



Summer Cooling Tips

With the hot Summer weather in full-swing, here are some tips for keeping your home cool while keeping your energy bills low. For more ideas, go to ashland.or.us/EnergyTips or call 541-488-5306.

Free Ways to Keep Cool:

- Turn off the lights in unoccupied rooms.
- Turn off or unplug unnecessary electronics.
- Dress for the weather. Wear lightweight, loose fitting clothing on hot days to help keep cool.
- Drink plenty of cold liquids to stay hydrated.
- Beat the heat by blocking it. On a hot day, keep windows, doors, blinds, and curtains closed to keep cool air in and the hot sun out. Open them when it cools down to let breezes through.
- Use your kitchen and bathroom fans after cooking and bathing to remove hot steam from the air.
- Cook more meals in your microwave. It is quicker, more energy efficient, and heats the food instead of your house. Outside BBQs are a fun way to cook and keep your home cool, too.
- Run your dishwasher at night, especially if you choose to air dry dishes, so that steam doesn't heat your kitchen.
- Dry laundry on a clothesline. Your house will stay cooler and your energy bills will be lower.

Low-Cost Ways to Keep Cool:

- Use fans instead of A/C. Fans increase air movement, which can make you feel up to five degrees cooler, while using less energy. A fan won't cool your room so turn it off when you leave to save energy.
- Cover your windows with white or light colored blinds or shades, which will reflect heat instead of absorbing it. In a pinch, even a white sheet will do.
- Install roll-up blinds outside of windows that receive the hottest sunlight. Blocking the sun from the outside is more effective than blocking it from the inside.
- Insulate and weather-strip your attic access cover. Install a latch to hold the cover tight and reduce air leaks. The air in the attic can be stifling on a hot day.

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City Elections

The filing period for the November election ends August 12, 2016. If you live within the City limits and are interested in running for office go to ashland.or.us/2016election.



Volunteers Needed!

Volunteer food drivers and servers are needed at the Ashland Senior Center from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Help deliver warm and heart-healthy lunches for home-bound seniors or help serve the lunches at the Ashland Senior Center. The Senior Center is a division of Ashland Parks & Recreation Commission (APRC).

For more information, please contact the APRC Volunteer & Event Coordinator, Lori Ainsworth, at 541-552-2264 or lori.ainsworth@ashland.or.us. Volunteers really do make a difference... VIP – Volunteer in Parks... “It’s the Natural Thing to Do!”

Water Wise Landscaping - Outdoor Watering Calculator

The City of Ashland offers many great resources to assist you in managing your landscape. Our newest addition is the **Outdoor Watering Calculator**. Studies have shown that as much as 60% of the water used at home is for outside purposes and on average, about half of the water used outdoors is wasted. The leading cause of water waste outdoors is incorrectly programmed irrigation controllers. The outdoor water calculator is intended to give essential advice on how to set a controller properly and how to

manage it thereafter. Check out the water wise landscaping website and the watering calculator at www.ashlandsaveswater.org.

You can also ‘Like’ us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AshlandWaterConservation. There are frequently posted fun tips, incentive programs, and current events. Keep informed, especially in the summer months, about what to do to use water wisely. Go to the Ashland Water Conservation Facebook page and share the innovative

ways you save water!

Check out the City of Ashland’s water wise landscaping website for more ideas on how to create a landscape that is healthy, attractive and uses less water. Visit the site at www.ashlandsaveswater.org. For assistance with your irrigation system, call for a free irrigation evaluation. To schedule an evaluation or for more information on the City’s water conservation programs please call 541-552-2421.

Work Zone Safety for Drivers

The City of Ashland and the Oregon Department of Transportation remind drivers to use caution when traveling through road construction zones. Here are a few tips for staying safe on the road:

- Pay attention while driving, especially in the transition zone before a work area.
- "Orange is your clue." Slow down when you see orange signs, barrels and barricades.
- Don't tailgate. Instead, double your following distance.
- Get in the correct lane well in advance; do not suddenly change lanes.
- Remember, work zone traffic lanes are often narrow, without shoulders or emergency lanes.
- Be aware of temporary entrances to the roadway from the median.
- Expect delays - plan for them and be patient.

Call 511 or go to tripcheck.com for the latest traffic, weather, construction alerts, and highway conditions by route or mountain pass. Additionally, TripCheck Mobile is a separate website formatted specifically for low-bandwidth users. You may access the site at m.tripcheck.com or tripcheck.com/mobile.

Summer Fire Safety Tips

Ashland Fire and Rescue reminds you to help keep our community safe by heeding fire prevention measures:

- Keep an eye on the fire danger level at www.ashland.or.us/fireseason.
- Before using engine-driven or spark-producing equipment such as mowers, chainsaws, or welding equipment, check on the required shutdown time.
- Use barbecues at least 10 feet from combustible materials and structures including eaves and decks.
- Outdoor debris burning is prohibited.
- Fireworks are prohibited.
- Sky lanterns are prohibited.
- Smoking in areas of combustible vegetation is prohibited.
- The use of outdoor free-standing, wood burning fire places and the fire rings in Lithia Park are prohibited in HIGH and EXTREME fire danger.

If you are traveling or camping, be sure to check the current conditions and fire prevention measures in the area you are going. Fire is everyone's fight!

Lawn Gone!

