

Harrison County EMS passes KBEMS inspection

HARRISON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Harrison County EMS recently completed its Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS) inspection with a successful review, passing all categories with no deficiencies.

The KBEMS inspection evaluates multiple areas of EMS operations to ensure compliance with state regulations and the highest standards of emergency medical care. During the review, Harrison County EMS successfully met all requirements across several key categories, including policies and administration, equipment and maintenance files, required medical equipment and supplies, ambulance emergency equipment, employee files and patient care report records, and scheduling compliance.

The successful inspection reflects the dedication, professionalism, and attention to detail demonstrated daily by the Harrison County EMS team. Maintaining readiness, proper documentation, and high-quality equipment standards ensures that emergency medical services remain reliable and responsive for the residents of Harrison County.

“Harrison County EMS is an important part of the care we provide to our community,” said Kathy Tussey, Chief Executive Officer of Harrison Memorial Hospital. “Passing every category of the KBEMS inspection with no deficiencies reflects the professionalism, preparation, and commitment of this team to providing exceptional emergency care to the people of Harrison County.”

Harrison County EMS, operated by Harrison Memorial Hospital, is staffed by trained EMS professionals including

EMT-Basics, EMT-Advanced providers, Paramedics, and Critical Care Paramedics. The service currently operates two Advanced Life Support ambulances 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The 35-member EMS team responds to approximately 4,000 emergency calls each year and stays prepared for rapid response throughout Harrison County.

In addition to emergency responses, Harrison County EMS also transports Basic, Advanced and Critical Care inter facility transfers from Harrison Memorial Hospital. Harrison County EMS also provides extensive community outreach, training, and educational opportunities. Through its educational institute and training programs, EMS staff help prepare future emergency medical professionals.

Harrison County EMS plays a vital role in protecting the health and safety of residents across the region and remains committed to serving the community through emergency response, education and prevention efforts.

BY JENEEN WICHE
IN MY GARDEN

Mulch is a landscape staple, almost to a fault when it is over applied, smothering roots and girdling trunks. When done properly it can help to suppress weeds, retain moisture, and moderate soil temperature. These things can be achieved using a variety of materials, but which type of mulch suits your needs best?

Predominately we use organic materials for mulching. Organic mulches include plant or animal derived materials like wood chips, pine needles, tree bark, grass clippings, composted manure, and worm castings.

Organic materials have the benefit of looking natural while adding varying amounts of nutrients to the soil. I personally prefer a mulching material that is nutrient rich, so it improves the soil and provides food for the plant while serving other practical applications.

Inorganic mulching materials include stones, gravel, landscape fabrics, plastics and even recycled tires. While these may last longer, they do not always provide the look that a homeowner wants for their landscape. Because they take less maintenance, they are more often

Mulch matters

seen in high traffic or municipal areas than around our homes. Most things serve a purpose if used properly, but there are some concerns with certain inorganic mulching materials and their ability to allow a more natural seasonal warm up and cool down of a plant's root system.

When we mulch to moderate soil temperature, we are usually mindful of keeping the roots cool in the summer. In the winter months, however, I think there is a mixed message about what mulch will achieve.

Organic mulches used properly, 2 to 2 1/2" deep, typically allow for the proper warming and cooling of the soil as winter turns to spring and fall turns to winter.

Inorganic mulches, however, may cause some delay in the process resulting in winter damage.

In the article Using Mulches in Managed Landscapes (a cooperative effort by Iowa State University, Ohio State University and University of Kentucky) the authors state “Mulch effects on root zone temperature, as well as any potential benefits or consequences for plants, will vary considerably depending on factors such as properties of mulch, soil type, soil moisture, plant species or cultivar, and weather patterns.”

I bet you never realized

that the type of mulch you choose could have such an effect on the plant you are trying to care for.

I mention all this because we need to understand that mulch can create an environment that may make it difficult for the plant to acclimate accordingly from season to season.

Too much mulch before the ground freezes is like having a bikini on underneath your full-length fur. Take the coat off and you're in for a shock once winter hits.

A plant's root system needs to cool down and slow down to sufficiently go dormant before you mulch the area to prevent heaving and thawing. Always wait for several hard freezes before you apply mulch for moderating winter soil temperatures.

The same thing can happen in the summer if certain types of materials are used as mulch. Wait until the soil has a chance to warm up a bit before you apply mulch otherwise you may insulate the cool soil and delay the warm-up, thus delaying plant growth.

