



The citizen's source of information about the City of Ashland

LIVING WITH URBAN DEER

Communities throughout Oregon and across the United States and Canada struggle with managing urban deer populations. But Ashland, like all communities in Oregon, is constrained in its ability to address deer concerns. In Oregon, the management of deer populations is the exclusive purview of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). ODFW has been very responsive to Ashland's concerns and Ashland has done what is legally allowed by adopting ordinances that prohibit the feeding of deer and allowing property owners to construct eight-foot high deer fencing.

The most common deer in Ashland are black-tailed deer. With mating season from November to early December, most fawns are born in late May into June. During this time and throughout the summer, does become very protective of their fawns and view humans and animals as predators. It is important to be aware of this and take the following precautions:

- Don't ever approach deer or their fawns.
- Deer always move forward. Be sure to give them enough space and a clear path forward.
- If a deer responds to your appearance by raising its ears, scratching the ground, or changing its stance, you are too close.
- Most, but not all, encounters involve dogs. Be sure not to pass a deer when they may feel enclosed upon as they will likely feel threatened.
- Always walk your dog on a leash and be ready to let go of the leash if a deer attacks.

Other encounters with deer can occur in your yard. Homeowners can protect yards and gardens by installing deer fencing and using deer resistant plants. Deer fences must meet the standards set by the Ashland Municipal Code (AMC) 18.08.175. You can also contact our

Community Development Department at (541) 488-5305 for fence permits and clarifications. For information on deer resistant plants, see <http://ashlandsaveswater.org/plants.php>.

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STAY UPDATED ON CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

To help ease concern over the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and spread correct information, the City has created a webpage ashland.or.us/coronavirus and will be updating a hotline (541) 552-2490 with the most up-to-date information from the Federal, State, County, and City governments.

The webpage includes information on:

Prevention and Health—links to the CDC, Oregon Health Authority, and Jackson County Health and Human Services.

City Government Updates—including current City closures and cancellation notices.

Current Restrictions—offering a timeline of the Governor's orders including mandated closures.

Local & Business Resources—where affected businesses can go for help and how you can support local businesses.



CONNECT WITH US IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

The City of Ashland partnered with Nixle two years ago to implement its Community Notification System to alert residents in real-time for localized emergency situations and relevant community advisories. Residents already “opted-in” to the Jackson County Citizen Alert System will still get regional messages, but have to sign up with Nixle for City of Ashland specific messaging like street closures, evacuations, or power outages.

Sign up on your cell phone by texting 97520 in the message line and 888777 as the recipient for emergency (called "Alert") and "Advisory" texts only. If that's all you want, then you're done. You won't get anything via email or any "community" level messages, which are the least urgent.

Sign up online at ashland.or.us/nixle for text, email, and/or landline alerts that also include less urgent community education notices. If you do this, you'll likely want to control your message priorities and delivery channels.

If you only have a land line home phone AND your line is listed in the white pages, we already have your number for emergency alerts. If your number is UNLISTED, please call (541) 482-2770 to get help entering your number.

For more information on different ways to “Connect with Us” go to ashland.or.us/connect.

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It is important not to feed deer and Ashland has a City ordinance against feeding deer within the City limits. The ordinance details can be found by going to AMC 9.08.280 and states that it is a violation for a person who knowingly places, deposits, distributes, stores or scatters food, garbage or any other attractant so as to knowingly constitute a lure, attraction or enticement for deer, raccoon, or potentially habituated wildlife. If found in violation of the ordinance fines can exceed \$500.

CARING FOR OUR PLANET, ONE “R” AT A TIME

From our partners at Recology

Reduce – Use Less Stuff

When we buy and use less stuff, we use fewer resources and make less garbage. Reducing stops garbage before it starts. Reduce is the “R” with the most impact. You can reduce by shopping smart. Look at the packaging you buy. Consider buying durable instead of disposable. These decisions effect how full your garbage and recycling cart will be at the end of the week.

Reuse – Use Items Again and Again

Using something over and over, rather than buying it new each time, helps conserve resources and make less garbage. Reuse it, use it up, and wear it out. If the item is still in good condition, sell it, swap it, or share it with a friend then repair it and reuse it again.

Recycle – Turn It in to Something New

The contents of your recycling cart become the “raw materials” manufacturers use to make new products. By recycling you conserve natural resources. Recycling programs often vary widely by city. To reduce contamination, always check your local list of “what goes” before placing items in your cart.

Five Realistic Things You Can Do to Reduce Waste :

- #1 Smart Shopping**—How full your garbage (and recycling) cart can get depends on the decisions you make while shopping. Consider staying away from single use products, and opt to buy in bulk whenever possible.
- #2 Reused Shopping**—Thrift stores, consignment shops, garage sales, and antique shops are a great way to practice environmental and fiscal conservation.
- #3 Compost**—Turn your yard debris into valuable garden nutrients at home, or call (541) 482-1471 to sign up for bi-weekly yard debris collection service with Recology.
- #4 Use the Smallest Garbage Can**—One incentive to reduce, reuse, and recycle is to make your garbage can a limited resource – one that requires thoughtfulness before using.
- #5 Rent**—Getting ready to power wash, or begin a home improvement project? If you intend to use a piece of equipment for a one-time project, why buy it? Rent it!



FINE-TUNE YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM SAVE MONEY & SEE BETTER RESULTS

July is traditionally the month of peak demand for watering lawns, gardens, and landscapes in our region. A well-maintained system keeps your lawn and landscape beautiful and healthy, while minimizing water waste. Follow the tips below to get the most out of your water and irrigation system this summer, while keeping utility bills low and helping to preserve our water resources.