Are you ready to say goodbye to your lawn and create something more ecological? Fall is the perfect time for lawn replacement and transforming your yard! Learn the basic steps for a successful lawn removal project: site assessment, design and planning, methods of lawn removal, sheet mulching and estimating materials. The class will also touch on ideas for drought-tolerant plantings, pollinator gardens and edible foodscapes.

Pre-register online at ashland.or.us/register or call the Nature Center at 541-488-6606.

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DATE August 2, 2016
TIME 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
PLACE North Mountain Park
COST \$20

Instructor Kimberly Brown is the owner of Lawn Gone! Yard Transformations. She is a landscape designer and lawn replacement consultant.



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Ashland is Ready

Save the Date!

September 10, 2016

1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m. - Doors open for vendor display

Is your family prepared to be self sufficient during a disaster? The Ashland is Ready (AIR) event helps you prepare for a disaster with presenters and vendors providing information about local hazards, how to be informed, and how to be better prepared if disaster strikes.

Visit the vendor fair before and after the event. Registration and payment is required in advance. The cost of attending AIR is \$10, and each participant will leave with a 72-hour emergency kit. Each year the event has sold out, so register early! **Tickets will go on sale in August.**

For more information or to see what happened at last year's event go to www.ashland.or.us/air or call Ashland Fire and Rescue at 541-482-2770.

Affordable Housing Forum

The City of Ashland Housing and Human Services Commission, in collaboration with Oregon Action and the Interfaith Social Justice Coalition, will be hosting a forum on Affordable Housing on Wednesday, August 10, 2016, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Gresham Room of the Ashland Public Library.

The focus of the forum will be current and emerging housing issues and new tools for local affordable housing solutions. Included in the forum will be a presentation on preliminary findings from a local survey completed by Oregon Action with a grant from Meyer Memorial Trust. Come and join the discussion.

For more information please contact Linda Reid, Housing Program Specialist, for the City of Ashland at 541-552-2043 or reidl@ashland.or.us.

Calendar Notes

Junior Oak Knoll Golf Camp 2016

Juniors! Learn the basics of golf: swing fundamentals (Monday), short game skill building (Tuesday), golf etiquette (Wednesday) and a beginner's tournament (Thursday). This fun, interactive group class will utilize Oak Knoll Golf Course's practice facility as well as "on-course" experience. Juniors with no prior golf experience are encouraged to enroll. Practice golf balls and equipment will be provided and all golfers will receive a junior golfer gift package at the completion of the camp! Learn more about Oak Knoll Golf Course at OakKnollGolf.org or call 541-482-4311. The course is located at 3070 Hwy 66 in Ashland. Pre-register online at ashland.or.us/register.

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DATES August 8 - 11, 2016

TIME 9:00 - 10:00 a.m., Monday - Wednesday
9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Thursday

PLACE Oak Knoll Golf Course

COST \$50/camp (four lessons)

Instructor Tom Cronin has been the Golf Course Coordinator at Oak Knoll Golf Course for the past seven years. He has extensive youth coaching experience and has been playing golf at Oak Knoll since 1990. He lives in the Ashland area with his wife and three daughters.

Archery

Do you want to improve your focus and concentration? Are you looking for a skill that will help you relieve stress and give you a sense of accomplishment? Archery is a great individual activity for anyone looking for a fun way to keep mind and body sharp! Join USA Archery Certified Lloyd Canty for Ashland Parks and Recreation archery classes held in an air-conditioned environment, out of the elements! Pre-register online at ashland.or.us/register.

AGES 13 - Adult

DATES August 3 - 24, 2016

TIMES 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

PLACE The Grove

COST \$50/individual (4 classes)

Instructor Lloyd Canty began practicing archery in Australia at the age of seven. He is currently the Archery Instructor at the Ashland Family YMCA where he teaches the beginner's USA Olympic Archery program. Under his coaching expertise, hundreds of children, teens and adults have developed their archery technique and target-shooting skills.

Garage & Yard Sale Signs

Remember, in Ashland it's against the law to place signs in the public right-of-way, including the park row (area between the curb and sidewalk), on utility poles and boxes, lampposts, traffic signs, or private property without permission from the property owner. Illegal signs may be removed without notice by the City.

City Calendar

City Council

Business Meetings: Aug 2 & 16 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Session: Aug 1 & 15 | 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Business Meeting: Aug 9 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Session: Aug 23 | 7:00 p.m.

Airport Commission

Aug 2 | 9:30 a.m.

Conservation Commission

Aug 24 | 6:00 p.m.

Forest Lands Commission

Aug 9 | 5:30 p.m.

Historic Commission

Aug 3 | 6:00 p.m.

Housing and Human Services Commission

Aug 25 | 4:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Business Meeting: Aug 22 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Session: Aug 15 | 7:00 p.m.

Public Art Commission

Aug 19 | 8:00 a.m.

Transportation Commission

Aug 25 | 6:00 p.m.

Tree Commission

Aug 4 | 6:00 p.m.

Wildfire Mitigation Commission

Aug 17 | 11:00 a.m.

▲ Meetings are held at Council Chambers, 1175 East Main or at 51 Winburn Way and are open to the public. ▲ TTY 1-800-735-2900. ▲ City Council and many other city meetings are broadcast live on channel 9. Charter Communications customers will find city meetings on channels 180 and 181. Meetings also stream live on the internet at rvtv.sou.edu.