



# City of Lawton



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Water meter readings are taken around the 20th day of each month.  
Invoices for water, sewer, garbage and landfill are sent on the 1st of each month.  
These invoices are delinquent if not paid by the 20th of that same month.  
A \$25.00 Late Fee will be assessed on all delinquent accounts.

The star indicates "Recycle Day" (Use Gray/Pink carts, or small green tubs only)



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Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

			1	2 Garbage & Yard Waste	3 All City Offices Closed- Holiday	4 Independence Day
5	6	7 ★ <small>City Council Meeting 5:00 p.m.</small>	8 <small>Community Coffee 9:30- 11 a.m. Friendship Center</small>	9 Garbage & Yard Waste	10	11
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19	20 Water bills due today	21 ★	22 <small>Community Coffee 9:30- 11 a.m. Friendship Center</small>	23 Garbage & Yard Waste	24	25
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### \*\*\*BIG CHANGES IN GARBAGE AND YARD\*\*\*

### \*\*\*\*\*WASTE DISPOSAL STARTING IN JULY\*\*\*\*\*

*AFTER ALL THESE YEARS OF TELLING you that yard waste could not go in your garbage cart, things are changing and here's why...*

The City of Lawton has just signed a new two year contract with Dakota Sanitation, LLC for garbage services. Along with that comes a big change in how yard waste is handled. Dakota Sanitation allows yard waste to be comingled with your household trash in the SAME CART. There will no longer be "YARD WASTE" containers for \$10 per month. If you have a yard waste cart, and no longer want it, because you have room in your regular trash container, please contact City Hall for removal of the yard waste cart. If you STILL NEED two containers, you may keep your Yard Waste Cart but the cost will go up to \$16 per month as it will be treated as a second garbage cart. Please inform City Hall of your choice.

#### Reminder to property owners in Lawton

Grass needs to be cut and weeds destroyed before they have exceeded 12" in height before they bloom or seed, and in any event, by the 15th day of the month from May through October. Failure to comply will result in the City ordering the work to be done and the cost billed to the landowner.





## LOVE US? THEN GET US LICENSED...

PET LICENSES EXPIRE JULY 1ST, 2015. GET YOUR NEW PET LICENSES TODAY. BRING IN YOUR PET'S CURRENT RABIES CERTIFICATE TO OBTAIN A NEW LICENSE. ALL CATS AND DOGS OVER 6 MONTHS OF AGE MUST BE LICENSED. THE NEW PENALTY IS \$3 PER PET FOR THE FIRST MONTH (AUGUST) AND \$25 PER PET FOR EACH MONTH THEREAFTER UNTIL LICENSED.

*Why are we so insistent on having all cats & dogs licensed in our City? We want to be sure that all cats & dogs are current on their rabies vaccinations. This should be important to you as a family, but it is also important to your neighbors and friends, and any one else who may come in contact with the pet. The pet license tag also helps us identify your pet and allows us to contact you if your pet is at large and found, BEFORE THEY ARE TAKEN TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY.*

## SUMMER BUILDING PROJECTS ON THE AGENDA?

**When must I get a permit?** Permits are needed for new homes, additions, garages, storage sheds, carports, concrete driveways, patios and sidewalks, steps, decks, retaining walls, pergolas, fences, in ground pools, etc. This list is not inclusive. If you are not sure, contact City Hall. Get a building permit from City Hall or go on online to our web page [lawtoniowa.com](http://lawtoniowa.com). ( Go to City Information, Additional information, the permit link is located in the lower right hand corner of the page.)

After completing the building permit application, prepare a drawing of your project on a plot plan showing your measurements to the property lines. Bring the completed application and plan to City Hall along with the permit fee. The building permit committee will review your application. You will be notified when the permit is approved and ready for pickup.

**Set back requirements** for residential are 25' from the front property line (not the street), 4' from the side yard lines, and 4' from the rear lot lines . The set back is measured from the outside edge of the overhang to the property line. Don't just guess where your property lines are—this could be a **very costly** mistake. Locate your lot pins at the corners of your property.

**What if I want to build a fence?** You always need to be able to maintain both sides of your fence without being on your neighbor's property. It is wise to place it inside your property lines, and allowing space for mowing, repairing, staining or painting. If you wish to build on the property line, you will need to have your neighbor sign your permit as a co-applicant. Be especially courteous when planning a fence installation, as this could be a point of contention with your neighbor if not discussed ahead of time.

**What if I'm in a flood plain?** Your ability to do certain types of construction are limited if you are in the Flood Plain. A map is located in City Hall that shows the Flood Plain areas, or you can pull it up on IowaAssessors.com web-site. You may be directed to contact IA Dept. of Natural Resources regarding a Flood Plain Development Application/ Permit.

### **How long is my permit good for?**

Projects must be started within 120 days of issuance of permit, and permits expire after one year. As always, be sure to **call 811 for Iowa One Call** for locates prior to doing any digging.



## AUGUST 1ST LAWTON FAMILY GROUP IS BRINGING THE CULPEPPER MERRIWEATHER

Tented Circus Advance Ticket Sales- Pronto, Security Nat'l Bank, Memories, & Movable 4-way Stop Shop \$10 Adult & \$6 children 2-12  
Monday, July 27th the Clown will be visiting Tara Way Park @ 2:15pm  
(F.A.M.I.L.Y. Group will also be there with tickets)  
Saturday, Aug. 1st shows at 2 & 4:30pm at the Old School Site in Lawton  
Lions, Acrobats, Clowns & More



## TREE TRIMMING REMINDER....

Trees should be trimmed to a height of 15' about the street and 8' above the sidewalks. The adjacent property owner is responsible to trim the trees. Trees and shrubs should never block a clear view of intersections, or traffic signs. Thank you for taking the time to examine your trees and maintain them.