

June
2014

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

Langston Hughes

Lawrence is a Fireworks-Free City

Celebrate the holiday with family and friends, minus the fireworks.

Since 2002, the city has been a firework-free zone. Our local ordinance states the use, possession, handling and sale of fireworks are prohibited within the city. An exception to this ordinance is for fireworks for display in supervised public displays

Several acceptable items classified as "novelty items" are allowed for family celebrations. The list of novelty items includes party poppers, snappers, snakes, sparklers, toy caps and toy smoke devices.

Fireworks pose a fire hazard to property and present a safety hazard to those who use them. The Lawrence Police Department and Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical Department ask that residents, and their guests, refrain from using fireworks at their 4th of July celebrations. The city can issue citations for violations of the fireworks ordinance.

For information on the city's fireworks ordinance, visit www.lawrenceks.org/fireworks. Remember to put your health and safety first this 4th of July. Enjoy your burgers, brats, snow cones and watermelon - and enjoy a long three-day weekend this year.



Lawrence
CITY LIMITS
FIREWORKS-FREE ZONE
Same Great City - Only Safer!

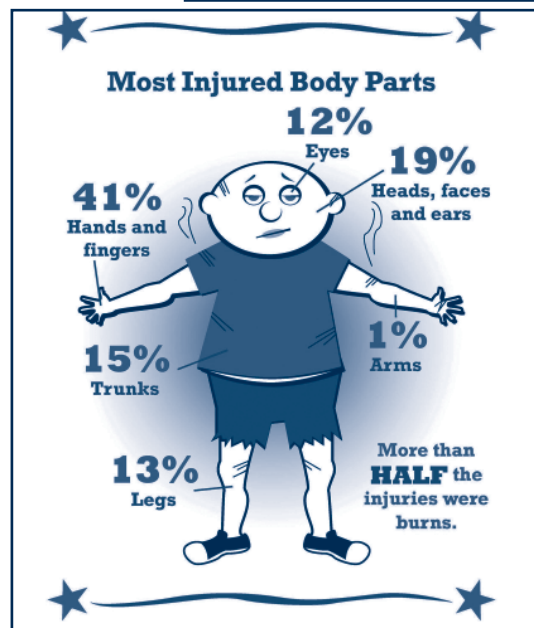
City ordinance prohibits the sale, use, possession and display of fireworks except for professional fireworks shows.

Fireworks Injuries

Fireworks. They are synonymous with our celebration of Independence Day. Yet, the thrill of fireworks can also bring pain, and even death. In 2012, CPSC staff conducted a study of fireworks injuries from June 22 through July 22. Here's what we learned.

- ★ **200** people on average go to the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the July 4th holiday.
- ★ **60%** of these fireworks injuries in 2012 occurred during the month surrounding July 4th.
- ★ **Illegal and homemade fireworks** were involved in all **6** fireworks-related **deaths** reported to CPSC in 2012.

Most Injured Body Parts



41%	Hands and fingers
12%	Eyes
19%	Heads, faces and ears
15%	Trunks
13%	Legs
1%	Arms

More than **HALF** the injuries were burns.

Images courtesy of the Consumer Product Safety Council.

4th of July Trash Schedule

The City of Lawrence Solid Waste Division will be collecting trash on Friday, July 4. There will be no changes to the trash schedule that week. Commercial and residential trash will be collected as usual.

Please remember to have your trash out at the curb by 7:00 a.m. to ensure pick-up.

Sign up for text notification reminders for Solid Waste services at www.lawrenceks.org/notify.



City-wide Rental Licensing Program Begins in 2015

The City of Lawrence cares about our residents and wants to ensure conditions in the rental units are safe and habitable. The city has enforced a rental licensing program for 12 years for units located in Single-Family Residential zoning. As of January 1, 2015, all other residential rental properties and dwelling units will be required to have a valid rental license. We want to provide you with information on how this program will affect you and your tenants.

STEP 1: Property owners will be required to submit an application to obtain a license from the city annually.

STEP 2: If an inspection on the property is due, the city will notify the owner to schedule an inspection and work to determine which units need to be inspected. Property owners and tenants should work together to obtain tenant consent for the inspection prior to the scheduled date.

STEP 3: If violations are found, the city will provide written notice to the owner and a time frame for correction. The city will follow up to reinspect properties to ensure compliance.

If you have questions about the Rental Licensing Program, please contact Development Services at (785) 832-3345 or www.lawrenceks.org/pds/rental-licensing.

Lawrence Public Library Grand Opening Announced!



Join us on July 26 to celebrate the grand re-opening of the Lawrence Public Library at 707 Vermont Street!

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:00 a.m., explore the new building, enjoy music in the atrium, attend special storytimes, and try checking out a book with our new technology!

Don't miss the ice cream social on the Library Lawn at 2:00 p.m., and a family night including an outdoor dinner and a movie starting at 7:00 p.m.

Safe Swimming...Come On In, the Water is Great!

Lawrence Parks and Recreation offers residents two ways to splish-splash this summer with the indoor and outdoor pool. Regardless of where you swim, make sure to take precautions to ensure that your day of fun is just that - FUN! Drowning is a real danger even for kids who can swim. Always stay in water where you feel comfortable swimming and never dive in unless the area is approved for diving. Here are a few other swim tips for the pool, beach or lake!



- If outdoors, always wear a high SPF sunscreen and re-apply every few hours or more.
- Always have an adult watch kids in the pool — even in your own backyard. Always call an adult or lifeguard if there is an emergency.
- Gates are around pools for a reason — to keep kids away from the water when there isn't a lifeguard or adult around to watch them. Never go through any pool gates when they are closed. Stay safe and stay out!
- Always obey pool rules.
- Swim with a buddy.
- If learning to swim, ask an adult to make sure flotation devices are Coast Guard approved.
- Walk slowly in the pool area. Don't run.
- Swim at a depth that is safe for your skills. If you're just learning to swim, stay in the shallow end.
- Don't push or jump on others. You could accidentally hurt someone or yourself.
- Toys to help you float come in many shapes and sizes (an inner tube, air mattress, or beach ball, for example). Although they're fun and can help you while you learn to swim, what they can't do is save a life.