



A NEW RESIDENT'S GUIDE TO DE SOTO, KANSAS, AND ALL IT HAS TO OFFER.



Address | 32905 W 84th St.

City Hall Hours | Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm

Phone | 913-583-1182

Website | desotoks.us

HIGHLIGHTS

New Resident Check List

Utilities & Trash

Water & Wastewater Trash, Recycling, & Yard Waste 2024 Refuse Calendar Other Utility Providers

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WELCOME TO DE SOTO!

De Soto is a hidden gem, centered between the Kansas City metro area, Johnson County, and Lawrence, that provides residents easy access to all their necessities but with the small-town lifestyle.

The information in this packet will hopefully make your move to De Soto a little bit easier as you get adjusted to the area; you'll find important phone numbers and general information about available City services.

We hope you take part in the events, programs, and activities that occur in De Soto each year. If you have any questions as you settle in, please call, email, or visit us in person at City Hall.

Welcome to De Soto, and thank you for choosing our community to be your new home.

Population: 6,620 (2021 Census)



NEW RESIDENT CHECKLIST V

UTILITIES Start Water, Sewer, Trash & **Recycling Service** desotoks.us/utilities **Contact Other Utility Providers** desotoks.us/OtherUtilities **Learn About Trash & Recycling Services** desotoks.us/Trash **Call Before You Dig** 1-800-DIG-SAFE | kansas811.com **GET ACTIVE IN MY COMMUNITY Explore Community Events** & Festivals desotoks.us/events **Get a Library Card** jocolibrary.org/using-thelibrary/getting-started **Locate Local Dog Park** 33460 W 95th St. Sign Up For Youth Sports desotoks.us/recreation **Check Out Upcoming Programs** & Activities desotoks.us/Programs Apply to a Local Board or Committee desotoks.us/BoardsCommittees Sign Up to Take City Surveys

flashvote.com/desotoks

HELP ME TRANSITION

Apply for A New Driver's License ksrevenue.gov/dovlicenses.html
Forward Mail & Change My Address usps.com/manage/forward.htm
Find Public Transportation jocogov.org/department/transit- ridekc-johnson-county
Register My Vehicle jocogov.org/department/treasury- taxation-and-vehicles/vehicle- registrations-and-titling
Register to Vote desotoks.us/voting
Learn About Schools usd232.org/

CONNECT WITH MY COMMUNITY	
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Read the Latest City News desotoks.us/newsletters	
Connect on Social Media desotoks.us/SocialMedia	
Find Out About What's Happening in Your County jocogov.org/	
Learn About Public Safety Services	
Fire: Northwest Consolidated Fire District (NWCFD) nwcfd.org/	

Police: Johnson County Sheriff's Department jocosheriff.org/



UTILITIES: WATER

The De Soto Utilities Department includes our water and sewer utilities. De Soto operates both water and sewer treatment facilities, a water distribution system, and a sewer collection system. There are approximately 2,500 water service customers on the system, and the average daily water demands are approximately 1,000,000 gallons per day. The sewer treatment plant treats approximately 550,000 gallons of sewage per day.

Water and sewer charges are on a monthly-usage basis.

Bills are mailed out every 22nd of the month and due by the 15th of the following month in order to avoid penalties.

Please note that if an irrigation system is installed, the meter knows no difference and sewer charges will be applied to all water that goes through the meter. If you would like an additional meter for an irrigation system please contact our Building Department.

Utilities Service Contract

You will need to complete a utilities services contract; the contract covers water, wastewater, trash, & recycling (see next page for information). The link below directs you to the online application in English, Spanish, or the PDF version, and the online bill pay.

desotoks.us/utilities



WAYS TO PAY



ONLINE -

Create an account to access PDF copies of bills, set up debit or credit cards for automatic payments, and view account history!



