

## **SOLID WASTE HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE**

'Tis the season of giving! On Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting), the City's Solid Waste Division crews will be picking up new, unwrapped toys for donation along the regularly scheduled yard waste collection routes. All toys collected will be donated to the Lawrence Police Department's Blue Santa Program. Residents may set out donation items next to their yard waste on either Monday. If residents do not wish to set out toys at the curb, they may drop off donation items directly at any Toys for Tots collection bins. Note, if yard waste collection is cancelled due to inclement weather on December 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>, the toy collection will not occur either. Instructions will be posted with the notice of service cancellation at [www.lawrenceks.org/swm](http://www.lawrenceks.org/swm).

## **COMPOST FACILITY SATURDAY HOURS END DECEMBER 12TH**

Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> will be the last Saturday this year the City's Wood Recovery and Compost Facility will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the following:

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

The facility is located at 1420 E. 11th Street (east of 11th and Haskell Avenue, over the railroad tracks).

In March 2016, the facility will re-open to the public on Saturdays.

## **CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF YARD WASTE ENDS FOR SEASON**

Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> (weather permitting) will be the last day of separate yard waste collection for the 2015 calendar year. Yard waste collected on Mondays is transported to the City's Wood Recovery and Composting Facility and converted into compost for beneficial use by our citizens and city landscaping needs.

Yard waste collection will resume on Monday, March 7, 2016 (weather permitting). During the interim, yard waste will be picked up with regular household trash.

Alternatives to setting out yard waste for curbside collection are mulch mowing and backyard composting. Backyard composting bins are available for sale to Lawrence residents receiving residential trash service from the City of Lawrence by calling (785) 832-3030.

## **SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHANGES OVER CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS**

There will be no residential trash and recycling collection on Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> due to the Christmas Day holiday and Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> due to the New Year's Day holiday. During these two weeks, the residential trash and recycling collection routes for Friday will be delayed by one day, moving Friday routes to Saturday collection.

## **CHRISTMAS "TREE-CYCLING" COLLECTION DATES SET**

Recycling your Christmas tree following the holidays is a great way to return it to nature. Lawrence residents may place live-cut trees at the curb or alley by 6:00 a.m. on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> for collection. The trees will be used for wildlife habitat. Please remove all artificial items including tinsel, lights, ornaments and tree stands.