The use of various inorganic mulches can really fool plants, too. Using black plastic, for instance, is like keeping the fur coat on all summer, not to mention that it doesn't allow healthy amounts of oxygen to reach

the root system.

This can cause double trouble once winter rolls around again, too. The plant will be slow to go dormant because the root system is still warm and therefore it will be more susceptible to winter damage.

Even using crushed brick, rock or pea gravel may speed up the warming process in the spring. The University Extension article on mulches cited an example where a red maple broke dormancy early in the spring (around here that means it would likely suffer from late frost damage) likely due to the brick and pea gravel's capacity to conduct heat to the underlying soil.

Gradual warming and cooling of the soil is best, and mulch should be used to moderate the soil temperature seasonally.

None of this is to say that you should not use certain materials as mulch, however, match them up accordingly with what you want to achieve and what the cultural realities are for your plants.

Use black plastic around your tomato plants, these annuals love warm soil, and they only live a short time. I would avoid using it with anything that lives longer than a couple of months, though.

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All persons are hereby notified not to trespass, fish or shoot upon the lands of the undersigned. Any person caught trespassing in violation of this notice will be reported to the sheriff and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. It is necessary that we take this step to protect our property and wildlife.

No Trespassing on Fisher Farm or Fisher Estate property in Harrison Co., Berry KY. Owned by Gary & Patricia Earle without written permission from Patricia Earle agent.

Posted No Farm Trespassing at 13027 Ky Hwy 356 Sadieville Ky, Harrison Co

No Hunting or Trespassing on the property belonging to Billie Grob lots 1, 4, 5, 6 and 41 of Maric Lane.

List your posted property here!
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LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that King Assets LLC, PO Box 122, Cynthiana, KY, has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to build a single family home located at 108 Southland Drive, of Grays Run Estates, Cynthiana, KY Near the intersection of Southland Drive and Stokely Drive. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to:

DOWFloodplain@ky.gov

Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601.

Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

HARRISON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Online Registration Coming Soon!

At Harrison County Schools we believe engaging parents/guardians, students and staff shapes the foundation for success in our school community. New and existing student registration can be paper-intensive and inefficient. Going paperless saves time and money. We are excited to announce parents can now register student(s) in the comfort of their own home using the Campus Parent Portal or one of the kiosks located at each school.

What is Online Registration?

Online Registration is a tool inside Infinite campus that allows parents and guardians to register their “new” to the district students, click on the tab -ONLINE REGISTRATION (OLR)- or by logging into your parent portal account if you have other students in the district and are adding a preschool or kindergarten student. Both are located via the Harrison County website at www.harrison.kyschools.us

When will Online Registration start?

Online Registration will open April 20, 2026. The link can be found by visiting the district website, www.harrison.kyschools.us and click on the Online Registration tab in the upper right hand corner.

Harrison County Schools Preschool, Head Start & Kindergarten

2026-2027 REGISTRATION

308 Webster Avenue

April 20, 21, 22 & 23

8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Kindergarten is for 5-year-olds. Child must be 5 years old August 1, 2026.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Birth Certificate
- School Physical
- Social Security Card
- Eye Examination
- Current Immunization Certificate
- Dental Screening

Feel Free to bring health documents to registration.

We can make copies.

Other Documentation:

- Birth Certificate
- Physical
- Current Immunization Certificate
- Eye Exam
- Medical Card

All Students: ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS must be turned in at the time of registration in order to confirm a completed enrollment. Please call if you have any questions.

No appointment needed to register your child. For Preschool & Kindergarten, contact Whitney Fowler, 859-234-7110; for Head Start, contact Kristi Pensinger 859-234-2121

Preschool and Head Start Preschool are for 4-year-olds. Child must be 4 years old by August 1, 2026.

REQUIREMENTS:

Verification of Income

The parent or guardian of Harrison County preschool students must complete a verification of income form by submitting one of the following:

- Written statement from employer
- Document showing current status of public housing
- Individual tax return or W-2 form from 2025 tax return
- Two pay stubs within last month

Verification of income MUST be submitted on EVERYONE in the household that has income, to include:

- Welfare, child support, alimony
- Pension, retirement, Social Security, SSL, VA benefits
- Disability, Worker's Compensation, Unemployment or Strike Benefits

For More Information Please Contact:

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