AUTO DRAFT -

Sign up at City Hall with a checking account (must provide a VOIDED check)



DRIVE-UP DROP BOX -

24/7 drop-off box in front of City Hall (Cash payments not encouraged)



MAIL-IN -

Return in envelope via postal service



IN PERSON -

Visit during City Hall hours, Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm. We accept cash, checks, and cards!



UTILITIES: TRASH & RECYCLING

The City of De Soto contracts with Honey Creek Disposal for weekly curbside trash and bi-weekly recycling pickup. Each Honey Creek subscriber receives one 95-gallon cart for trash and one 95-gallon cart for recycling.



Trash Pickup Map: Weekly Schedule

Extra Trash

If you have more trash than the cart can hold, you can request an additional cart for \$3/ month or buy a bag tag for \$1 from City Hall.



Request Additional Carts

Trash Guidelines

- Cart Usage and Placement: ONLY containers provided by Honey Creek Disposal will be permitted for use. Place cart no closer than 3 ft. from any obstructions and within 3 ft. of the curb. Place cart with arrows facing the street and the handle facing your house. Cart must be out by 7 am on the day of collection and removed within 24 hours.
- Debris not eligible for Collection:
 - Lumber
 - Carpet
 - Building or remodeling materials
 - -Tires
 - Chemicals
 - Animal remnants



- Oil
- Paint
- Rocks
- Dirt
- Appliances containing refrigerant
 Commercial or Industrial waste or materials of an explosive nature

For hazardous waste, contact Johnson County: hhwscheduler.jocogov.org

- **Bulk Item Pickup:** Bulk collection of **4 larger items** (such as household furniture, appliances, & bicycles) will be made on the 1st service day of your collection each month. *Appliance containing refrigerant must be responsibly evacuated before disposal.*
- Holidays: No Collection will be made on **New Years Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day,**Thanksgiving Day, or Christmas Day.



If your trash falls on a holiday or a day succeeding the holiday, your trash will be picked up one day later than normal for the remainder of that holiday week.

- For example, if your trash day falls on a Tuesday during a holiday week, your trash will be picked up on Wednesday and so forth. Your trash collection will resume as normal at the start of the next week.
- If the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, your trash will be collected on your regularly scheduled pick-up day.

RECYCLING

You Can Recycle:

- Rigid plastics #1 thru #7
- Plastic bottles
- Dairy containers
- Yogurt cups
- Deli or salad bar clamshells
- Glass bottles/jars- brown, green, clear
- Steel food and beverage cans
- Newspaper
- Office paper
- Carrier stock
- Envelopes
- Manila file folders
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Telephone books
- Cardboard
- Chipboard
- Aluminum cans



You Can't Recycle:

- Styrofoam or packaging
- Plastic bags
- Tissues, napkins, paper towels
- Plastic cereal box/ cake box liners
- Plastic toys
- Light bulbs
- Hardback books
- Paper plates or cups
- Gift wrap
- Photographs
- Drink pouches
- Shredded paper
- Hazardous waste containers
- Trash
- Yard waste
- Chip or candy wrappers

UTILITIES: RECYCLING & YARD WASTE

Recycling

Residents will receive one 65-gallon cart for recycling*, but there is no limit to how much you can recycle!

*Mandated by the County, all residents must have a recycling cart even if not used.

Have Extra Recyclables?

- Place broken down boxes (cut into approx 4'x4' sections) or a separate container of recyclables next to your recycling bin
- If you regularly require additional recycling capacity, you can request an extra recycling cart for an additional \$3 per month: desotoks.us/CartRequest
- Utilize the Johnson County Recycling Centers for bigger drop-offs

Brush Site

The De Soto Brush Disposal Site is a dedicated space for De Soto residents to conveniently dispose of common yard waste.

