



# 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 10% Late Fee will be assessed on all delinquent accounts.

## Recycle Tubs or Recycle Carts...



Several of you have already replied with your preference of a recycle cart (right) or continuing to use the green recycle tubs (left). Thank you to all of you that have responded either via email or over the counter. Your comments have all been documented and Council is taking a hard look at the responses.



At the January council meeting, it was again discussed about the city possibly purchasing the carts and providing one to each household. Council asked that I send out a survey to get a better feel from the residents on whether or not this would be a wise choice for Council.

If you have not already responded, enclosed in your water bill is a simple questionnaire. Please fill it out and return it to City Hall at your earliest convenience. As discussed in the January newsletter, if the City were to provide you with a cart like the one pictured to the right, it would not be your property, and would therefore be required to stay with your home should you sell or simply move.

## Pet Reminders

**Dogs Barking!** - If your dogs are barking, there is a reason. Please check on them and tend to their needs. Your neighbors do not appreciate a dog that is constantly barking.

**Pets running loose** - This problem was brought up again this past month. All pets are to be leashed or in a fence/kennel if they are outside. If they are leashed, someone capable of controlling them must be handling their leash. If you let them outside to "do their business", keep track of them! Keep them on YOUR property!

Walkers should not have to fear your dog being outside. Please don't let this be an issue!

**Pick up what your dog/cat leaves behind!!** - This is pretty self-explanatory. If you take your pet out for a walk and he/she decides it's time to defecate, clean it up. This not only applies to private property, but also to public property. Parents do not appreciate taking their children to the park and having their little ones step in dog or cat feces.

I've even heard people complain of pet deposits left on sidewalks and on streets. Please don't let this happen!

## Street Parking



**I**f you have a driveway, **PLEASE USE IT!** Leaving your vehicle on the street causes an unnecessary burden on you, your neighbors and the street-cleaning crew.

**N**ot only do you block the snow plows from cleaning against the curb where your vehicle is parked, but also for several feet in front of, and behind, your vehicle. Depending on where you park your vehicle, you could not only be blocking your own curb, but also that in front of your neighbor. Be courteous...keep your vehicles off the street...especially when there is snow in the forecast.

**I**n the past, the City has not towed vehicles left on the streets, however our ordinances do allow for this to happen. If a potentially dangerous condition exists because of a vehicle on the street, it **WILL** be towed.

**Anyone can catch your eye, but it takes someone special to catch your heart**