

Pilot program for yard waste collection during winter months

The city's yard waste collection program runs March through mid-December (the growing season). In January and February there is usually little to no yard waste. Due to the warmer weekends this winter, trash collection crews have seen an increase in yard waste set out at the curb.

As a result of the increase in yard waste set out, and in effort to keep this material out of the landfill, the city began a pilot program on Monday, January 27th to collect yard waste separate from trash for the remaining winter months. Residents may request a special yard waste pick-up by completing an online form available at www.lawrenceks.org/swm or by calling the Solid Waste Division at 832-3032. The special pick-up service will be available until March when the city-wide residential Monday yard waste collection begins.



During the first three days of the pilot program, approximately 300 residents requested a special yard waste pickup. Residents were asked how they heard about the pilot program. See results below:



The Solid Waste Division received a lot of positive feedback for the yard waste collection pilot program (see comments in the next two pages).

<u>Date</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1/24/2014	Krishtalka	I think this is a great service idea!
1/25/2014	Jacobson	Not only have the weekends been warm, there are more leaves this year than in the 10 years I've lived here -- due I assume to the rain last summer. I greatly appreciate this service.
1/25/2014	Metzger	I appreciate receiving the email telling me of this service.
1/26/2014	Henry	Thanks so much for this. We have several large pin oaks & leaf fall was even later than usual.
1/26/2014	Boeck	Thank you.
1/26/2014	Bouska	Thanks.
1/26/2014	Wagner	Will do. Thanks for the quick response.
1/26/2014	Baumchen	Great idea to start early, thank you.
1/26/2014	Snell	Thank you for starting this pilot program.
1/26/2014	Graves	Thanks for this program.
1/26/2014	Moody	Thanks for picking up yard waste in the winter.
1/26/2014	Lake	Thank you! I really appreciate the service.
1/26/2014	Wagner	Thanks for having this pilot. Resident is elderly and not able to get leaves done by Dec.
1/26/2014	Oberzan	Thank you!
1/26/2014	Young	Thank you!
1/27/2014	Harrington	Great Idea.
1/27/2014	Tramba	Thanks....we certainly appreciate all the services provided to us....and, the courtesy always displayed by your crews!
1/27/2014	Weaver	Thanks for adding this service. Lots of leaves came down after the final pickup.
1/27/2014	Miller	Thank you very much.
1/27/2014	Case	Thank you for this awesome service! We SINCERELY appreciate it. And bravo on the webform request - very convenient!
1/27/2014	Harpstrite	Thank you!
1/27/2014	Dixon	Thank you. It is considerate of the City to provide this prior to regular pickups.
1/27/2014	Kehde	Thank you.
1/27/2014	Case	Thank you. I just submitted the request form and sincerely appreciate you offering this service. Thanks again!
1/27/2014	Connelly	Thanks to the folks at LSW for doing this, especially on such a cold morning. This was a great idea.
1/27/2014	Cragg	Thank you. That's good service!
1/28/2014	Marsh	I will have three or four cans of yard waste ready for pick up. Thank you!
1/28/2014	Earl	Pretty happy with service.

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1/28/2014	McElhenie	As a citizen, I appreciate this Pilot program. I also appreciate the hard work that those men and women do on their regular routes. They also have always been polite and in good humor.
1/28/2014	Willoughby	Thank you.
1/28/2014	Warrick	Thanks. They got it.
1/28/2014	Bechtel	Thank you for the pick up this morning.
1/28/2014	Henry	Thanks. It was great to get those bags of leaves taken away.
1/28/2014	Inman	I wanted to let you know that the request form seemed easy to use. Looks like a good system.
1/28/2014	Maynard-Moody	This is a great service. Thanks so much.
1/29/2014	Hodgesmith	<p>Worked perfectly as my neighbors at 1009 also will use this service opportunity. I very, very much appreciate this pilot opportunity. Our neighborhood has wonderful, mature trees, but they are of a vareity that have leaves falling throughout the period fall through late spring. The result of this is we are always bagging leaves, regardless of good weather or not.</p> <p>It stressed me to know they would go into the landfill instead of into a composting process, so this pilot program is just another reason I appreciate living in Lawrence. I lived for many years in Topeka and driving the streets seeing huge piles of plastic bagged yard waste made my teeth grind....</p>
1/29/2014	Willoughby	Thanks so much.