

Spruce Up Your Sprinklers

Early summer is often a time for tackling tough chores indoors and out. You can save water and money with a little sprinkler spruce-up this season. If you have an irrigation system, it may be in need of a good inspection and tune-up. 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 as small as the tip of a ballpoint pen (1/32nd of an inch) 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.

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So You Want to Run for City Office?

Elected City officers serve four-year terms and the election for these positions is held in November of even-numbered years.

The following positions are up for election in the November 8, 2016, general election:

- **Mayor** (currently held by John Stromberg)
- **Council Position #1** (currently held by Carol Voisin)
- **Council Position #3** (currently held by Greg Lemhouse)
- **Council Position #5** (currently held by Rich Rosenthal)
- **Park Commissioner Position #1** (currently held by Vanston Shaw)
- **Park Commissioner Position #2** (currently held by Jim Lewis)

The first day to file for the November general election is **June 1, 2016** and the last day to file is **August 12, 2016**.

For additional information, go to ashland.or.us/2016Election or contact the City Recorder, Barbara Christensen, at 541-488-5307 or barbara.christensen@ashland.or.us.

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Cut it Short, Keep it Short!

Cut Weeds & Grass by June 15th

Grass fires and wildfires are ignited every year in Ashland but by cutting grass and weeds, you can reduce the ability for fire to spread as quickly, thus reducing fire risk in our community.

The Ashland Municipal Code (Section 9.04) requires landowners or occupants to cut grass and weeds by June 15th and maintain that height throughout fire season. Failure to abate or maintain weeds and grass can result in fines of up to \$500 each day the violation exists, plus any abatement and staff costs.

For more information and a list of contractors available go to www.ashland.or.us/weedabatement or call 541-552-2246.

Properties Greater than 1 Acre

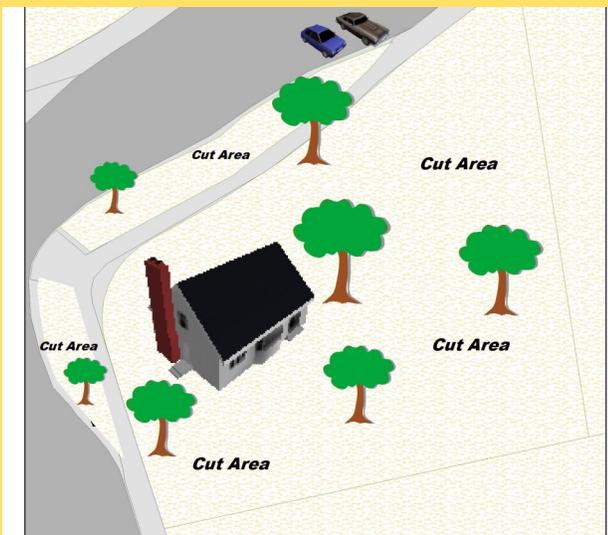
Cut and maintain grass and weeds to no more than four inches in height;

- on abutting park rows and other rights-of-way
- within 30 feet of every structure
- in a 15-foot wide buffer strip around the property
- in a 15-foot wide buffer next to access roads and driveways through the property.

Properties 1 Acre or Less

Cut and maintain grass and weeds to no more than four inches in height;

- on the entire property
- on abutting park rows and other rights-of-way.



Complaints: To file a weed abatement complaint **after June 15**, submit your complaint on the form found at www.ashland.or.us/weedabatement. Complaints will only be accepted using this form.

2015 Water Quality Report

The City of Ashland provides exceptional water and vigilantly safeguards its water supplies in order to continue providing safe drinking water for our residents. The 2015 Water Quality Report is now available at www.ashland.or.us/waterquality or <http://www.ashland.or.us/SIB/files/2015%20Water%20Quality%20Report.pdf>. Hard copies are available at the Ashland Public Library, SOU Library, City Council Chambers, City Hall, and the Community Development Department. For more information, contact the Water Division at 541-488-5353.

Keep Your Pets Safe

The Ashland Police Department would like to remind you not to leave pets in cars during the warm summer months. On warm days the temperature in a car can exceed 120° in a matter of minutes - even with the windows partially open. Your pet can quickly suffer brain damage or die from heatstroke or suffocation. Keep your pets safe by leaving them at home!

40th Annual 4th of July Run

Registration is now open!

