



*Tank at Lower Cane Run, along the Legacy Trail*

## WET WEATHER STORAGE

You may have seen them – large, round, windowless structures – and wondered what they are. Three wet weather storage tanks are under varying stages of construction in Lexington and seven more are planned. When they become operational, each tank will collect water from Lexington’s sanitary sewer system when there are spikes in volume caused by rain. The tanks will release their contents as the wastewater treatment plants are able to handle the flow.

The tanks are part of the solution to a long-time problem. Lexington’s sanitary sewer system is designed to handle wastewater from toilets, sinks, dishwashers, washing machines, and showers from homes, businesses, schools and other facilities. However, rain leaks into the sanitary sewer system

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## WATCH FOR US IN THE ROADWAY

City employees who work for waste management, water quality, streets and roads, and traffic engineering, as well as other divisions, often find themselves working in the roadway. Please watch out for these employees and take care going around them. We want all of them to get home safely.

## GREEN CHECK

Lexington is launching a new green business program. Learn more about the program and the businesses that participated in the pilot at [www.LexingtonKy.gov/GreenCheck](http://www.LexingtonKy.gov/GreenCheck). Join us for the kickoff on Thursday, September 29 at Ross Tarrant Architects. The announcement will be at 3:30 p.m., followed by a tour of the firm at 4 p.m. Email [GreenCheck@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:GreenCheck@lexingtonky.gov) for information on how to become a GreenCheck business.

## RECYCLE RIGHT

Lexington works to make recycling simple by offering a single-stream, curbside program. Once a Waste Management employee collects recycling from your blue cart, the material is taken to the Recycling Center and sorted by equipment and employees. Once the material is sorted, it is sold and shipped to companies that convert it into recycled products like play equipment and soda cans.

You can help make our program a success by recycling properly. Only put items that the Recycling Center accepts in your blue bin. Lexington currently accepts paper, cardboard, aluminum and steel cans, plastic bottles and jugs and glass. Keep the recycling insert included in this newsletter somewhere handy to serve as a reference for what is – and isn't – recyclable in Lexington. Other items can damage equipment or create an unsafe working environment at the

## LEAF COLLECTION

Autumn is almost here. That means cooler weather and beautiful fall colors. It also means the leaves will soon drop to the ground. That's okay, though, because the city offers several services to help you dispose of them.

The best option is to use your grey yard waste cart. If you do not have one, request one by calling LexCall. There is no additional cost to get a yard waste cart, which will be serviced on the same day as your trash and recycling carts.

Another option is using paper yard waste bags. This newsletter contains coupons for free ones. As with yard waste carts, leaves in paper yard bags will be picked up on your regular collection day.

Last, you can take advantage of the city's once-a-year vacuum leaf collection program. The program will begin Wednesday, November 9 and run through Thursday, December 22. Collections

will occur Mondays-Saturdays. To find out when crews will be collecting leaves in your area, visit [www.LexingtonKy.gov/Leaves](http://www.LexingtonKy.gov/Leaves). You can also call LexCall at 311 or 425-2255.

Recycling Center.

You can also help by selecting materials that are more easily recycled and/or marketed. One important example, choose aluminum over glass. Glass is hard on the equipment, and is the only material (other than contaminants sent to the landfill) that the city has to pay to be taken away and processed. Aluminum, in contrast, is easily sorted and sold.

Recycling can make a big impact on Lexington's environment – as well as its future. Revenue generated from the sale of materials supports the recycling program and can be invested in future recycling opportunities for Lexingtonians. November 15 is America Recycles Day, but don't wait. Go ahead and recycle the right way today! Thanks!



To participate in the leaf vacuuming program, rake leaves into a pile between the sidewalk and the street no later than the Sunday before your scheduled collection week. If your sidewalk abuts the curb or if you have no sidewalk, place the leaves at the edge of your lawn closest to the street. **Never rake leaves into the street.** Piles should only contain leaves. Other objects, such as rocks and tree limbs, can injure crew members and damage collection equipment.

## WET WEATHER STORAGE TANKS



*Inside the tank being built at Town Branch Wastewater Treatment Plant*

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during heavy storms. The sewer system doesn't have the capacity to handle this extra volume, which leads to overflows.

Rainwater leaks into the system through broken pipes or manholes. Rainwater can also drain into the sewer system from sump pumps or downspouts that are connected to the sanitary sewer.

Lexington has a multi-pronged, 13-year plan to fix the sanitary sewer system. Effectiveness, cost and citizen impacts (e.g., digging up roads or yards) were all considered and balanced in developing the plan, which involves increasing pipe sizes, fixing defective pipes, disconnecting sump pumps and downspouts, pump station and wastewater treatment plant upgrades, and building wet weather storage tanks.

