

**April
2014**

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

Langston Hughes

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Trash Days Changing for Some Residents

50% of trash routes will change in May

Starting on May 6, the City of Lawrence Solid Waste Division will implement new residential trash collection routes. Half of our residential customers will be assigned a different day of the week for trash collection. The other 50% will not experience a trash day change.

For years, residential trash has been collected weekly on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday with the city split into three sections representing each day of collection. For the new trash collection routes starting in May, the city will be split in four sections and residential trash will be collected weekly on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. See the map of new trash routes below.

A new interactive residential trash collection map is posted at www.lawrenceks.org/swm. On this website, residents may search for their trash day by entering their house address.

The goal in restructuring the residential trash routes is to create efficiencies in collection and to define route size areas that will be able to be serviced by trash and recycling trucks on the same day. Residential curbside recycling collection will begin this fall.

Yard waste collection: The yard waste collection routes will not change. Monday will continue to be the yard waste collection day for all residential customers.

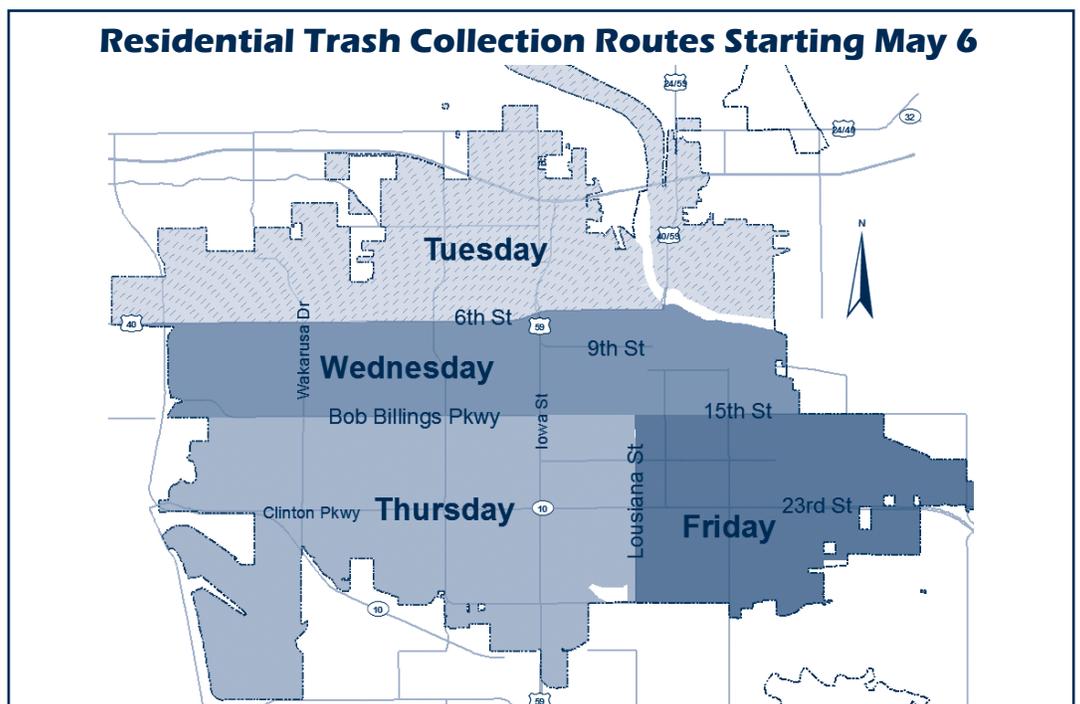
Curbside recycling collection: Starting on October 21, the Solid Waste Division will begin curbside recycling service for all residential single-family and multi-family customers. The City Commission adopted an ordinance establishing this residential recycling collection service in April 2013. As required by state law, collection service could not commence for a period of at least 18-months from the adoption of the ordinance. For information on trash, yard waste and recycling collection, visit www.lawrenceks.org/swm.



Guidelines for Trash Collection

- Set out trash in the cart provided by the city by 7:00 a.m. on your designated trash collection day. Make sure the cart lid is closed. Remove empty carts from the curb within 24-hours.
- Place the cart within 3-feet of the street or alley. Do not block sidewalks or driveways. Maintain a clear path to the cart and keep cart at least 3-feet away from other carts, mailboxes, low hanging tree branches, parked cars or utility poles so trucks can easily access the cart.
- Sawdust, fireplace ashes (cool for one week), cat litter and other loose material must be in sealed boxes or bags and then placed inside the trash cart.
- Place household sharps (e.g. needles) in a puncture-proof container such as an old detergent bottle or coffee can. Secure lid with tape, label the container “sharps,” and place inside the trash cart.

Residential Trash Collection Routes Starting May 6



Did You Know?



Now that your lawn is starting to grow and weekends are filled with yard clean-up check out some helpful tips to keep our storm drains from clogging and water running freely.

Yard waste entering storm drains or streams increases the risk of flooding and adds pollutants to the environment. Leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste should be composted or placed in a can, city cart (trash cart or yard waste cart) or compostable paper yard waste bag for Monday curbside pick-up. Don't blow/rake leaves and grass clippings out to the street. Yard waste should not be placed in or near streams and creeks since it can clog the stormwater system.

Think of everyday ways you can help cut down on pollution and prevent clogs in our stormwater system. Here are some easy examples:

- Don't litter.
- Contain your curbside trash so that it won't leak, fall over or blow around.
- Take a walk to pick up litter and debris before it rains.
- Sweep your garage and driveway into a dustpan rather than into the street.
- Don't pitch cigarettes out the car window.
- Repair vehicle or equipment leaks.
- Wash your car in the grass or in a covered carwash station.
- Take all of your unwanted paint, chemicals, cleaners, fuels, pesticides and hazardous waste to the Lawrence/Douglas County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Call 832-3030 to schedule a drop-off appointment for your household hazardous waste
- If you choose to use lawn chemicals, don't over apply.
- Don't over water your lawn.
- Clean up after your pet before it rains.
- Don't dump anything into the storm drain system.

For more information on stormwater management, visit www.lawrenceks.org/public_works/stormwater.



2014 Holiday Schedule for Trash & Yard Waste

Monday, May 26th – Memorial Day

There will be no yard waste collection this week.

Friday, July 4th – Independence Day

No change. Friday collection occurs on Friday.

Monday, September 1st – Labor Day

There will be no yard waste collection this week.

Thursday, November 27th – Thanksgiving Day

Thursday residential customers living north of 23rd St/Clinton Pkwy will have their trash and recycling picked up on Tuesday, Nov. 25th and those living south of 23rd St/Clinton Pkwy will have their trash and recycling picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 26th. Friday collection occurs on Friday.

Thursday, December 25th – Christmas Day &

Thursday, January 1st – New Year's Day

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

Fair Housing - Know Your Rights

The signs of discrimination may be subtle. Be an informed buyer or renter and know your rights. Federal, state and local fair housing laws prohibit discrimination in housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability and familial status. As an added protection, the City of Lawrence prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.



The City of Lawrence is committed to ensuring fair housing practices are upheld in Lawrence. The Lawrence Human Relations Division is now located at Municipal Court,

1006 New Hampshire. Call us at (785) 832-3310 or e-mail humanrelations@lawrenceks.org.

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