

Compost Facility Expands Programming

Facility to open on Saturdays for Drop-Off

and Sale of Compost and Woodchips

In 2014, the city's Wood Recovery and Compost Facility located at 1420 E. 11th Street, which is east of 11th and Haskell Avenue, over the railroad tracks will be open to the public on Saturdays, March through mid-December, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the following:

1. Residents may drop-off brush and other yard waste which includes leaves, grass clippings, garden waste and prunings from trees and shrubs. Cost: \$5 per pickup truck load (more for larger trucks). Cash only.

2. Residents may purchase compost or woodchips. Self-load only, bring a shovel. Cost: \$10 per pickup truck load (more for larger trucks). Cash only.

Residential curbside collection of yard waste will begin on Monday, March 3 (weather permitting). If you do not mulch mow or compost your yard waste at home, or simply have too much to manage, the city's Solid Waste Division will pick it up on Monday mornings through mid-December, except on holidays. Set out yard waste by 6:00 a.m. on Mondays only in cans, city carts (trash carts or yard waste carts) or compostable paper yard waste bags. Bundles are also accepted (must not exceed 5-feet in length or 18-inches in diameter; must not weigh more than 65-pounds). Bundles must be tied with durable string or twine (please do not use wire, duct tape, etc.). For a complete list of yard waste collection guidelines and to purchase a yard waste cart, please visit www.lawrenceks.org/swm.

This spring the city will hold a Sale Event for compost and woodchips at the city's Wood Recovery and Composting Facility on Thursday through Saturday, March 27, 28, 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (the city will load trucks and trailers; \$10 per bucket load/two cubic yards). The sale will be held rain or shine. Cash only. Compost and woodchips are not intended for commercial applications but rather for the citizens of Lawrence. Dump truck quantities are not allowed. The city cannot load trucks with ladder racks. For more information about the compost and woodchip sales, visit www.lawrenceks.org/swm.



KU 'Big Event' Seeking Service Projects

The Big Event is a KU student organization that connects the KU campus with the Lawrence community. Thousands of students, faculty, and staff volunteers to work at hundreds of local job sites during one day of service. Volunteers provide a helping hand to residents by completing various projects. In the past years, volunteers have helped paint fences, rake leaves, wash windows, along with many other projects.

The fourth annual event is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2014. Registration for residents wishing to submit service requests can be found on the Big Event website at www.bigeventku.com under "online job request". Any Lawrence resident who is not a KU student can apply to receive volunteers, regardless of need.

If you have any questions about how to register, please contact: Lauren Fleming and Allison Dittimore, Outreach Co-Chairs, by e-mail at bigeventku.outreach@gmail.com.



Go Mobile! The City of Lawrence recently redesigned our website at www.lawrenceks.org. The site is now fully responsive to the type of device you are using to access the site - tablet, desktop PC or mobile phone. The city offers many interactive services through the website including options to pay your water bill, submit a code violation, apply for city jobs, apply for various licenses and permits and sign-up for e-mails about city news and activities.



Watch Our Video! Did you know the City of Lawrence produces a monthly video segment, "Lawrence In Focus," which highlights different aspects of city government projects, programs and events that impact the Lawrence community. Watch it online at www.lawrenceks.org/in-focus or follow our channel on YouTube at lawrenceksvideo.

Lawrence Police Recruitment Testing Offered



The Lawrence Police Department is now accepting applications for the 35th Basic Recruit Academy. Currently we are holding application testing on the following dates:

- Saturday, February 22 - 9:00 a.m.
- Saturday, March 1 - 9:00 a.m.
- Saturday, March 8 - 9:00 a.m.

The testing will be held at South Middle School, 2734 Louisiana Street. To be eligible for the testing you must first complete an on-line application through the City of Lawrence. To apply go to www.lawrenceks.org/jobs and click "search city jobs". Complete the profile and answer the questionnaire/survey. Make sure to designate a date for testing. You will also have the option to attach a resume. Once your application has been processed, you will receive a confirmation e-mail with additional information for the testing.

For more information, go to our website at www.lawrenceks.org/police or contact the Training Unit at (785) 830-7410 or trainingunit@lkpd.org. The deadline for applications is March 7.

Utility Department's Rapid Rainwater Reduction Program Moving Forward

The Lawrence Utilities Department continues to move forward on the Rapid Rainwater Reduction Program. The program will remove excessive rain water entering the sanitary sewers. Rain water uses capacity in the sanitary sewers and at the treatment plant. Removal of excess rain water is required by regulation and will eliminate costly facility improvements in the future.

City staff has been working with TREKK Design Group for the last few months inspecting the sanitary sewer system in the West Hills and Brook Creek Neighborhoods. The next phase of the project will include evaluating private properties in the selected neighborhoods to locate improper connections to the sanitary sewer. The city will work closely with the property owner and resident to locate and correct the defects. The city plans on paying the costs to remove eligible rain water sources located on private property.



The city is rolling-out a new logo so residents can identify activities associated with the program. As this eight-year program moves forward and expands into other neighborhoods, program signs, brochures, and personnel will have the ecoflow logo (above). If you live in the current area of work, look for this project logo and our crews soon.

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