Adapt watering to the season. Adjust sprinkler timers at least once a month throughout the summer to account for plants' changing water needs. Doing this can significantly reduce water use. Check out www.ashland.or.us/weather for weekly updates on watering.

Water at the best time. Water between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. to avoid losing water to wind and evaporation.

Water only when needed. Let the soil dry between watering. Roots will grow deeper looking for water below the surface as soil dries. Use a soil moisture meter to determine if you need to water.

When to Water. It's best not to water every day. Less frequent, deep watering will encourage deeper root growth and plants won't become stressed as quickly when the weather is hot.

Scheduling. Schedule watering for each zone separately. Consider type of sprinklers, sun or shade exposure, soil type and plant water requirements. Remember that lawn, shrubs and flowers all have differing water needs.

Cycle & Soak. If you are watering on a slope or if pooling occurs after only a short time, then consider breaking up total watering time into two cycles separated by an hour.

Check your sprinkler system regularly. Inspect for leaks and make sure all sprinklers are watering your plants and not hardscape or bare ground.

Make adjustments. If you have a dry area in your landscape, apply extra water manually with a hose instead of running the sprinkler system longer. You could also add a sprinkler or emitter to the dry area.

Create interest. Plant your landscape with attractive drought tolerant, firewise and pollinator friendly plants. Add mulch to your garden beds to lock in moisture and minimize evaporation.

For more tips on how to care for your landscape and save water this summer, visit our website at www.ashlandsaveswater.org and be sure to check out the outdoor watering calculator. You can also take advantage of the resources on the City's website at www.ashland.or.us/conserve or call (541) 552-2062 to schedule a free sprinkler system evaluation or to learn more about our indoor and outdoor rebate programs.



APRC 2020 SUMMER COMMUNITY PLAYGUIDE

The 2020 Summer Community PlayGuide, "What to Do," is out and registration for programs opens two weeks before the start date for each program. Visit AshlandParksandRec.org to view the Summer PlayGuide. Also, view the public health guidelines related to COVID-19 and the requirements for each program, with the goal of keeping patrons and staff safe. APRC appreciates your cooperation.



LEARN FREE-FOR-ALL WEEK WITH APRC

Don't miss Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission's Learning Free-for-All Week this summer, the week of August 9, featuring the following programs:

- Observational Astronomy – Persied Meteor Shower on August 11
- Introduction to Straw Bale Building on August 12
- Demonstration Garden Tour on August 12
- Introduction to Rainwater Catchment Systems on August 13

For more information, visit AshlandParksandRec.org and view the 2020 Summer Community PlayGuide. Registration for all summer programs will open two weeks before the start date. If you would like to be placed on an interest list, please email libby.vanwyhe@ashland.or.us. You may also call the North Mountain Park Nature Center for more info at (541) 488-6606. NorthMountainPark.org.

VOLUNTEER IN PARKS (VIP) WITH APRC "IT'S THE NATURAL THING TO DO!"

Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission (APRC) is in need of volunteers! We have many ways for you to get involved. You can work independently or join a small group of volunteers to help beautify and care for our parks.

Or maybe at this time you are more interested in helping fellow community members during COVID-19? APRC and the City of Ashland partner with Adopt a Neighbor Ashland to pair volunteers with their more high-risk neighbors for shopping and errands. Visit adoptneighbor.org to volunteer!

In addition, the Senior Services Division of APRC has partner agencies that are seeking volunteers to help deliver food to seniors and provide rides to medical appointments. All of these volunteer opportunities are flexible and meet critical needs during the pandemic.

If you are interested, please contact Sulaiman Shelton, Volunteer Coordinator for APRC at (541) 552-2264 or sulaiman.shelton@ashland.or.us.

Check out how Ashland connects at www.ashlandfiber.net



August City Calendar

Due to COVID-19 and social distancing measures in place, many meetings might be canceled or held electronically. Please check ashland.or.us/calendar.asp for updates.

City Council

Business Meeting: August 4 & 18 | 6 p.m.

Study Sessions: August 3 & 17 | 5:30 p.m.

Airport Commission

August 4 | 9:30 a.m.

Conservation & Climate Outreach Commission

August 26 | 6 p.m.

Climate Policy Commission

August 13 | 4 p.m.

Forest Lands Commission

August 11 | 5:30 p.m.

Fire Station #2, 1860 Ashland Street

Historic Commission

August 5 | 6 p.m.

Housing and Human Services Commission

August 27 | 4 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Business Meeting: August 12 | 6:30 p.m.

Study Session: August 5 | 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Business Meeting: August 11 | 7 p.m.

Study Session: August 25 | 7 p.m.

Public Art Commission

August 21 | 8:30 a.m.

Transportation Commission

August 20 | 6 p.m.

Tree Commission

August 6 | 6 p.m.

Wildfire Safety Commission

August 19 | 11 a.m.

Fire Station #1, 455 Siskiyou Boulevard

▲ TTY 1-800-735-2900 ▲ Meetings are held in the Council Chambers (1175 E Main Street) or the Siskiyou Room (51 Winburn Way) unless otherwise noted. ▲ 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, select channel RVTV Prime.

Senior Phone Buddy

Stay connected during this time of physical distancing!

The free **Senior Phone Buddy** program matches seniors for regular check-ins and socializing.



Ashland Senior Services Division

541-488-5342

seniorinfo@ashland.or.us

Check out this and past versions of the City Source online anytime at ashland.or.us/citysource. For more information on different ways to "Connect with Us" go to ashland.or.us/connect.

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