

NEWSLETTER

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Flowers bloom in yards across Edgerton this spring.

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Spring Clean-Up

City-Wide Garage Sale & Clean-Up Weekends

The annual spring clean-up is happening in May!

Time to clean out the closets, dig through the boxes in the basement, and make some room in the garage. The 2024 **City-wide Garage Sale** will be held on Saturday, May 11. Turn your unwanted items into someone else's treasure. Each year, the City puts together an online map with sales. If you'd like to get your garage sale listed, go to edgertonks.org before May 9th.

Have more stuff that won't sell or just needs to be tossed? On Saturday, May 18, it's the annual **City-wide Clean-Up**. Crews with Gardner Disposal will be picking up large items at the end of your driveway. This bulky item pick-up is only available for residents who live within city limits. Items must be on the curb by 7 a.m. Only items that can be lifted by 2 people are allowed.

ITEMS PICKED UP CURBSIDE:

- Appliances without CFCs
- Furniture
- Carpet-Must be cut into 4 ft. rolls weighing no more than 65 lbs.

Freezers, chemicals, hazardous materials, paint, or other items like concrete will not be picked up. Residents can drop off items like oil, batteries, and tires (additional fees apply) at Public Works at 710 W. Nelson Street between 9am-1pm on May 18. The City's brush pile will also be available for residents to drop off yard waste and tree debris. Please do not bring plastic bags.



Important Contact Information

EMERGENCY.....911

Non-Emergency.....913-782-0720

City Hall.....913-893-6231

Animal Control
Public Works
Municipal Court
Planning and Zoning

JoCo Fire District #1.....913-764-7635

Edgerton Post Office.....913-893-6784

Gardner Disposal.....913-856-3851

JoCo Library.....913-826-4600

City Hall is located at 404 E Nelson Street. Hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

City Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Planning Commission meetings are held on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Community Development

H.O.M.E. Improvements Grant

The Edgerton City Council recently approved a new grant for homeowners who want to invest in their properties. The Help Owners Make Exterior Improvements Grant offers up to \$2,500 to eligible residents. Properties must be owner-occupied, owners must be current on their property taxes and any special assessments, and only projects that face a City street are eligible.

Projects that may be eligible for a grant could include:

- Front facade renovations
- Weatherization projects
- Handicap/accessibility projects
- Exterior paint/siding
- New doors/windows
- Tree removal
- Landscaping (hardscape, rain gardens, trees, shrubs, etc)
- Concrete sidewalks, driveways, front stoop
- Roofs

A minimum \$500 investment is required and the grant would reimburse 50% of eligible projects costs up to a maximum of \$2,500. Homeowners who are approved may only receive one grant every 10 years. Grant funds must be used within the calendar year.

For more details and to download an application, go to edgertonks.org/HOME-Improvements-Grant.

Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Community Food Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 18. It's located at the corner of 4th and Hulett, across the street from the United Methodist Church.

If you'd like to make a donation, you can drop non-perishable items off at City Hall during normal business hours M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monetary donations can be sent to PO Box 95, Edgerton, KS 66021.

The food pantry is available to every family in the USD 231 district.

Parks and Recreation

Edgerton Wins Waste Tire Grant

The City of Edgerton has won nearly \$25,000 in a waste tire grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

The City was one of 51 total recipients statewide, receiving the second largest grant. These annual waste tire grants are awarded to local municipalities and public and private schools K-12 across the state. The grants are funded by revenue collected through the tire excise tax.

The waste tire recycling grants go toward funding safe surfacing at playgrounds, running tracks, picnic tables and benches made from waste tires. The City plans to use the grant for the playground surfacing at Glendell Acres Park, which will be installed later this year.

Construction Permits Made Easy!

