

# COVID-19 UPDATES

## Prevention & Preparation

In an abundance of public caution, the City of Columbus is taking several proactive steps to combat the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). City officials reevaluate the situation daily and make adjustments as needed.

- All public meetings are postponed for 30 days, with the exception of Council meetings.
- Community Building is closed to public and no new reservations are being made.
- Columbus Public Library is closed to the public.
- City Hall operations are continuing at this time but public access has been suspended. The City of Columbus provides services over the phone and online, and we encourage you to use these convenient services. Payments can be made by the following options:
- Online at [www.columbusks.gov](http://www.columbusks.gov) and visit the link under City Spotlight.
- Call (620)429-2159 to pay by phone or for customer service. Mon-Fri 8:00 am - 4:30pm.
- Check payments can be made using the drive-thru or drop box at City Hall.

Columbus PD Municipal Court is closed effective immediately until June 8th. Notifications of your new court date will be sent by mail. VIN inspections completed by the Columbus PD are temporarily suspended. Fine payments can be still be made in person or by the following options:

- Drop box at City Hall and a receipt will be mailed to you.
- Pay online through the link under City Spotlight, and reference your citation/case #.

As the situation regarding the COVID-19 virus changes, our goal is to provide you with the most up-to-date information. As we receive information our City Website [www.columbusks.gov](http://www.columbusks.gov) and our Facebook page @ColumbusKansas are updated. Please stay informed with accurate information to protect yourself.

# EXECUTIVE ORDER

FROM THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-05

From Governor Laura Kelly

Per Governor Kelly's Executive Order 20-05, disconnecting water service for non-payment is prohibited. Therefore, the City will not be disconnecting water service for non-payment. Late fees will still be assessed.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-14

Per Governor Kelly's Executive Order 20-14, mass gathering shall be limited to no more than 10 people.

These orders are in effect as of now, and will remain in effect until either the order is rescinded, the statewide Emergency Declaration regarding COVID-19 expires or, May 1, 2020, whichever comes first.

## STOP THE SPREAD

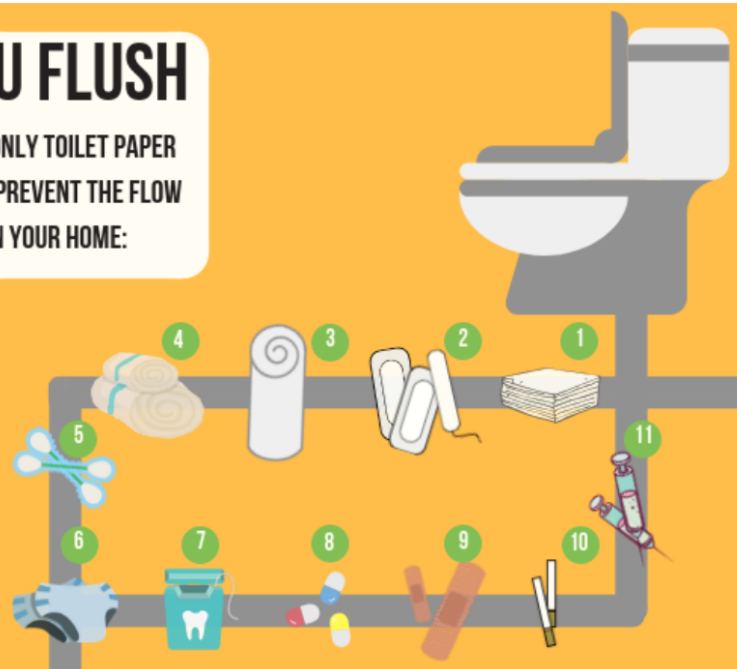
City of Columbus parks remain open for outdoor activities & exercise. Please refrain from using playground equipment, benches & tables. Plastic is used extensively throughout the park and COVID-19 can last up to 3 days on its surface.

Don't forget to maintain a 6ft distance while outdoors.

# THINK BEFORE YOU FLUSH

OUR SEWERS ARE DESIGNED TO DISPOSE OF ONLY TOILET PAPER AND HUMAN WASTE. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS PREVENT THE FLOW OF WASTES AND COULD CAUSE BLOCKAGES IN YOUR HOME:

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| 1. WET WIPES            | 7. DENTAL FLOSS |
| 2. SANITARY ITEMS       | 8. MEDICINE     |
| 3. PAPER TOWELS         | 9. BAND-AIDS    |
| 4. RAGS                 | 10. CIGARETTES  |
| 5. Q-TIPS/ COTTON BALLS | 11. NEEDLES     |
| 6. DIAPERS              |                 |



# SPRING CLEAN-UP

## CITY OF COLUMBUS 2020 SPRING CLEAN-UP

- WARD 1: MONDAY APRIL 13 & TUESDAY APRIL 14  
 WARD 2: WEDNESDAY APRIL 15 & THURSDAY APRIL 16  
 WARD 3: FRIDAY APRIL 17 & MONDAY APRIL 20  
 WARD 4: TUESDAY APRIL 21 & WEDNESDAY APRIL 22  
 WARD 5: THURSDAY APRIL 23 & FRIDAY APRIL 24

Place items at the curb side or in alley, separated from your regular garbage, on your designated days. City Crews WILL NOT come back to pick up items.

Divide items into like piles, wood, furniture, metal, etc. If not separated, items will not be picked up.

The following items WILL NOT BE TAKEN:

- Hazardous materials
- Machine shop chips, metal cutouts
- Rocks, dirt, gravel or sand
- Sandblast waste
- Regular garbage
- Items with Freon or any other type of refrigerant
- Tires on wheels or tires not on wheels
- Paint cans or caulking tubes
- Computer equipment or televisions
- Barrels
- Batteries
- Household demolition/ construction debris
- Plastic
- Brush (Limbs may be taken to the Columbus Animal Shelter at 315 W. Cedar Street)

Ordinance No. 1184 prohibits anyone from going through and/or taking items set out for Spring Clean Up.

## City of Columbus Water/Sewer Rate Increase



	WATER BASE FEE	ADDITIONAL GALLONS	SEWER BASE FEE	ADDITIONAL GALLONS
CURRENT CHARGES INSIDE CITY LIMITS	\$24.75/includes 1,000 gallons	\$7.09/per thousand gallon	\$16.08/includes 2,000 gallons	\$4.25/ per thousand gallon
NEW RATES INSIDE CITY LIMITS	\$25.50/includes 1,000 gallons	\$7.44/per thousand gallon	\$16.56/includes 2,000 gallons	\$4.46/per thousand gallon
CURRENT CHARGES OUT OF CITY LIMITS	\$33.36/includes 1,000 gallons	\$9.27/per thousand gallon	N/A	N/A
NEW RATES OUT OF CITY LIMITS	\$34.69/includes 1,000 gallons	\$9.73/per thousand gallon	N/A	N/A

- Following an increase of city water purchase rates from Public Wholesale district #19, the council approved a rate increase which will go into effect on May 1, 2020. You will see this increase on your bill beginning in June.
- The water base charge and the water usage charge for customers inside and outside the city limits will increase 3% annually, beginning January 1, 2021. The minimum wastewater charge and wastewater usage charge for customers will increase 3% annually, beginning January 1, 2021.