



Take Spring Cleaning Outdoors and Spruce Up Your Sprinklers

Spring is often a time for tackling those tough chores indoors. But you can also save water and money outdoors with a little sprinkler spruce up this season. If you have an irrigation system, chances are it has been dormant for the past several months. Take a few minutes to check your system for common problems, such as leaks or malfunctioning sprinkler heads.

Inspect – Check your system for clogged, broken, or missing sprinkler heads. If you're not the do-it-yourself type, go with a pro—look for an irrigation professional certified through the Oregon Landscape Contractors Board to help you maintain your system.

Connect – Examine points where the sprinkler heads connect to pipes or hoses. If water pools in your landscape or you have large wet areas, you could have a leak in your system. A leak about as small as the tip of a ballpoint pen can waste as much as 6,300 gallons (840 cubic feet) of water per month.

Direct – Are you watering the driveway, house, or sidewalk instead of your yard? Redirect sprinklers to apply water only to the landscape.

Select – An improperly scheduled irrigation controller can waste a lot of water and money. Update your system's schedule every two weeks throughout the summer and turn the system off if rain is in the forecast. Call (541) 552-2057 during the watering season for updated weather and controller scheduling information.

The City of Ashland offers many great resources to assist you in managing your landscape. Check out the Water-Wise Landscaping Website at www.ashland saves water.org or call (541) 552-2062 for more information.



Ashland Community Bike Swap

Ashland Parks & Recreation Commission (APRC) welcomes the community to the 29th Annual Ashland Community Bike Swap on Saturday, April 6 from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Grove, 1195 East Main Street. Admission is \$1 and this fundraiser promotes bicycle transportation and benefits bike safety education in the Rogue Valley by providing a community venue for buying and selling working-condition bicycles and related equipment. This event is made possible by APRC, Rogue Valley Transportation District (RVTD), and the City of Ashland's Fire Department, Police Department, and Transportation Commission. For more information, call the APRC main office at (541) 488-5340 or visit RVTD.org/bikeswap.

Interested in sponsoring? Contact Dorinda Cottle, at (541) 552-2265 or dorinda.cottle@ashland.or.us.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Lori Ainsworth, at (541) 552-2264 or lori.ainsworth@ashland.or.us.

Interested in selling? Items can be dropped off at The Grove on Friday, April 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. or Saturday, April 6 from 8 to 10 a.m.



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Let's Plant Responsibly: Ashland's Wildfire Safety Ordinance

Recent wildfires have taken a toll on friends and family in California, and we are asking what we can do to prevent wildfire home loss here. One piece of the puzzle was put in place in October 2018, when the City took a necessary step towards being wildfire adapted and adopted a resolution that restricts new plantings of flammable plant species within 30 feet of any building in town.

Resolution 2018-28 identifies known flammable plant species that are best planted away from buildings. If you are thinking about re-landscaping your yard or getting a few new plants in the ground this winter, please be aware of this list. The species are listed to the right, and there is a more comprehensive list with photos at www.ashland.or.us/wildfiresafetyordinance. Exceptions may be granted by Ashland Fire & Rescue for dwarf or prostrate varieties of these species (with an *) planted beyond five feet from any structure, and that follow tree or shrub spacing guidelines as defined in the General Fuel Modification Area Standards in Chapter 18.3.10.100.

This regulation was put in place to reduce Ashland's wildfire risk by creating defensible space around buildings and promoting fire resistant landscaping, both during new construction and for any new plantings close to buildings. If you're unsure, please call us at (541) 482-2770 or come to a fire station and pick up a brochure to do your part for our safety.

Wildfire Season is Coming. Are You Ready?

Stay tuned for a three month spring wildfire preparedness campaign for the citizens of Ashland. Wildfire Preparedness Campaign Elements:

- April: Be Firewise! Prepare your home and property.
- May: Be ready to evacuate or shelter in place.
- June: Be SmokeWise! Prepare for smoke.

This campaign is a partnership between Ashland Fire & Rescue and Wildfire Mitigation Commission. More information coming in April!

You Still Have Time to Apply for the City's Electric and Hybrid Electric Vehicle Incentive!