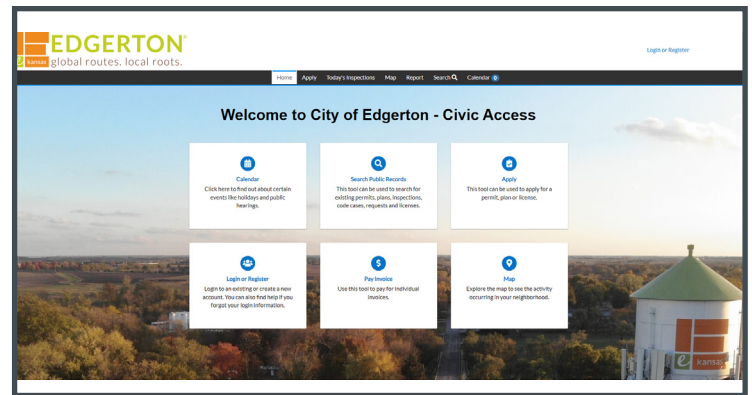
If you're planning a construction project - whether renovating an existing space, adding a deck, or building a shed - don't forget to apply for a building permit. The City of Edgerton now has an online portal to help you fill out permits, schedule inspections, and submit documents to our Community Development staff.

The portal, which can be found at edgertonks.org/departments/community-development, also allows customers to track project status and pay fees or invoices.

Permits may be required for projects at your home, even if you don't hire a contractor to do the work. The City of Edgerton's staff is here to help make sure your project is safe and meets community standards. Permits are generally required for most major projects, like:

- Decks and covered porches
- Basement finishes
- Water heater
- HVAC Replacement
- Pool Installation
- Roof replacement
- Additions
- Sheds over 120 sq. ft

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 913-893-6231.



A screenshot of the new permit portal.



Crews continue to make progress on the first new brick building in downtown Edgerton in more than 100 years. The exterior brick is up on much of The Greenspace building. Installation of the underground systems for the splashpad and stormwater system is nearly complete. To complete the work on the sidewalks and curbs, several short-term road closures along Nelson Street are expected. Watch edgertonks.org and the City's Facebook page for details.

From FD#1: Severe Weather Safety

Spring showers may really mean severe weather. Make sure you and your family are prepared by creating a safety kit that includes water, a first aid kit, medicine, a flashlight, and other essentials that you may need.

If you have any questions, contact Johnson County FD#1 at 913-764-7635.



- **For tornadoes**, go to the basement or small interior room, cover your head and stay away from windows. If you can't get into a building, do not try to outrun the tornado in your car. Get to the nearest shelter.
- **For flash floods**, move to higher ground and stay away from storm drains, ditches and streams. Do not walk or drive into flood waters.
- **For lightning**, stay inside and turn off the TV and computers. Do not lie or lean on concrete walls or floors. If outdoors, never stand under a tree and avoid open spaces. Remember if you can hear thunder, lightning can strike.



Have you filled out a lead service line inventory survey yet? It helps the City meet new EPA requirements to get the lead out of the nation's drinking water system.

The results of the inventory will be available to the public. Fill out the inventory before the end of this month at edgertonks.org/lead. The survey should only take a few minutes to complete. We appreciate your assistance!

Events Coming Up

These are **just a few** of the recreation programs and events in April. Check out the full schedule and register for Parks and Recreation events at edgerton.recdesk.com or by calling 913-893-6231 during normal business hours.

Public Meetings are held in-person in City Hall. Anyone wishing to speak must sign up upon arrival.

- **May 9 - City Council Meeting**
Edgerton City Hall
- **May 11 - Blossom & Balance: Family Yoga & Movie Night: Jurassic Park**
Martin Creek Park
- **May 14 - Tales for Tots**
Edgerton Library
- **May 14 - Planning Commission Meeting**
Edgerton City Hall
- **May 15 - Senior Lunch & BINGO**
Community Hall
- **May 17 - Coloring Cafe**
Community Hall
- **May 23 - City Council Meeting**
Edgerton City Hall
- **May 27 - Memorial Day - City Hall CLOSED**