The four largest tanks will each hold 22 million gallons of wastewater. Two are located at the Town Branch Wastewater Treatment Plant, between Old Frankfort Pike and Leestown Road near Forbes Road. The other two will be located at the West Hickman Wastewater Treatment Plant, just over

the Jessamine County line. The first Town Branch tank is near completion; construction on the second is scheduled to begin in 2018. Construction on the first West Hickman tank is underway.

The other six tanks will each hold between one and eleven million gallons. Location and estimated construction start date for each of these is:

- Near the intersection of Richmond and New Circle Roads, 2017
- Near Alumni and Buckhorn, 2017
- At the end of Kilrush Drive, under construction
- In Coldstream Research Park near I-75, under construction
- Near the intersection of Newtown Pike at New Circle Roads, 2019.
- At the end of Elkhorn Drive, 2026

In total, the tanks are estimated to cost \$328 million with the last tank brought on-line in 2026. The projects are paid for through the sanitary sewer fee that residents pay through their LEXserv bills.

For more information on the tanks or other sanitary sewer improvement projects, visit [www.LexingtonKy.gov/SanitarySewerPlans](http://www.LexingtonKy.gov/SanitarySewerPlans).

## WINTER YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Starting Tuesday, December 27, Lexington will collect natural trees for mulching. Curbside tree pickup will be offered through Friday, January 27. All lights, ornaments and other decorations must be removed before setting your tree out. Please place your tree on the curb next to your waste collection carts the evening before your regular collection day. Holiday wreathes and natural trimmings may be placed in the grey yard waste container or on the curb. As with trees, all decorations should be removed.

Residents wishing to get rid of artificial trees are encouraged to resell or donate them. If that is not an option, artificial trees may be placed curbside on your regular collection day.

After tree collection ends, the winter weather means a significant decrease in the amount of yard waste materials set out. In response, Lexington will once again implement the winter yard waste collection protocol.

Trash and recycling trucks will run their regular routes, with weekly collection available to all households as usual. Yard waste, however, will be serviced only by request. If you need your yard cart serviced, simply call LexCall at 311 or 425-2255 to arrange for a pickup. You can also submit a service request using the LexCall phone app or the online form at [www.LexingtonKy.gov/LexCall](http://www.LexingtonKy.gov/LexCall).

The winter yard waste protocol is one of the many ways that Lexington works to ensure quality service and efficient operations throughout the year. Last year, implementing to the winter protocol saved the city \$36,262.

This year's winter protocol will begin Monday, January 30, 2017. Regular yard waste collection will resume no later than Monday, March 13, 2017. The Division of Waste Management will assess weather patterns as spring approaches, and this protocol schedule is subject to change to best meet Lexington's needs.

### Leave a little elbow room



Space carts three feet from each other and other objects. Thanks!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS All events are free for Fayette County residents.

### Saturday, October 15 *Free 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.**

### Saturday, November 12 *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](http://www.LexingtonKy.gov/PaperShred).

### Friday, November 26 *Gobble Grease Toss*

Time and location TBD

Frying a turkey for  
Thanksgiving? Dispose  
of your used oil in an  
environmentally-friendly way  
at the Gobble Grease Toss!  
Please visit our website in  
November for more details,  
such as location and hours of  
drop off, [www.LexingtonKy.  
gov/GobblegreaseToss](http://www.LexingtonKy.gov/GobblegreaseToss).

## HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS

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

Holiday
Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 25
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Jr Day

Service Date
Wednesday, November 23
Wednesday, November 23
Wednesday, December 21
Wednesday, December 28
Wednesday, January 4, 2017
Wednesday, January 18, 2017



# Recycle Responsibly!

*What should I put in my blue cart?*

## 1. Cardboard



- packing boxes
- cardboard tubes
- tissue boxes
- shirt boxes
- shoe boxes
- pizza boxes
- cereal boxes

*Boxes should be flattened. Please, no boxes treated for the refrigerator or freezer. (Example: soda or frozen meal boxes)*

## 2. Cans



- steel food cans
- aluminum beverage cans
- juice and soda cans
- metal aerosol cans

*Empty and rinsed.*

## 3. Screw top plastic containers



- plastic bottles and jugs

*Empty and rinsed. No lids or caps.  
Please, no plastic bags or plastic film.*

## 4. Paper



- white paper
- colored paper
- envelopes
- calendars
- brown paper bags
- newspapers
- magazines
- phone books

## 5. Glass



- glass bottles and jugs, any color

*Please, no Pyrex or plate glass.*



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# Recycle Responsibly!

