Moving? Call Ahead for Utility Service Requests

The month of July is peak season for the City’s Utility Billing division, since many student leases take effect or terminate at the end of this month. This is the time of year when the city sees a dramatic increase in transfers, disconnects and new service installs. Last year, the city received approximately 10,000 requests for service in July and August. The use of online service requests reduced our call volume and hold time by 40% last year. Visit our website at www.lawrenceks.org/utility-billing. We’re here to help!

How to Access Your Utility Account & Request Service Changes

Go online. To access your account information 24/7 from any internet-enabled device go to https://ipn.paymentus.com/cp/clks to register your account and get started.

Automatic Payments. You may schedule your utility payments to be paid automatically on each due date using your bank account or credit card. There is no service fee for the auto-pay option.

Pay Online. Pay your bill online using a credit card or eCheck anytime at https://ipn.paymentus.com/cp/clks. There is no service fee for this option. PLEASE NOTE: Online payments take up to 3 business days to post to your account.

Manage your account. To START, STOP, or TRANSFER services, use our online forms at www.lawrenceks.org/utility-billing/service_request. Online requests must be submitted at least 5 days in advance of scheduled date.

Restore Your Service. Need to get your utility service restored? Use our online form at www.lawrenceks.org/utility-billing/restore.

Pay Online.

What about my carts?

Please do not take the city trash and recycling carts with you when you move. Carts belong to the address to which they were delivered. Your brown yard waste cart(s) can be moved to your new home.

Planning a move? Whether you’re moving this summer, or later this year, plan ahead and reduce the amount of items you set at the curb for trash disposal. Find the best reuse, recycling, and safe disposal options for items you no longer wish to keep. Here are a few helpful tips:

REDUCE the amount of waste generated by using reusable or recyclable padding like towels, cloth napkins or newspaper to pack your boxes instead of purchasing Styrofoam peanuts or plastic wrap. Stop by a grocery or bookstore to take advantage of free cardboard boxes for reuse.

DONATE gently used clothing and household goods to local charities, hold a moving sale, or post to online Buy, Sell, Trade groups. Donate non-perishable food to local food banks, pantries and shelters.

RECYCLE obsolete electronic equipment, cardboard boxes, newspapers, plastic bags and all other recyclable materials. Search the Recyclable Materials Directory at LawrenceRecycles.org for local options.

PROPERLY DISPOSE of paint, automotive products, household cleaners, pesticides and other potentially hazardous chemicals at the City of Lawrence/Douglas County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Call (785) 832-3032 to schedule a drop-off appointment.

SCHEDULE A PICK-UP for bulky items no longer usable, such as couches, appliances and automobile tires, by filling out the online form available at LawrenceRecycles.org or calling (785) 832-3032.

City info available online at lawrenceks.org and on cable Channel 25. The FLAME is published by the City Manager’s Office, 832-3400.

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

Langston Hughes
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Here are the 30th Annual ODSE artists with the titles and locations of their artworks:

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- Kristin Garnant, Comanche, IA, *Hydraulic Jump 1* (9th & Mass)
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- Richard Renner, Lawrence, KS, *Living Topiary* (Performance)
- Craig Gray, Key West, FL, *Slices of Heaven* (Library Plaza)
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- John Rasmussen, Lawrence, KS, *Seed Transformation* (Farmer’s Market - 7th & New Hampshire)
- Nathan Pierce, Cape Girardeau, MO, *Better Days* (Law Enforcement Center)

More information and a link to this year’s brochure can be found online: [www.lawrenceks.org/ODSE](http://www.lawrenceks.org/ODSE)

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**Same Great City - Only Safer!**

Lawrence allows limited use of fireworks in the city but prohibits the sale and handling of fireworks. Some novelty items are exempted from the city’s ordinance including party poppers, snappers, snakes/glow worms, sparklers, toy caps, and toy smoke devices.

**Celebrate safely and be courteous.**

If a veteran lives in your neighborhood, be a good neighbor and think about the implications fireworks can have on their celebration and daily routine. An estimated 7% to 20% of the more than 2.5 million veterans and troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan are believed to have developed PTSD. PTSD is characterized by emotionally re-experiencing traumatic events. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, loud blasts and flashing lights can sometimes induce panic attacks.

Pets can also be bothered by the loud noises, so make sure animals are secure inside if they are sensitive to loud noises.

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**K-12 STUDENT SUMMER BUS PASS ON SALE NOW**

The K-12 Student Summer Bus Pass is now on sale. Students can access unlimited rides on any Lawrence Transit bus until August 31 for only $10.00.

**K-12 Student Semester Pass**

**MAY • JUNE • JULY • AUG**

**$10.00**

Riding the bus gives kids the freedom to get around in the summer. The Student Summer Bus Pass is a great way for K-12 students to get to the pool, the library, community centers, parks, and shopping.

It is easier than ever to purchase the Student Summer Bus Pass. The bus passes are available at many locations around town including:

- Dillons stores
- Hy-Vee stores
- The Merc
- City Hall
- Community Building
- East Lawrence Rec Center
- Holcom Rec Center
- Sports Pavilion Lawrence
- Indoor Aquatic Center
- Outdoor Aquatic Center

With the spring, summer and fall passes, K-12 students can receive discounted bus service year round.

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