GRASSCYCLING

Grasscycling is the simple practice of leaving grass clippings on the lawn when mowing, also called mulch mowing. This practice is the best way to recycle yard waste and can reduce the need for fertilizing by at least 25%. Mulch mowing can also be used in the fall to shred leaves (no bagging needed).

COMPOST BINS

In order to encourage backyard composting by Lawrence residents, the City sells compost bins and kitchen scrap pails at discounted rates to all city residents receiving residential trash service.

Specific details on the bins currently offered for sale are available online at www.lawrenceks.org/swm. Residents may call (785) 832-3030 to reserve a bin.



COMPOST

OUTREACH & EDUCATION

The City of Lawrence Solid Waste Division offers outreach and education opportunities to all groups and can do onsite presentations or tours of the Composting Facility or Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Each presentation is tailored to meet the group's needs and interests.

For more information or to set up an outreach, please call (785) 832-3030 or send an email to recycling@lawrenceks.org.



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EARTH DAY CELEBRATION - Apr 22

The Lawrence Earth Day Parade & Celebration, held on a Saturday in April, works every year to educate residents, businesses and surrounding communities regarding the importance of responsible environmental policies, raise awareness of each individual's impact on the natural environment, and highlight actions each person can take to make Lawrence and Douglas County a more sustainable and eco-friendly place to live.



AMERICA RECYCLES DAY - Nov 15

America Recycles Day, a program of Keep America Beautiful, is a nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States.

For more information about outreach and education opportunities or community events, such as Earth Day, visit www.LawrenceRecycles.org.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Many products used in and around the home contain hazardous ingredients and may pose a threat to sanitation workers or public health and the environment. The City's Hazardous Waste Program provides an outlet for the proper handling and disposal of chemicals and keeps Lawrence safe.

LAWRENCE/DOUGLAS COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program accepts hazardous waste from Douglas County households throughout the year by appointment. The cost of this program is included in the residential solid waste fee, so there is no additional fee at time of service. Pack materials so they remain upright during transport.

REUSE PROGRAM

Household products brought in through the HHW Program that are in good, usable condition are placed on Product Reuse shelves, with the purpose of using up products as intended in order to promote the reduction of household hazardous waste entering the local landfill and to reduce the disposal fees of hazardous waste. These items are free of charge to Douglas County residents.

To make an appointment for the HHW or Reuse program, call (785) 832-3030.

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ACCEPTED HAZARDOUS WASTE

This is a sample list of accepted materials. For a complete list, call (785) 832-3030 or visit www.lawrenceks.org/swm.

- Home improvement products
- Automotive products
- Lawn care products
- Pest control products (pesticides)
- Household cleaning products

PROHIBITED MATERIALS

- Unknown materials (no labels)
- Ammunition
 - Contact your local Law Enforcement Agency
- Asbestos
- Computers, televisions, and other electronics
- DEA controlled substances
- Explosives/fireworks
- Infectious wastes (medical)
- Radioactive wastes (smoke alarms)

TRASH & RECYCLING BILLING QUESTIONS

To start or stop utilities, including residential solid waste service, contact Utility Billing at (785) 832-7878.

ORDERING OR REPLACING CARTS

To request a new trash or recycling cart, replace a damaged cart, request a cart size exchange or to have an existing cart removed, contact the Solid Waste Division at (785) 832-3032 or visit www.lawrenceks.org/swm.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

For information regarding disposal of household hazardous waste or prohibited materials, please call (785) 832-3030 or visit www.lawrenceks.org/swm.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

For all other solid waste questions, e-mail the City of Lawrence at solidwaste@lawrenceks.org, call (785) 832-3032 or visit www.lawrenceks.org/swm.

SERVICE NOTIFICATION

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