



#### Safe Winter Walkways

Many Lawrence residents need help clearing sidewalks after winter storms, which is why the Safe Winter Walkways program exists. The program relies upon the support of volunteer shovelers — and we need more!

Volunteers are matched with residents needing assistance, and we make every effort to match volunteers with residents in their neighborhoods. All volunteers are asked to commit to the entire snow season and be willing to shovel after each winter weather event. Our volunteer sign-up form is online: [lawrenceks.gov/safe-winter-walkways](http://lawrenceks.gov/safe-winter-walkways)

#### OUR MISSION

We create a  
community where  
all enjoy life and  
feel at home.

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## City Prepares for Snow Season

You never know when winter weather is going to strike, so it's best to be prepared. Learn more about the City processes to make this winter go as smoothly as possible.

When snow hits, City crews follow the snow removal policy to get Lawrence streets cleared as quickly and safely as possible. You can view the policy, route maps, and live traffic cams online: [lawrenceks.gov/snow](http://lawrenceks.gov/snow).

As a reminder, **snow plowing operations are generally not effective if there are less than two inches of snow on the ground.**

City crews will typically spread sand and salt on the roadways for icy conditions and these small accumulations.

Snowclearing routes go from most-traveled to least-traveled streets. In general, crews will clear streets in this order:

- Arterials: High-capacity areas of travel, such as Iowa St. or 6th St.
- Collectors: Low to moderate-capacity streets that move traffic from local streets to arterials, such as Tennessee St. or Lawrence Ave.
- Areas around schools
- Local streets, such as residential streets and cul-de-sacs

The snow removal and ice control plan allows for 24-hour operations when necessary.

#### How to help when snow hits!

When snow accumulations reach two inches

deep, crews will begin to plow around cars that are left parked on the street. Any parked cars should be moved off the street prior to plowing operations. If not, the car's owner will be responsible for digging them out.

On residential streets you can also consider coordinating with neighbors to park on one side of the street, which will help plows navigate more efficiently.

Please note: Cul-de-sacs are especially difficult to clear with a snow plow. If you live on a cul-de-sac, please move parked cars off the street before snowfall to make snow removal easier for our crews.

A windrow of snow is what's left at the curb when city crews plow snow. Residents and businesses who need access to those drives will be responsible for removing the windrow after crews have plowed the street.

In addition to clearing City streets, it's important to clear sidewalks after snow events. City ordinance No. 8324 states that all property owners must clear their public sidewalks of snow and ice within 48 hours of a winter storm.

If removal of ice is impossible, the property owner or occupant is required to place sand on the sidewalk within 48 hours. This helps keep pathways safe for all Lawrence residents.

## Holiday Extravaganza Artisan Fair

The Holiday Extravaganza Artisan Fair is a fantastic opportunity to shop local for unique gifts. Discover treasures, including jewelry, paintings, textiles, pottery, home décor, and more, from talented local artists. Support community entrepreneurs while finding the perfect presents for everyone on your list!

The Holiday Extravaganza Artisan Fair will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6, at Sports Pavilion Lawrence (indoors). Event information is online: [lawrenceks.gov/lprd/specialevents/artsandcrafts](http://lawrenceks.gov/lprd/specialevents/artsandcrafts)



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**9 a.m. — 4 p.m.  
Saturday, December 6**

Featuring goods from local artisans such as jewelry, paintings, textiles, pottery, home décor, and much more from community entrepreneurs!

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## Beware the FOG

### How to properly dispose of Fats, Oils and Grease

In the plumbing world, the day after Thanksgiving is known as “Brown Friday.” It is one of the busiest days of the year for plumbers because of the multitude of people improperly disposing of FOG (fats, oils, and grease) from their Thanksgiving meals.

But Thanksgiving isn’t the only dangerous time — FOG is plentiful throughout the holiday season.

FOG is dangerous because it creates clogs that can back up sewage into your street, yard, or home — and can even send it spilling

into a neighborhood stream! Think of it this way: If it can clog arteries in the body, then it will probably clog the sewer pipe.

This year, you can avoid a clogged drain or sewer line in your home by following these tips for disposing of FOG:

- Never put food scraps (solid or liquid) down the drain, into the toilet or grind them in the garbage disposal.
- Use a mesh drain strainer in your sink to catch solid food scraps for disposal in a trash can.
- Pour sauces, milkshakes, gravy, pan drippings and other liquid food scraps into a sealed container and place the container in the trash.
- Scrape plates over the trash can to remove food scraps.
- Never pour oils and fats down the drain. Instead, place it into a container with a lid so it can be reused, recycled, or placed in the trash can for disposal.
- Recycle used and unused oil through the Lawrence/Douglas County Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

For more information on how to properly handle FOG, visit [lawrenceks.gov/mso/fog](http://lawrenceks.gov/mso/fog).

## Holiday Solid Waste Collection: Altered Schedules for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day

Starting this year, the City of Lawrence solid waste collection schedule is only changed for three holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. This means there will be no solid waste collection on:

- Thursday, Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving)
- Thursday, Dec. 25 (Christmas)
- Thursday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day)

For each of these holiday weeks, households with regular Thursday collection will have collection on Friday; and households with regular Friday collection will have collection on Saturday.

This year, there will be no change in schedule for households with regular collection on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

Additionally, there is no yard waste collection or bulk item pick-ups during the holiday weeks.

Christmas tree collection will not begin until the week of January 5, 2026. For tree collection, live cut trees will be collected along with yard waste (no plastic or fake trees, please). You can leave whole trees at the curb or cut and bundle them.

## Holiday Solid Waste Schedule for Residential Customers

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday, Nov. 27 Thursday, Dec. 25 Thursday, Jan. 1	Friday, Nov. 28 Friday, Dec. 26 Friday, Jan. 2	Saturday, Nov. 29 Saturday, Dec. 27 Saturday, Jan. 3
No change. Regular Monday collection happens today.	No change. Regular Tuesday collection happens today.	No change. Regular Wednesday collection happens today.	No residential solid waste collection.	Regular Thursday collection happens today.	Regular Friday collection happens today.

Please note: There are no yard waste collections or bulk item pick-ups throughout the holiday week.