

**LEXINGTON**

WASTE MANAGEMENT

FALL 2015



PAPER SHRED DAY

In celebration of America Recycles Day, a paper shred is scheduled for Saturday, November 14th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the old landfill site at 1631 Old Frankfort Pike.

"Thanks to our partnership with Shred-it and other community groups, we are able to give residents an opportunity to not only keep their financial information safe but also ensure that unwanted material is securely recycled," said Tracey Thurman, Director of the Division of Waste Management.

Participation in these events has grown over the years thanks to the support of other community partners. The Links, Inc., Better Business Bureau, and Keep Lexington Beautiful have all supported paper shreds by assisting with promotion and offering volunteers for the event day.

For more information please call LexCall at 311 or (859) 425-2255 or visit www.lexingtonky.gov/papershred.

A NEW LOOK

The Division of Waste Management's newsletter has a new look. Read on to find the same great information on current programs.

GREEN YOUR HALLOWEEN

As you take down spooky decorations, please remember to compost anything made from plants or foliage.

- Compost your carved or whole pumpkins, leaf wreaths and other plant-based decorations in your gray Lenny yard waste container.
- Remove candles, wreath hangers, wires and other non-organic material before placing in the Lenny.

A REMINDER

Put your carts on the curb the night before your collection day and place them at least three feet apart.

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: ATHENIAN GRILL

Athenian Grill has experienced phenomenal growth in the last two years. Through it all, the restaurant has honored its commitment to being a sustainable enterprise.

The restaurant started as one of Lexington's food carts and quickly transitioned into a brick and mortar location at 313 South Ashland Avenue. Owner Ilias Pappas reached out to Matthew Brooks of Alt32 Architecture & Design to help renovate the space. "Alt32 developed a plan in the early stages to save every piece of wood and material we took down during demolition," Pappas said, "When you walk into our place, you see the main counter built completely from wood from the original structure. The wall upstairs is also built and decorated with reclaimed wood from the ceiling."

Pappas ensured that Athenian Grill's sustainable efforts didn't end with renovations. The restaurant uses recyclable and compostable containers and plates; recycling bins are made available for the guests to use; the kitchen recycles and composts;

and the thermostat is turned down at the end of each day. In addition, many of Athenian Grill's ingredients are locally sourced.

A second location, also renovated with the help of Alt32, opened in May 2015. The AC units were replaced to be more efficient, and new equipment was purchased with the highest energy ratings in mind. The lighting was upgraded to LED fixtures. Sustainable operation practices, like recycling and composting, have carried over to the new location as well.

With a dedicated owner like Pappas at the helm, you can be sure Athenian Grill's sustainability efforts will continue to grow.

The LiveGreenLexington Partner Program is a joint program funded by Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and managed by Bluegrass GreenSource to encourage businesses to go green. To find out more about becoming a partner, please visit www.livegreenlexington.com.

OUR EMPLOYEES: TRAINING FOR SAFETY

They come down your street every week. They are tall - almost 12 feet - and long - around 28 feet - and are a nightmare to back up. What are they? Lexington's waste disposal trucks.

Employees of the city's Division of Waste Management drive these huge vehicles through our streets every day, in all weather conditions, collecting your recyclables, yard waste and landfill waste.

The task isn't easy. Ask any driver, especially a new one like Aaron Dishman. He is currently going through six weeks of driver training. Dishman and the other five drivers in his class are among the city's 120 drivers.

Lesa Spillman, a resource recovery operator, is Waste Management's lead trainer. She has been with the division for five years, starting out as a driver. Though she still sometimes drives, Spillman has spent most of the past three-and-a-half years training new drivers, public service workers who work off of the back of trucks and



Lesa Spillman

doing refresher training for experienced drivers.

The driver course training includes backing up, parallel parking, and handling tight situations. Dishman says Spillman's course is tough. "You've got to pay attention and keep focused on what you are doing."

Asked what the toughest part of the course was, Dishman said: "They all are, but backing up into an alley is the hardest."

TRANSFER STATION: NEW NAME, SAME SERVICE

The city's Transfer Station recently underwent a name change. The new name, Bluegrass Regional Transfer Station, reflects a recent change in management.

The name may be different, but the facility, located at 1505 Old Frankfort Pike, is still where citizens can drop off items to be taken to the landfill.

Residents may use the Transfer Station facility

to drop off individual items and loads of material for a fee. Please visit this webpage for rates, regulations, acceptable materials and hours of operation: www.lexingtonky.gov/transferstation.

For more information on all disposal options available to Lexington residents, please visit our main webpage at www.lexingtonky.gov/wastemanagement or call LexCall at 311 or 425-2255.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT 1, 2, 3

Tire Roundup

7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
1631 Old Frankfort Pike
enter via Jimmie Campbell
Drive

Passenger tires on and off the rim, agricultural tires, and truck tires may be dropped off at no cost to participants.

SATURDAY, NOV 14

Paper Shred

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
1631 Old Frankfort Pike
enter via Jimmie Campbell
Drive

Shred and recycle unwanted documents and papers for free. This event will be held in conjunction with America Recycles Day.

SATURDAY, OCT 17

Household Waste Disposal

6 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Bluegrass Regional
Transfer Station
1505 Old Frankfort Pike

Fayette County residents may drop off a level pickup load of bagged household waste for free. **Please note: This event is NOT for household hazardous waste materials.**

FRIDAY, NOV 27

Gobble Grease Toss

Time and location TBA

Frying a turkey this Thanksgiving? Dispose of your used oil in an environmentally-friendly way for free at the Gobble Grease Toss!

HOLIDAYS

Place your carts out the night before your collection day.

THANKSGIVING: Thursday, November 26. Those who normally have their collections on Thursday will have their carts serviced on Wednesday, Nov. 25 - the day before the holiday.