



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

Langston Hughes



City of Lawrence

The Flame | February 2022

Compost Facility to open for season on March 5

The City of Lawrence Compost Facility reopens to the public for the 2022 season on Saturday, March 5. The facility, located at 1420 E. 11th St., which is east of 11th St. and Haskell Ave. and over the railroad tracks, will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays until December 10 (weather permitting).

The compost facility offers an important service to our community members as it allows you both to drop off yard waste and purchase compost or woodchips for use in your own yard. Compost consists of decayed organic matter and has been proven to be extremely successful as a natural soil amendment. Lawrence Community Compost is made from the yard trimmings and small woody debris collected curbside on Monday

mornings, as well as grass clippings, leaves, and woody debris from some commercial lawn care providers.

As we (hopefully) near the end of winter and residents get started with spring yard work, you may have a need to dispose of brush and yard waste. You can drop off brush, leaves, grass clippings, garden waste and prunings from trees and shrubs, at the compost facility.

It costs \$10 per pickup truck load (more for larger trucks). Materials not accepted at the Compost Facility include lumber, pallets, sod, stones, rope, fill dirt, food waste, metal and plastic.

Residents can also purchase compost or woodchips at the facility. Most Saturdays, the compost and woodchips must be self-loaded, and residents

must bring a shovel. The cost is \$10 per pickup truck load (more for larger trucks). If a resident is interested in self-loading small quantities, like a small bag or a plastic tote, that is free.

City staff will only be on-hand to help load compost and woodchips on these Saturdays (open normal hours):

- Saturday, April 2
- Saturday, May 7
- Saturday, June 4
- Saturday, July 2
- Saturday, Aug. 6
- Saturday, Sept. 3
- Saturday, Oct. 1

More information is on our website: lawrenceks.org/swm/compost-facility

Compost Facility Guidelines

Customers must bring their own tools (e.g., shovels, pitchforks) to load and unload.

Personal motorized loading equipment (e.g., skid steer) is not allowed.

Gates to the facility will close promptly at 2 p.m. All customers must be out of the facility by closing time.

Do NOT stop on the railroad tracks while waiting to enter the facility.

All transactions are CASH ONLY. Please bring exact change.

Absolutely no bills larger than \$20 will be accepted.



Changes to holiday solid waste collection

In alignment with the City's Strategic Plan, and more specifically, to focus on our commitment to engaged and empowered teams, we have made changes to the City's policies regarding holiday solid waste collection services.

The new policy applies to the current City-observed holidays as well as any additional holidays observed by the City in the future. The current City-observed holidays include New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

All residential customers are encouraged to sign up for service reminders to ensure they never miss a collection day. You can select what type of reminder to get, including push notifications to your mobile device, emails, phone calls or text messages.

To sign up for reminders, visit lawrenceks.org/swm/service-reminder or download the Lawrence Waste & Recycling app from the App Store for Apple Devices or the Google Play Store for Android Devices.

Changes for Residential Customers

The following changes will occur to residential solid waste collections on holiday weeks:

- No yard waste collections during the holiday week
- No bulk item pick-ups during the holiday week
- No roll-off services on the holiday or Saturday of the holiday week

- No cart swaps, deliveries, or maintenance on the holiday or Saturday of the holiday week

The following collection schedule will apply to residential customers for the remaining City holidays in 2022:

Week of Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan. 16-22), President's Day (Feb. 20-26), Memorial Day (May 29 - June 4), Independence Day (July 3-9) & Labor Day (Sept. 4-10):

- Regular Monday customers will have collections on Tuesday
- Regular Tuesday customers will have collections on Wednesday
- Regular Wednesday customers will have collections on Thursday
- Regular Thursday customers will have collections on Friday
- Regular Friday customers will have collections on Saturday

Week of Thanksgiving (Nov. 20-26):

- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday customers will have collections on regularly scheduled days
- Regular Thursday customers will have collections on Friday
- Regular Friday customers will have collections on Saturday

Week of Christmas 2022 (Dec. 25-31) and New Year's Day 2023 (Jan. 1-7, 2023):

- Regular Monday customers will have collections on Tuesday
- Regular Tuesday customers will have collections on Wednesday
- Regular Wednesday customers will have collections on Thursday
- Regular Thursday customers will have collections on Friday
- Regular Friday customers will have collections on Saturday



City updates Snow and Ice Control Policy

The City of Lawrence Municipal Services & Operations Department has reviewed and updated the City's Snow and Ice Control Policy. The review of the policy clearly establishes roadway classifications for prioritization during snow and ice events and updates the level of service to provide efficient and cost-effective means for snow and ice control.

All city roadways are classified as either a priority roadway or residential area roadway. During a winter weather event, priority roadways are treated first

before crews move into the residential areas. Treating priority roadways first ensures the routes that carry the greatest number of travelers are clear for emergency, fire, police and transit vehicle access.

City snow and ice control operations will occur in the roadways classified as residential areas after snowfall accumulation reaches two inches or more, or when icing occurs.

The snow and ice control plan does not intend that City crews remove all snow and ice accumulations from all City

streets. When conditions are favorable, streets will be de-iced to the bare pavement, but this will not be feasible during most winter weather events.

The City made these changes in the prioritization and level of service to ensure more efficient use of resources and to emphasize a city-wide approach.

For more information on snow and ice control operations, including roadway prioritization maps, traffic cameras and more, visit lawrenceks.org/snow.



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