What incentives are currently available?

Ashland Electric customers may choose one of the options below:

- Qualifying new or used Battery Electric Vehicle: \$300
- Qualifying new or used Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle: \$200
- Qualifying Workplace EV Charger: \$500

Am I eligible?

All Ashland Municipal Electric Customers are eligible to apply for the vehicle incentives. A workplace charging incentive is available for commercial electric accounts only. Vehicles must be purchased (or new vehicle lease signed) during the pilot program window, between September 1, 2018 and March 31, 2019.

How do I apply?

Before submitting your application, please check ashland.or.us/empowerEV or call (541) 552-2065 to confirm incentive availability.

Prohibited Trees

Arborvitae/Red cedar (Thuja sp.)
*Cedar (Cedrus sp.)
*Cedar/Cypress (Chamaecyparis sp.)
*Cypress (Cupressus sp.)
Douglas-fir (Pseudotsuga menziesii)
Fir (Abies sp.)
*Hemlock (Tsuga sp.)
Incense Cedar (Calocedrus decurrens or Libocedrus decurrens)
*Juniper (Juniperus sp.)
*Pine (Pinus sp.)
Giant Sequoia (Sequoiadendron sp.)
Coast Redwood (Sequoia sp.)
*Spruce (Picea sp.)
*Yew (Taxus sp.)

Prohibited Shrubs

Bitterbrush (Purshia tridentata)
Broom (Cytisus sp.)
*Ceanothus (Ceanothus sp.)
Himalayan Blackberry (Rubus armeniacus)
Juniper (Juniperus sp.)
*Lavender (Lavandula sp.)
*Manzanita (Arctostaphylos sp.)
*Oregon grape (Mahonia aquifolium)
*Rosemary (Rosmarinus sp.)
Sagebrush (Artemisia tridentata or californica sp.)

Prohibited Grasses

Pampas grass (Cortaderia selloana)



**Electric Vehicles
are more fun to drive and
will save you money.**

32% of Ashland's Emissions
come from vehicles and fuel
production.

Electrify your vehicle.

**Empower
Ashland**

www.ashland.or.us/climateplan
Source: Ashland 2015 Emissions Inventory

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) TRAINING

Ashland CERT is offering Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. Upon completion of this course, you will be able to perform basic disaster responses such as small fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. When disasters occur, you will know how to respond by being prepared to give critical support to your family, friends, neighborhood, and professional responders.



Teamwork & Leadership Skills



To register contact Ashland CERT:
541-552-2226 | cert@ashland.or.us
For more information visit:
www.ashlandcert.org



FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE
 Thursday, April 4 ~ 5:30 - 8:30 pm
 Friday, April 5 ~ 5:30 - 8:00 pm
 Saturday, April 6 ~ 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Thursday, April 18 ~ 5:30 - 8:30 pm
 Friday, April 19 ~ 5:30 - 8:00 pm
 Saturday, April 20 ~ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

BASIC CURRICULUM

Disaster Preparedness
 Fire Safety & Suppression
 Radio Communications
 Disaster Medical Operations
 Urban Search and Rescue
 CERT Organization & ICS
 Disaster Psychology
 Terrorism Awareness
 Real-life Simulated Disaster

Events

Earth Day 2019

Join us in celebrating Rogue Valley Earth Day! The Conservation Division will be among the many exhibitors participating in this year's festivities. Visit our booth to learn more about water and energy conservation practices and how you can use these methods to make your home more efficient. Find out about our rebate programs and our free onsite water and energy evaluations. For more information, please call (541) 488-5306.

DATE Saturday, April 20
 TIME 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 PLACE Science Works Museum
 1500 E Main Street

Public Education Tree Planting Event

Save the date to get your hands dirty and help us maintain our Tree City USA designation! Join forces between APRC, the Tree Commission, and local volunteers as we plant trees provided by our in-kind sponsor, Plant Oregon. Additional grant funding for the event will come from Oregon Community Trees. For complete information

ashland.or.us/ParksArborDay.

