

City Snow Operations Get Snow Info When You Need it Most

During the 2013-2014 winter season, Lawrence recorded 30-inches of snowfall over the course of 13 different snow events. The city used 4,500 tons of salt and sand each and pre-treated roadways with over 68,000 gallons of saltwater brine. This year, the city is prepared again for the snow. Are you?

Before you leave, make sure you're connected to the city, or another source, to get road conditions, weather forecasts and cancellation information. The city uses Twitter, Facebook, the city website (www.lawrenceks.org/snow) and e-mail notices for communicating about snow operations. Connect with us to get up-to-date information when snow begins to fall in Lawrence.



Downtown Holiday Lights Spread Cheer, Save Energy

The 78,000 holiday light bulbs that light up our downtown blocks aren't just good for spreading holiday cheer. They are also saving the city considerable energy and money!

Over the past few years, the Parks and Recreation Department has transitioned all of the downtown holiday lights to LEDs. LEDs are exceptionally energy efficient, using up to 90% less energy than an incandescent bulb to produce the same amount of light. Plus, the bulbs last up to 10 times longer than standard bulbs, saving the city money on replacement costs. This year, the city will save approximately \$43,000 in avoided energy costs by using LEDs rather than traditional incandescent bulbs in our holiday lights.

These LED holiday lights are available for Lawrence residents too! Check out the EnergySTAR holiday lighting list. Earning the ENERGY STAR means products meet strict energy efficiency guidelines set by the US Environmental Protection Agency, see www.energystar.gov/products/certified-products/detail/decorative-light-strings.

Solar Panels to be Installed at Prairie Park Nature Center

Prairie Park Nature Center will soon be utilizing free electricity produced by the sun. The solar PV array will generate approximately 15,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity per year, saving the city \$1,300 in avoided utility costs. The solar array will offset 20% of the energy used by the Nature Center.

This project is funded by a grant from Westar Energy's Solar Photovoltaic Project. The Prairie Park Nature Center was selected in this competitive grant process to highlight the benefits of solar energy and to educate the public on renewable energy technologies.

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Tree-Cycling Collection Schedule

'Tis almost the season to recycle your old Christmas tree. Recycling your tree following the holidays is a great way to return it to nature.



Lawrence residents may place live-cut trees at the curb or alley by 6:00 a.m. on Monday, December 29 and Monday, January 5 for collection.

The trees will be used for wildlife habitat. Please remove all artificial items including tinsel, lights, ornaments and tree stands. For more information, visit www.LawrenceRecycles.org.

2015 Trash & Recycling Schedule

New Year's Day - Jan. 1

Thursday and Friday residential trash and recycling routes delayed by one day. Thursday collection occurs on Friday and Friday collection on Saturday.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Jan. 19

No change

Presidents' Day - Feb. 16

No change

Memorial Day - May 25

There will be no yard waste collection this week.

Independence Day -

Observed on July 3

No change. Friday collection occurs on Friday.

Labor Day - September 7

There will be no yard waste collection this week.

Thanksgiving Day - Nov. 26

Thursday residential customers living north of 23rd St./Clinton Pkwy will have their trash and recycling picked up on Tuesday, Nov. 24 and those living south of 23rd St./Clinton Pkwy will have their trash and recycling picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 25. Note: Only recycling week #2 customers who live west of Kasold Drive will be affected.

Day after Thanksgiving -

Nov. 27

No change. Friday collection occurs on Friday.

Christmas Day -

December 25

Friday residential trash and recycling routes delayed by one day. Friday collection occurs on Saturday.

Review and print your personalized service calendar at www.LawrenceRecycles.org.

FAQ'S Did You Know?

Rapid Rainwater Reduction Program



The Lawrence Utilities Department continues to move forward on the Rapid Rainwater Reduction Program or EcoFlow Program. As Phase I nears completion, crews will begin activities in Phase II, including manhole inspections, smoke testing of the sanitary sewer, and private plumbing evaluations. Phase I included two areas. These areas include a focus area between Harper and Haskell and north of 23rd Street and a smaller area northwest of the KU campus. Phase II will focus on an area generally bounded by Haskell to the east, 23rd Street to the South, Connecticut/Barker to the west, and the Kansas River to the north. The program will continue to move west through the City in future phases.

The program identifies and repairs places where excess water enters the sanitary sewer system through manhole leaks, sewer line cracks, and private plumbing defects. The excess rainwater uses capacity in the pipe and treatment plant. Not only is removal of excess water required by regulation, but it will also avoid the need to build larger treatment facilities.

TREKK Design Group, the City's consultant for this program, has spent the last few months evaluating private properties in order to locate rainwater sources. The private property repairs are completed by several area plumbers under contract with the City. The program pays the cost for homeowners to remove qualifying sources that allow excess water to enter the sanitary sewer. The City has worked closely with the homeowners and residents to correct the defects. Property owners and residents in the Phase II focus area will be receiving program information in the mail and will be invited to one of several upcoming open houses. Property owners and residents will be contacted to schedule a private property plumbing evaluation. If you live in the Phase area, look for this project logo and our crews soon.

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