

SPRING 2016



HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

Lexington will host a household hazardous waste (HHW) collection on Saturday, April 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event, funded in part by the Kentucky Pride Fund through the Kentucky Division of Waste Management, offers residents of Lexington an opportunity to safely and responsibly dispose of household hazardous waste. A list of the most common household hazardous wastes that will be accepted can be found on page two. A complete list can be found at www.lexingtonky. gov/hhwevent.

Two of the most common household hazardous items, latex paint and electronic waste, can be disposed year-round. Residents with only these items can avoid the car line on April 23 by taking advantage of the following options. Donate

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CHANGES TO THE NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first edition of At Your Service. We have expanded the Waste Management newsletter to feature work of other divisions within the Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works. Let us know what you think of the newsletter or the services we provide by calling 311 or connecting with Live Green Lexington through Facebook or Twitter.

HHW COLLECTION AT A GLANCE

When: Saturday, April 23 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Please do not arrive prior to 8:30 a.m.

Where: 1631 Old Frankfort Pike. Enter via Jimmie Campbell Drive. Signs and staff will direct you to site entrance.

Questions? Contact LexCall at 311 or (859) 425-2255.

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE SURVEY

Accepted materials list

Acids

All residents participating in this event are required to fill out this survey.

Your zip code:	Acres Loops
1) Which items are you bringing today?	Aerosol cans Alcohols
oil-based paint latex paint solvent	Algaecides/fungicides
	Ammonia
antifreeze motor oil/filters automotive fluids	Antifreeze
batteries insecticide/herbicide/pesticide	Ballast pcb
liquid mercury mercury-containing equipment	Batteries (auto, boat, etc) Carburetor cleaner
poison pool chemicals cleaners spray cans	Caulking
other	Chlorine
Other	Cleaners (engine, carpet, drain, etc)
	Cylinders (propane, helium)
2) Are you aware that scrap electronic equipment may	Degreasers Diesel fuel
contain hazardous components that should not be	Disinfectants
landfilled? yes no	Dyes
Tariamica: yes no	Electronics (see lexingtonky.gov/ecycle)
	Fertilizers
3) How did you hear about today's event?	Fire extinguishers Floor waxes
newsletter radio newspaper TV	Fuel oil
flyer webpage family/friend/neighbor	Furniture strippers
social media other	Gas and diesel additives
Social media official	Gasoline (old)
	Herbicides/weed killers
4) How many households are you representing?	Insecticides Kerosene
	Linseed oil
5) Have you participated in similar events in the past?	Mercury (thermostats/thermometers)
	Metal primer
yes no	Mineral spirits
	Moth balls/flakes Motor oil and filters
6) Would you like a permanent household hazardous	Oil and transmission additives
waste collection facility in Lexington? yes no	Paint (latex, oil-based, and lead)
	Paint removers and thinners
7) Mould you be willing to may a small fee for this tyme	Pet flea and tick products
7) Would you be willing to pay a small fee for this type	Polish (furniture, metal, shoe, etc) Polyurethane coating
of event or collection facility to help offset the cost of	Rodenticides
collection, recycling and disposal? yes no	Roofing tar
	Rust removers
8) If yes, how much? \$5 \$10 other	Solvents
σ) if yes, now much: φσ φτο σιπεί	Spackling (dry wall compound) Swimming pool chemicals
	Transmission fluid
9) How far would you be willing to travel to an event or	Turpentine
facility? 1-5 miles 6-10 miles 10+ miles	Varnishes
	Windshield cleaner fluid
Use extra naner for additional comments/suggestions	Wood preservatives/sealers/stains

LEXINGTON'S STORM CREW

Storm drains move water from solid surfaces where it isn't wanted (e.g., streets, parking lots, etc.) to creeks. Often these features are clogged with trash and debris, which prevents them from working. What happens then? Lexington's Storm Crew springs into action.

The Storm Crew inspects and cleans storm drains around the city to prevent and correct these problems. The crew has a list of 50 high priority areas that they inspect monthly, although clogged storm drains can happen anywhere.

The crew is never quite sure what they will encounter at each site. They often find litter, dirt, branches and leaves, but drains have also been clogged by mattresses, tires, bicycles, shopping carts and basketball goals.