- **Location:** 35415 West 79th Street, behind the Wastewater treatment facility
- Operating Hours:
 - 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, from April through November
 - 8 am to Noon
- Accepted Materials: Common yard waste, limbs, trees, biodegradable lawn bags, & all the leaves your heart desires
- **Restrictions:** Mulch, construction waste, concrete

TRASH, RECYCLING, & BRUSH SERVICES

2025 CALENDAR

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RECYCLING WEEK
BULK PICKUP (IST TRASH SERVICE DAY OF THE MONTH)
EXTRA + 6 BAGS ALLOWED

TRASH PICKUP DELAYED 1 DAY
BRUSH SITE OPEN



UTILITY PROVIDERS

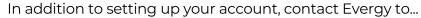
The City of De Soto provides water, wastewater, trash, & recycling utilities; for other services, please contact the utility providers in this area.

Electricity - Evergy

Customer Service: 1 (800) 383-1183

Report Outages Phone: 1 (800) 544-4857

Website: evergy.com



- Report an outage: evergy.com/report-outage
- Report a burnt out street light: evergy.com/street-light-outage

Internet

- AT&T att.com/local/kansas/de-soto
- Clearwave Fiber: clearwavefiber.com
- **Spectrum:** spectrum.com/internet-service/kansas/desoto
- Zoom Fiber: zoomfiber.com/

Natural Gas - Atmos

Phone: 888-286-6700

Website: atmosenergy.com

Smell a Leak?

atmosenergy.com/safety/recognizing-leak/



CALL BEFORE YOU DIG



Planning an exterior home improvement job? Planting a tree? Installing a fence or deck? Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling 811 before each job even small projects like planting trees and shrubs.

The depth of utility lines varies and there may be multiple utility lines in a common area. Digging without calling can disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, harm you and those around you and potentially result in fines and repair costs.

Calling 811 before every digging job gets your underground utility lines marked for free and helps prevent undesired consequences.

> kansas811.com 1-800-DIG-SAFE

BUILDING & CODES

As a new resident, you may be eager to start your home projects! Before you begin, make sure you get all required permits.

Requires a Permit

- **Decks**New or Replacement

- New Fencing
- Swimming Pools

- Finishing a Basement
- **Driveway Replacement**If replacing driveway in right of way
- Kitchen & Bathroom Remodel
- Water Heater Replacement
 - HVAC Replacement
 - Accessory Structures

Does Not Require a Permit

- New Siding
- New Windows
- Concrete Patios

- Landscaping
- Light Interior Remodel Work
- Drywall Repair/Replacement
- Replacing Appliances
- Accessory Structures Less Than 200 sq. ft.
 - Fence Repair

How do I apply for a building permit?

Instructions for each permit type's application process can be found on our Building & Codes section of our website.

desotoks.us/BuildingPermits



Does my specific project require a permit?

Contact the building and codes department by...

- **Calling:** 913-586-5277
- Emailing: building@desotoks.us

Citizen Request

Citizen health and safety is a top priority for the City of De Soto. To request code enforcement or report any street or water issues, please submit an online citizen request.



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bit.ly/DeSotoRequest



PARKS & RECREATION

Parks & Facilities

Riverfest Park - 33440 W 79th St

This park alongside the Kansas "Kaw" River is home to a rain garden, boat ramp, and numerous events throughout the year.

Miller Park - 8205 Ferry Rd.

This near-downtown park includes a jungle gym, baseball fields, and a park shelter.

Johnson County Parks

There are two Johnson County managed parks:

- Lexington Lake Park 9000 Sunflower Rd
- Kill Creek Streamway Dog Park 33460 W 95th St.

Community Center - 32905 W 84th St

- Mon & Wed, 8:30am-10:30am: Toddler Time
- Tues & Thurs, 8:00am-11am: Pickleball
- Sundays, 6pm-8pm: Pickleball
- Mon-Fri, 7am-5pm (when no other events): Open Gym

De Soto Aquatic Center

The De Soto Aquatic Center is open from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend and features a climbing wall, diving boards, slides, swim teams, and swim classes.

For more information on season passes, check out bit.ly/desotokspoolmembership.