DATE Friday, April 5
 TIME 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
 PLACE Oak Knoll Golf Course
 3070 Hwy 66

Summer Youth Conservation Corps

Ashland Parks Summer Youth Conservation Corps is now accepting applications! Eighth through twelfth graders can earn 25 hours of community service in just four days working on Ashland trails and parks. Visit ashland.or.us/youthcorps or call (541) 552-2264 for more information.

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High Speed Internet for Residents & Businesses in Ashland

Max Home—Up to 30Mbps \$55/month
 Email, surfing and music

Max Streaming—Up to 60Mbps \$65/month
 Great for video streaming

Max Small Business—Up to 90Mbps \$95/month
 Make your business fly



Get Started Now!

Call 541-552-2222
 Or visit ashlandfiber.net



Events (continued)

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day

For a minimum of \$5, Rogue Transfer and Recycling will take your first cubic yard of hazardous waste (equal to six 32 gallon trash cans). Items that are accepted include: cleaning supplies (window cleaner, drain cleaner, bathroom cleaner, anything containing bleach or ammonia), pesticides and insecticides, swimming pool chemicals, weed killers not currently approved for use, paint remover, old or toxic wood preservatives, light ballasts, alkaline and rechargeable batteries, and thermostats containing mercury. For more information (including what is not accepted), go to roguedisposal.com/transfer-station/hazardous-waste.

DATE Saturday, May 4, 2019
TIME 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
PLACE Rogue Transfer & Recycling
8001 Table Rock Road,
White City, 97503
COST Minimum of \$5

Learning Bird Songs

Novice to intermediate birders who are curious about bird calls can learn a method and practice for identifying birds by call or song. Two classroom sessions, along with a field trip, with local bird instructors Shannon Rio and Vince Zauskey will teach students how to identify the call or song of resident birds regularly found at North Mountain Park as well as migratory birds that can be seen in the spring. A water bottle and layered clothing are recommended for the Saturday field trip. *Preregistration at ashland.or.us/register is required.*

AGES 10 & up
DAY Wednesdays & one Saturday
DATE Apr 24, May 1, May 4
TIME 6:30—8 p.m. (*Saturday field trip 8-10am*)
PLACE North Mountain Park
620 North Mountain Avenue
COST \$25

Afterschool Lacrosse

Join SOU lacrosse club players and coaches to learn about one of the fastest growing sports in the country! Limited supplies of gear are available for participants. *Preregistration at ashland.or.us/register is required.*

AGES 7-14
DAY Wednesdays & Fridays
DATE Session 3: Apr 3-26
TIME 3:30-5 pm
PLACE Ashland Middle School
100 Walker Avenue
COST \$40 (*8 classes*)

April City Calendar

City Council

Business Meeting: Apr. 2 & 16 | 7 p.m.
Study Sessions: Apr. 1 & 15 | 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street

Airport Commission

Apr. 2 | 9:30 a.m.
Siskiyou Room, 51 Winburn Way

Conservation Commission

Apr. 24 | 6 p.m.
Siskiyou Room, 51 Winburn Way

Forest Lands Commission

Apr. 9 | 5:30 p.m.
Fire Station #2, 1860 Ashland Street

Historic Commission

Apr. 3 | 6 p.m.
Siskiyou Room, 51 Winburn Way

Housing and Human Services Commission

Apr. 25 | 4:30 p.m.
Siskiyou Room, 51 Winburn Way

Parks and Recreation Commission

Business Meeting: Apr. 22 | 7 p.m.
Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street
Study Session: Apr. 15 | 5:30 p.m.
The Grove, 1195 E Main St.

Planning Commission

Business Meeting: Apr. 9 | 7 p.m.
Study Session: Apr. 23 | 7 p.m.
Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street

Public Art Commission

Apr. 19 | 8 a.m.
Siskiyou Room, 51 Winburn Way

Transportation Commission

Apr. 18 | 6 p.m.
Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street

Tree Commission

Apr. 4 | 6 p.m.
Siskiyou Room, 51 Winburn Way

Wildfire Mitigation Commission

Apr. 17 | 11 a.m.
Fire Station #1, 455 Siskiyou Boulevard

▲ 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.