



Happy  
Father's Day  
June 17

# City of Lawton

June 2012

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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.

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- June 11: Registration Deadline for Rummage Sales
- June 15 & 16: City-Wide Rummage Sales
- June 17: Father's Day
- June 18: Life-Serve Blood Drive at Friendship Center  
4:00-6:00 pm
- June 20: City-Wide Clean Up (appliances must have stickers)
- June 25: Last Pick-Up Date with CHN Garbage
- July 5 (**Thursday**): First Pick-Up Date with Novak Sanitary Services

Please note these special hours  
for City Hall

June 7 CLOSED  
June 8 9:00 am-noon ONLY  
June 11-14 CLOSED  
June 15 7:00 am-noon ONLY

*(All CHN garbage and lawn waste cans MUST BE set at the curb on this date)*

## New Garbage Hauler Effective July 1, 2012

**Garbage  
pick up  
changing to  
Thursdays  
beginning  
In July!!!**

At the May 1st City Council meeting, Council made a decision on garbage hauling for the next two years. The contract was awarded to Novak Sanitary Service. They will begin service on July 1 and will be under contract with us through June 30, 2014. We will have a few changes with this new company, but Council feels we can overcome any problems that might arise.

Probably the biggest change for all of us will be the day of the week our garbage and yard waste are picked up. We have had a Monday pick up for many years. Novak will be picking up garbage and yard waste on **Thursdays** instead. Cost of our garbage service will remain the same: \$11/mo./can plus \$4/mo./can for the landfill fee.

Yard waste cans will be picked up weekly, and will be billed at \$10/mo./can.

**Grass clippings are not allowed in regular garbage cans...and garbage is not allowed in yard waste cans.**

With this change in companies, CHN plans to pick up the green garbage cans and brown (or green) yard waste cans on June 25. Therefore, even if you don't have garbage or yard waste to set out on that day, please make sure your can is setting at the curb.

Novak will likely be in town that same day with your new carts. The new garbage carts will be red, with new yard waste carts being green. There will be NO CHANGE to your recycle carts or to recycle pickup dates. Recycles will still be picked up every other Monday.

Please realize that from June 25 (the last day for CHN) to July 5 (the first day for Novak) is 10 days. We understand you will have extra garbage with the first pick up in July, but we ask that you try to make do.

**Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?**

# CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP

The city-wide cleanup date has been set for Wednesday, June 20th. Appliance stickers will be available for \$10 at City Hall. Appliances will not be picked up without the appropriate sticker affixed in plain sight. As many of you know, we generally have “scavengers” that go through items setting at the curb. Please feel free to wait until the 19th or EARLY morning on the 20th to purchase your appliance stickers. Your garbage might very well be someone else’s treasure!

No hazardous waste materials, tires, batteries, lumber, paint, etc. will be picked up.

You are asked to “BAG, BOX or BUNDLE” items set at the curb for easy pickup by our haulers.

## Pet Tags Are Due June 30

All dogs and cats at least 3 months of age must be licensed in Lawton. Cost of licensing is \$5 for spayed or neutered pets and \$10 if they have not been spayed or neutered. Most times the rabies certificate will tell us if the pet has been unsexed.

Call City Hall or stop in if you have any questions about licensing. We will need to see your pets’ CURRENT rabies certificate unless we already have it on file.

A \$3/month/pet fee will be assessed to owners not having pets properly licensed according to City Code.

**Remember to call**  
**811**  
**before digging**  
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**It’s the law!**

## BUILDING PERMITS

This time of year always brings to mind all those building projects we’ve been thinking of all winter. The City of Lawton requires a building permit for all outside projects with the exception of certain landscaping projects. You MUST get an

application, and it MUST be approved by the Building Permit Committee prior to any construction...including the moving of dirt prior to building.

Pouring a cement slab or putting up a fence also require building permits from the City. Blank applications may be picked up at City Hall or downloaded from the city website. Fences that will be placed on your property line will also require the signature of the abutting property owner. You are responsible to locate your own property lines. The City is not able to help locate these.

## WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO WATER YOUR LAWN?

The best time to water grass, like so many things in life is dependent on circumstances.

**For established lawns** the best time of day to water grass is in the early morning hours, preferably just before sunrise. This enables the water to soak through the soil and completely nourish the plant’s root system. Watering in the morning also minimizes the loss of moisture due to the higher temperatures during daylight hours and takes advantage of the normal morning calm from wind that may cause water to drift away from the target area. Evaporation is also minimized and morning watering enables the homeowner to take advantage of the effects of morning dew that already exists on grass blades. The natural ground shade afforded by the grass will enable the soil to dry out slowly throughout the day.

Under all circumstances, watering in the evenings should be avoided. Evening watering causes the ground to remain moist and gives rise to a number of diseases that will weaken root systems and cause premature browning or even loss of plants.

**For new lawns, or areas where seeding is being done**, it is preferable to water several times a day for best results. Seedlings need to remain moist for germination to occur. It is critical to keep the seeds or early sprouts moist. One should attempt to control “puddling” as it will often cause seeds to wash away and result in bare spots. Additionally, the goal is to keep the seeds moist, but it will waste water to apply too much.

*The objective of watering established lawns is to insure the water is available for the root systems, while the objective of watering newly seeded areas is to keep the seeds moist. Therefore a considerable less quantity of water should be used for newly seeded areas.*