- Swim Team Season: Late May Early July
- Swimming Lessons Season: 2-week sessions in June
- Dolphin Swim Academy Season: Mid to Late July



PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

- Youth Spring Soccer
 - PK-8th grade
 - **Registration:** Due early February
 - **Season:** Mid-March early May
 - Youth T-Ball
 - PK-K
 - Registration: Due early March
 - Season: April early July
 - Youth Baseball
 - 7-15 years old
 - Registration: Due early March
 - Season: early July
- Youth Softball
 - 7-15 years old
 - Registration: Due early March
 - Season: early July
- Blastball
 - 4-5 years old
 - **Registration:** Due early May
 - Season: Last Week of May June
- Youth Fall Soccer
 - PK-8th grade
 - Registration: Due end of July
 - Season: Late August October
- Youth Fall Volleyball
 - 3rd-6th grade
 - Registration: Due early August
 - Season: September November
- Youth Basketball Clinic
 - K-6th grade
 - Season: November (3 Saturdays)
- Youth Basketball League
 - 1st-6th grade
 - Registration: Due Early November
 - Season: December Early March



CITY EVENTS



4th of July Celebration

On the 4th of July, De Soto gathers in Riverfest park for vendors, music, and a fireworks show!

De Soto Days

Celebrate with the entire community during the annual De Soto Days Festival on Labor Day weekend.



Summer Concert Series

The City brings artists from all genres throughout the summer during the Summer Concert Series.

Follow us on social media or the City website for summer dates!

Movies in the Park

Bring your lawn chairs, picnic, and blankets to enjoy a movie under the stars.

Mayor's Tree Lighting

Join us for the beginning of the holiday season! This event has something for everyone with holiday music performed by the high school band & choir, the Mayor's tree lighting ceremony, pictures with Santa, the Rotary Club Chili Supper, and the Arts Council art open house.



desotoks.us/events

STAY CONNECTED

WAYS WE COMMUNICATE





Email Newsletters

desotoks.us/newsletters

Sign up for our email newsletter, delivered the first and third Fridays following City Council meetings.



City Website

desotoks.us

Visit our user-friendly website, where you can find comprehensive information about City services, public announcements, important documents, and news.



Social Media

linktr.ee/desotoks

Follow us on social media to stay connected and receive real-time updates.



Notify JoCo

notifyjoco.org

Sign up to receive text updates on road projects, utility outages, severe weather, & events in your neighborhood.



Utility Bill Newsletters

desotoks.us/newsletters
You'll find this monthly one-pager,
in both English & Spanish, in your
utility bill or on our website.



Quarterly Newsletter

We mail a quarterly newsletter to every household in the 66018 zip code!



Our goal is to ensure that you are as informed as possible about the events, activities, projects, services, and ways to engage in De Soto.

Use the communication tools on the left to pick and choose your favorite ways to get City info.

Surveys

Another way to engage with the City is through surveys; we do a big, community-wide survey every two years, as well as "flash" surveys every month or two.

Sign Up FlashVote

Do you have 1 minute a month to help make our community even better?



We conduct short, anonymous surveys through a survey platform called FlashVote.

- Sign up at flashvote.com/desotoks
- Once a survey drops, you have 48 hours to participate
- Within 48 hours of each survey, FlashVote delivers the results to City officials, staff, and YOU! Get insights into community sentiments on topics you're passionate about.

GOVERNMENT

De Soto is a city with a Mayor-Council form of government. We have a five member at-large City Council and a Mayor who each serve four-year terms.

Meeting Info

Meeting Dates: 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month @ 7pm

Participate in Person: City Hall, 32905 W. 84th Street, De Soto, Kansas 66018

Watch live YouTube stream: youtube.com/DeSotoKansas/live

Participate Online: gotomeet.me/DeSotoKS

City Council



MayorRick Walker
rwalker@desotoks.us



Council President

Rob Daniels
rdaniels@desotoks.us



Council Member Kevin Honomichl khonomichl@desotoks.us



Council Member
Danny Lane
dlane@desotoks.us



Council Member
Victoria McMoran
vmcmoran@desotoks.us



Council Member Courtney Tripp ctripp@desotoks.us

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Planning Commission:

The De Soto Planning Commission primarily acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council. The commission studies issues, oversees the preparation of plans and ordinances, and reviews and advises on zoning and development proposals.