Ashland Parks & Recreation Commission will present the 4th of July Run on Monday, July 4, 2016. This annual run is steeped in tradition dating back to 1976! Two runs are offered: a 2-mile fun run and a 10K that attracts local competitors as well as running talent from other regions in the U.S. The routes are scenic and on closed roadways. A section of the 10K route is along the tree-lined Bear Creek Greenway.

Both races start at 7:45 a.m. and are chip-timed. The Start/Finish line is near the Ashland Library, 410 Siskiyou Blvd, corner of 3rd St. and Gresham St.

T-shirts with this year's logo are available for sale when you register, for only \$10/each. (Shirts must be ordered by June 10.) The event is a fundraiser for the Ashland and Phoenix High School cross country teams.

To register or learn more go to ashland.or.us/JulyRun.

Free Concerts in the Park with the Ashland City Band

Enjoy a summer concert every Thursday evening in beautiful Lithia Park. Bring a picnic dinner (alcohol is not allowed), blanket or chair, and your family and friends! Pre-registration is not required for the free concerts. A special patriotic concert will be offered on the 4th of July at noon.

AGES	All ages welcome
DAYS	Thursdays
DATES	June 16 - August 11
TIME	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
PLACE	Butler Bandshell, Lithia Park
COST	Free

Daniel Meyer Pool Opening

The pool season is almost here and the Ashland Parks & Recreation Commission invites you to the Daniel Meyer Pool this summer! The pool will open on June 17, 2016.

Check out all of our swim programs, including information on swim lessons, and view the calendar for the 2016 season at ashland.or.us/Swim.

If you can't make it to the tropical islands this summer, then why not join us for "Island Night: An Aloha State of Mind," on Saturday, July 23, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Daniel Meyer Pool? Enjoy Hawaiian music and dancing and fun activities for all ages!

Daniel Meyer Pool, an outdoor facility located in Hunter Park at 1705 Homes Avenue, will be open through early September, 2016. The pool offers recreational swim, lap swim, water fitness classes, swim lessons for all ages, swim camps, lifeguard certification classes and much more.

View complete Daniel Meyer Pool information at ashland.or.us/Swim. The pool can be reached directly at 541-488-0313.

Legal & Financial Planning for the LGBT* Senior Community

Please join Cheri Sperber as she guides you through legal and financial planning for the LGBT Senior Community who struggle through the diagnosis of Alzheimer's. This diagnosis makes planning for the future more important than ever. This presentation focuses on learning about important legal and financial issues to consider, how to put plans in place and how to access legal and financial resources near you. The class will cover information for families and individuals dealing with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.

Topics will include:

- Making legal plans that fit your need
- Legal documents you will need and what they mean for you
- How to find legal and financial assistance
- Practical strategies for making a long-term plan of care
- Tax-deductions and credits
- Government programs that can help pay for care

The program will take place on Wednesday, June 22, at 1:00 p.m., at the Ashland Senior Center. The center is located at 1699 Homes Ave in Ashland. For more information call the Senior Program at 541-488-5342 or visit Ashland-SeniorCenter.org. This program is co-sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and APRC Senior Program.

**This presentation will have special emphasis for the LGBT Senior Community, but all are welcome to attend.*

Free Lithia Park Nature Walks

Three days a week - Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays (additional Saturday walks in July and August) - rain or shine, trained volunteer naturalists from APRC lead an easy, interesting, 1.5-hour nature walk through Lithia Park. Nature walks are free. Please meet us at the park entrance, across from the Plaza in Ashland. Pre-registration is not required.

Sprinklers

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- **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.saveswater.org. Visit the Conservation Division webpage at www.ashland.or.us/conserve or call 541-552-2421 to take advantage of our free sprinkler evaluations or lawn replacement program.

City Calendar

City Council

Business Meetings: June 7 & 21 |
7:00 p.m.

Study Sessions: June 6 & 20 | 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Business Meeting: June 14 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Session: June 28 | 7:00 p.m.

Airport Commission

June 7 | 9:30 a.m.

Conservation Commission

June 22 | 6:00 p.m.

Forest Lands Commission

June 14 | 5:30 p.m.

Historic Commission

June 8 | 6:00 p.m.

Housing and Human Services Commission

June 23 | 4:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Business Meeting: June 27 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Session: June 20 | 7:00 p.m.

Public Art Commission

June 17 | 8:00 a.m.

Transportation Commission

June 23 | 6:00 p.m.

Tree Commission

June 9 | 6:00 p.m.

Wildfire Mitigation Commission

June 15 | 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.