

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

Langston
Hughes



City of Lawrence

The Flame | November 2018

HOLIDAY TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 22 Thanksgiving Day

Trash, recycling & yard waste collection routes will be delayed by one day. Thursday routes will be completed on Friday, November 23.

Friday, November 23 Day After Thanksgiving

Trash, recycling & yard waste collection routes will be delayed by one day. Friday routes will be completed on Saturday, November 24.

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day **AND** Tuesday, January 1 New Year's Day

Trash, recycling & yard waste collection routes will be delayed by one day. Tues. routes will be completed on Wed., Wed. on Thurs, Thurs. on Fri., and Fri. on Sat.

Be Aware of the F-O-G - *Don't Cause a Clog*

Fats, Oils, and Grease aren't just bad for arteries; they're bad for sewers, too. Sewer overflows and backups can cause health hazards, home damage, and environmental threats. Around half of all sanitary sewer overflows are sewer pipes blocked by grease. Grease enters the sewer from household drains and poorly maintained grease traps in restaurants and other businesses.



Where does F-O-G — Fats, Oils, and Grease — Come From?

FOG is a byproduct of cooking that comes from meat fats, lard, oil, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, baked goods, sauces and dairy. When washed down the sink, grease sticks inside sewer pipes (both private property and public sewers). It can build up and block an entire pipe.

The results can be:

- Raw sewage overflowing in your home or the house next door.
- An increase in operation and maintenance costs for local sewer departments, which leads to higher sewer bills for customers.
- An expensive/unpleasant cleanup that must be paid for by the home or business owner.
- Raw sewage overflowing into parks, yards, streets and streams.
- Potential health impacts caused by overflows

Caution: Home garbage disposals do not keep grease out of the plumbing system. Hot water and products such as detergents that claim to dissolve grease only pass it down the line and cause problems elsewhere.

Don't invite trouble this Thanksgiving!

Help prevent sewer overflows by:

- Never pour grease or oil down any drain. Instead, pour grease into a can or jar that can be thrown away when cooled.
- Put baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and empty them into the trash.
- Scrape cooled grease and food scraps from pans and plates into the trash for disposal.
- Recycle used and unused flow-able oil, like turkey fry oil, through the City of Lawrence Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Please call (785) 832-3032 or visit www.lawrenceks.org/swm/hhw for hours of operation.
- Speak with your neighbors and friends about how to keep grease out of sewers.



(785) 832-7800

www.lawrenceks.org/utilities/fog





Share the Road

**New green pavement
and bike boxes on Mass!**

What does green pavement mean?

Green pavement is a way to highlight areas where bicycles and cars cross paths. The green pavement alerts both drivers and bicyclists to pay extra attention.

What is a bike box?

It's a painted green space on the road with a white bicycle symbol inside. Bicyclists travel in the green painted lane, past stopped vehicles, and position themselves in the green box ahead of motor vehicles. Motorists stop behind the box. This makes people who bike more visible and predictable to drivers.

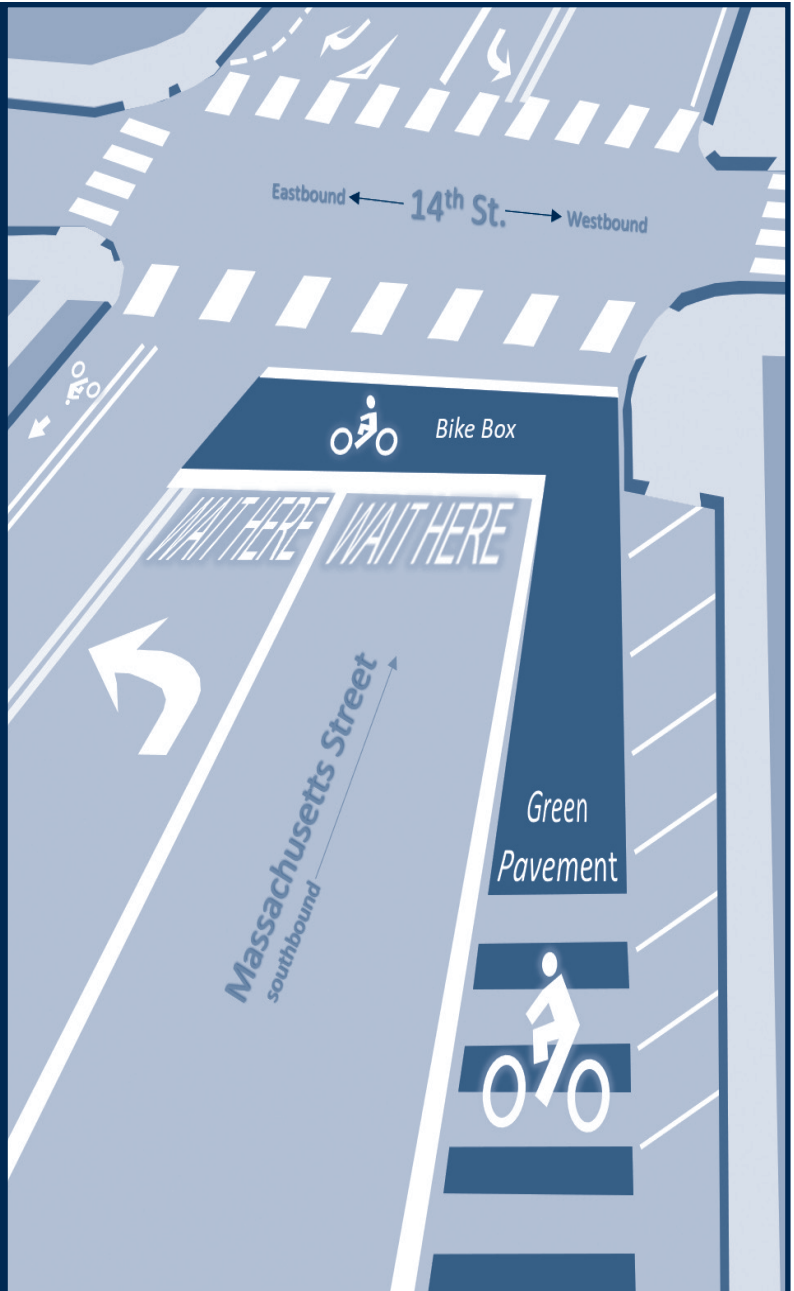
No right on red

The city installed a "no turn on red" sign on southbound 14th & Massachusetts to accompany the bike box at southbound 14th & Massachusetts, to make clear that drivers can't make what some call a "free right turn" through the bike boxes. Regular right turns on the green light is allowed.

What is a "sharrow"?



The two-arrows-and-bicycle symbol lets bicyclists know they are on a street with vehicle traffic designated as a bike route. They remind drivers to watch for bicyclists and to provide at least 3-feet when passing as required by state law.



SAFE WINTER WALKWAYS GEARS UP FOR SNOW SEASON!



The City of Lawrence and the Senior Resource Center for Douglas County offers a program to remove snow from the public sidewalks for the elderly or others who may need assistance.

Volunteers will be matched with Lawrence residents who are unable to shovel snow. We make every effort to match volunteers with residents in their neighborhoods.

Those seeking assistance can sign up until November 16.

Sign up online at:

www.lawrenceks.org/safe_winter_walkways



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