



City of Lawton

December 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.

**Do you currently receive
City Notifications via email?
If not, let me add you to my list:**



lawtonia@wiatel.net

December 2012 Recycling

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 ★	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 ★	25	26	27	28	29
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City Hall will be CLOSED

December 3 (all day)
December 24 (afternoon)
December 25 (all day)
December 28 (morning)

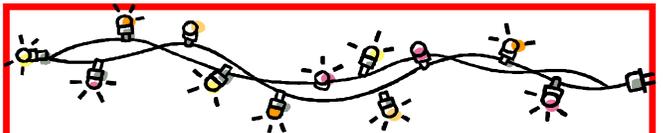
Home Repair and/or Rehabilitation Help Available

Included in this mailing, all residents within the Lawton city limits will be receiving information directing you how to potentially receive up to \$24,999 in repairs or rehabilitation for your home. Your home must be within our city limits and you must own AND occupy it. There are some income eligibility criteria that must be met, also.

Some items that will be considered are replacement of your roof, furnace, windows, adding insulation, etc. Many others will also be considered...this is just a very brief list to give you ideas of the type of assistance that you might want to consider.

The program will be administered through SIMPCO (Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council), and all applications will be processed through their organization.

An Open House is being planned after the first of the year so all interested persons can meet with the SIMPCO representative. Watch this newsletter, the city informational sign, and your email Inbox for additional information.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST

Are you ready to be judged...by the Christmas light judges??? It is going to happen on December 16, 2012. Be sure you have all your decorations out and lit so they can be seen. Let's make Lawton SHINE!!!!!!

The contest is open to all current water subscribers. In other words, if you receive water from the city, you are eligible to participate in the contest. Join in the fun!!

Awards will be given to the top three homes as judged by our panel of judges.

May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through!

Fall & Winter Reminders: Ready or not, fall is upon us and winter is just around the corner. With the season comes some reminders that need to be shared with all of you.

As much as we'd rather not think about snow, it's bound to hit us **SOON**. The street crews come out early in the morning to try to get streets opened prior to most of our residents having to go to work. They generally start clearing streets by 3:00 a.m.

When the city crew clears snow, streets will be attended to first. There are no exceptions unless you are in a life and death situation and need an ambulance or fire truck at your house. Otherwise, streets are cleared first, and alleys will be tended to as time allows.

Cedar Street (the main drag downtown) will be tended to before all others. School routes will be taken care of next. After that, all streets will be made "passable". As time allows, the city crew will widen and clear streets and follow up with alleys.

Please do not call the city and ask for special favors in getting your street or alley cleared first. The guys have a route they follow that seems to work very well.

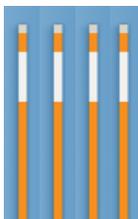
PLEASE...if we have snow in the forecast, do not park your cars in the streets. Having cars in the street slows the street-cleaning process down. Although Lawton isn't very big, we have a lot of area to cover and only two men to do the work. They need your cooperation!

Also, please **DO NOT** put your snow onto the street or onto your neighbor's property! The city crew doesn't appreciate it and neither will your neighbor...

SNOW STAKES

If you have driven around Lawton at all in the past couple weeks, you've likely seen many snow stakes lining people's lawns. Please consider purchasing these for your own lawn if you do not already have them. Cost is minimal...\$2-\$3 each.

Snow stakes come in a variety of styles. The ones shown below are reflective on the white portion toward the top. There are also snow stakes that have a blue disk at the top that is reflective. These are placed just inside the curb on your lawn. When the snow is blowing and the guys are out cleaning in the early morning hours, their headlights pick up the reflectors so they can see where the street edges are. This protects the snow blade as well as your lawn. They can be purchased at Bomgaar's, Menard's, Lowe's, etc..



GARBAGE CAN PLACEMENT

It never seems to fail that we get snow the night before garbage pickup.

Please set your cans inside the end of your driveway rather than out on the street if we have snow in the forecast or already on the ground. The garbage hauler will still be able to pick it up, and the snow plows will be able to push snow without running the risk of hitting your can.

You are also asked to bag the garbage you place in your can. Garbage tends to blow out of the cans on windy days if it is not contained inside of bags...and we all know how windy it can get here in Lawton!!

Also, remember that all garbage must be inside garbage cans. Bags on the ground will not be picked up. If you need an additional can, please contact City Hall. The cost will be an additional \$15/month.

**Thanks for your cooperation.
It is much appreciated!!**