The debris in storm drains can add up; often the crew removes enough material to fill over seven pickup trucks. Some of these sites can be cleaned with a vacuum truck or backhoe, though limited



A backhoe is used to remove debris at the Parkside Cave stormwater grate

space dictates that many are cleaned by hand.

The Storm Crew's efforts are one component of the city's stormwater management program. Improving storm sewer infrastructure and problem flooding areas are also part of Lexington's stormwater plan. For more information on Lexington's stormwater plan, visit www. lexingtonky.gov/stormwater.

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latex paint to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 451 Southland Dr., between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The city's Electronics Recycling Center accepts material Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. Visit www. lexingtonky.gov/ecycle for a full list of items accepted at the center. This same list will apply for the collection event on April 23.

The event is limited to residents of Fayette County. All participants are required to turn in a short survey, which can be found on page two and online at www.LiveGreenLexington.com.

Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/
LiveGreenLex and on Twitter at www.twitter.
com/LiveGreenLex for updated waiting times on
the collection day and other useful information
from Lexington's Department of Environmental
Quality and Public Works.

SAFER STREETS

As part of Lexington's effort to make the city more pedestrian and cyclist friendly, the Division of Traffic Engineering is in the process of changing the speed limit on 21 downtown streets from 35 mph to 25 mph. There were 229 collisions between vehicles and pedestrians or cyclists in Lexington in 2014. Police say that 164 of those accidents occurred downtown.

In response to this data, Commissioner Dowell Hoskins-Squier recommended the speed limit change to council when she was Director of Traffic Engineering. "If a pedestrian is struck by a vehicle at 25 mph, the fatality risk is 5%, whereas if a pedestrian is struck by a vehicle at 35 mph, the fatality risk is 45% and increases to 85% when the vehicle is traveling over 40 mph," Hoskins-Squier says. "The reduction in speed limit is all about pedestrian safety and decreasing injuries."

Council approved the speed limit change on February 4, and Traffic Engineering began installing the new signs in mid-March. It is anticipated that all 158 speed limit signs will be installed by the end of April.

Roads affected are:

- Bryan Avenue
- Fourth Street
- High Street
- Jefferson Street
- Loudon Avenue
- Maple Avenue
- Martin Luther King Blvd
- Maxwell Street
- N Limestone
- Rose St/Elm Tree Lane
- Second Street

- Seventh Street
- S Ashland Avenue
- S Limestone
- Third Street
- Upper Street
- Virginia Avenue
- Waller/Cooper
- Walton Avenue
- W Sixth Street
- Woodland Avenue



Rick Morgan fastens new sign on Seventh Street

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet decided not to change speed limits on downtown streets that are state roads such as Main, Vine and Broadway.

HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS

Residents and businesses with curbside city waste collection on Monday will be impacted by the holidays listed below. Put your carts out Tuesday after 4 p.m. in order to receive Wednesday service those holiday weeks.

Holiday	Service Date
Memorial Day	Wed. June 1
Fourth of July	Wed. July 6
Labor Day	Wed. Sept. 7



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UPCOMING EVENTS All events are free for Fayette County residents.

Saturday, April 16

Household Waste Disposal Day

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

Drop off a level pickup load of bagged household waste and up to four tires, off the rim. **This event is not for hazardous waste.**

Tuesday, April 26

Building a Rain Garden Workshop

5-6 p.m. The Arboretum 500 Alumni Dr.

Learn how to construct and maintain your own rain garden. Call (859) 257-6955 to register.

Saturday, April 30

Arbor Day Celebration

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Arboretum 500 Alumni Dr.

The event includes free admission to the Kentucky Children's Garden, a puppet show, guided hikes and more than 40 exhibitors. Free for all participants.

Saturday, May 14

Paper Shred Day

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. 1631 Old Frankfort Pike Enter Jimmie Campbell Dr.

Safely shred unwanted documents and papers. Full event details are available at www.lexingtonky.gov/papershred.

Saturday, May 21

Mulch Giveaway

8 a.m. – 12 p.m. 1631 Old Frankfort Pike Enter Jimmie Campbell Dr.

Collect up to one free truckload of mulch. This material is made from yard waste picked up by the city. Mulch is distributed on a first-come, first served basis.

Saturday, June 18

Kentucky River Sweep

9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Clays Ferry Boat Dock

Have fun while cleaning up the river. Breakfast and lunch provided to all participants. Sign up at www.riversweep2016. eventbrite.com