## *What shouldn't I put in my blue cart?*

*Some items can damage the recycling center's equipment or present a danger to employees. Put the following items in your green cart or dispose of them using the alternative method indicated.*



### 1. Plastic Items

No plastic bags, wrap or film. Plastic bags can be recycled at many grocery and department stores. No lawn chairs, laundry baskets, trash cans, toys, blinds or buckets. If items are unbroken, donate them to a local charity.

### 2. Hoses and Cords

No garden hoses, bungee cords, extension cords, holiday lights, ropes or leashes. Extension cords and holiday lights can be recycled at the Electronic Recycling Center at 1306 Versailles Road.

### 3. Tarps and Clothing

No tarps, blankets or clothing. Items that are in good condition can be donated to a local charity.

### 4. Metal Items and Tanks

No hangers, swing sets, cookware, knives, chains, scrap metal, propane or helium tanks or compressors. Metal items can be dropped off at the Lexington Recycling Center at 360 Thompson Road.

### 5. Car Parts and Tires

No car parts, tires or batteries. Free collection of 4 off-the-rim tires is available to residents. Call LexCall at 311 or (859) 425-2255 to schedule a pick up. Batteries can be recycled at Batteries Plus for a small fee.

### 6. Needles and Syringes

Needles and syringes should be secured in a coffee can or milk jug and put in your green cart.

### 7. Electronics

Electronic items such as TVs, computers, cell phones, radios or microwaves can be dropped off at the Electronic Recycling Center.

### 8. Yard Waste

Leaves, brush, small branches and grass clippings should be placed in your gray yard waste cart.



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# Recicla con responsabilidad!

¿Que no debo de poner en el contenedor azul?)



## 1. Cartón

- cajas de embalaje
- tubos de cartón
- cajas de pañuelos
- cajas de regalos
- cajas de zapatos
- cajas de pizzas
- cajas de cereal

*Las cajas deben estar aplanadas. Por favor, no cajas de comida congeladas o cajas de sodas.*



## 2. Latas

- latas de alimentos de acero
- latas de aluminio para bebidas
- latas de jugo o soda
- latas de aerosol de metal

*Vacié y enjuague las latas*



## 3. Contenedores de plástico

- botellas de plástico o jarras

*Vacié y enjuague los contenedores de plástico. Por favor de no poner bolsas de plástico en el contendor azul.*



## 4. Papel

- papel blanco
- papel de diferentes colores
- sobres
- calendarios
- bolsas de papel marón
- periódicos
- revistas
- guía telefónica



## 5. Vidrio

- botellas de vidrio y jarras de cualquier color

*Por favor de no poner Pírex o hoja de vidrio en el contendor azul*



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Para más información por favor de llamar a 311 LexCall o (859) 425-2255 o visitar el sitio de web [LexingtonKY.gov/LiveGreen](http://LexingtonKY.gov/LiveGreen)





# Recicla con responsabilidad!

*¿Que no debo de poner en el contenedor azul?)*

*Algunos artículos pueden dañar el equipo del centro de reciclaje o presentar un peligro para los empleados. Ponga los siguientes artículos en su carrito verde o disponer de ellos mediante el método alternativo indicado.*



## 1. Artículos de plástico

Por favor de no poner bolsas de plástico en el contenedor azul. Las bolsas de plástico pueden ser recicladas en supermercados. Tan poco se debe de poner sillas, cestos de ropa, botes de basura, juguetes, o persianas.



## 2. Mangueras y cables

Por favor de no poner mangueras de jardín, cables de sujeción, cables de extensión, o luces. Los cables de extensión y las luces navideñas se pueden reciclar en el Centro de Reciclaje Electrónico en 1306 Versailles Road.



## 4. Metal y tanques

Los objetos metálicos como cuchillos, cadenas, utensilios de cocina, o tanques de propano o helio, pueden ser dejados en el Centro de Reciclaje de Lexington 360 Thompson Road.

## 5. Partes de carro y llantas

No poner partes de carros o llantas en los contenedores. Colección gratuita de neumáticos está disponible para los residentes. Llamar al 311 LexCall o al (859) 425-2255. Las baterías se pueden reciclar en una tienda de Battery Plus por un módico precio.



## 6. Agujas y jeringas

Las agujas y jeringas deben estar asegurados en una lata o una jarra y poner en su carrito verde.

## 7. Electronicos

Computadoras, celulares, radios, microondas, y televisiones pueden ser reciclados en el Centro de Reciclaje Electrónico en 1306 Versailles Road.



## 8. Depósito de residuos

Hojas, ramas pequeñas y recortes de hierba se deben colocar en el carrito gris de desechos de jardín.



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