- Meeting Dates: 4th Tuesdays of each month @ 6pm
- Participate in Person: City Hall, 32905 W. 84th Street, De Soto, Kansas 66018
- Watch live YouTube stream: youtube.com/DeSotoKansas/live
- Participate Online: gotomeet.me/DeSotoKS

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA):

The De Soto Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) is authorized to decide on requests for variances from the zoning regulations or appeals from administrative decisions of codes officials.

- Meeting Dates: On an as-needed basis, 2-3 meetings per year
- Participate in Person: City Hall

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board:

The De Soto Parks & Recreation Advisory Board is a volunteer board serving in the role of an adviser to the De Soto governing body and the De Soto Parks and Recreation Department to enhance the long-term vision and value of parks and recreation opportunities, planning, programming, and facilities for the residents of the City of De Soto.

- Meeting Dates: 1st Monday of each month @ 6pm
- Participate in Person: City Hall

INTERESTED IN SERVING?

The rolling application for the Planning Commission, BZA, and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is available below:

bit.ly/board-commission-application



CONTACT US

City Hall: 913-583-1182

CITY HALL

TITLE	EMPLOYEE	EMAIL	EXT	DIRECT LINE
City Administrator	Mike Brungardt, P.E.	mbrungardt@desotoks.us	116	913-586-5253
City Attorney	Patrick G. Reavey	preavey@desotoks.us	125	913-586-5299
City Clerk / Assistant City Administrator	Brandon Mills	bmills@desotoks.us	110	913-586-5250
City Engineer	Joe Johnson	jjohnson@desotoks.us	137	913-586-5257
Community Development Director	Brad Weisenburger	bweisenburger@desotoks.us	115	913-586-5286
Building Official	Cameron Maughmer	cmaughmer@desotoks.us	120	913-586-5252
Code Enforcement & Building Inspectors	Drew Bones	dbones@desotoks.us	129	913-586-5263
Code Enforcement & Building Inspectors	Dale Hamilton	dhamilton@desotoks.us	130	913-586-5277
Communications & Events Director	Whitney Lange	wlange@desotoks.us	126	913-586-5255
Finance Director	Bonnie Bennett	bbennett@desotoks.us	111	913-586- 5262
Municipal Court Clerk	Erika Carrillo	ecarrillo@desotoks.us	122	913-586-5290
Utility Clerk / Accounts Payable Clerk	Mayte Diaz	mdiaz@desotoks.us	112	913-586-5270
Utility Clerk / Deputy City Clerk	Edgar Marquez	emarquez@desotoks.us	113	913-586-5271

PARKS & RECREATION

TITLE	EMPLOYEE	EMAIL	EXT	DIRECT LINE
Parks & Recreation Director	Jay Garvin	jgarvin@desotoks.us	127	913-586-5280
Aquatics & Recreation Manager	Justin Huslig	jhuslig@desotoks.us	131	913-586-5281
Recreation Programmer	Makenna Jennings	mjennings@desotoks.us	118	913-586-5282
Aquatics Center	-	-		913-586-5283
Rainout Number	-	-	101	913-586-5285

PUBLIC WORKS

TITLE	EMPLOYEE	EMAIL	EXT	DIRECT LINE
Public Works Director	Joe Johnson	jjohnson@desotoks.us	137	913-586-5257
Public Works Operations Manager	Martin Juarez	mjuarez@desotoks.us	139	913-586-5265
Street Foreman	Jim Briggs	jbriggs@desotoks.us	142	913-586-5264
Water Foreman	Billy Briggs	bbriggs@desotoks.us	135	913-586-5268
Wastewater / Sewer Advisor	Doug Smith	dsmith@desotoks.us	-	913-586-9956

