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## Empower Ashland EV Incentive

A new pilot program from the City of Ashland is making it easier for residents to drive electric. For most drivers, the Empower EV incentive will pay for low-carbon, electric fuel for a year. Ashland Electric Utility customers can apply for up to \$300 for qualifying new or used electric vehicles or plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. Local business owners can apply for a \$500 incentive to install a workplace charger. For details on eligibility and qualifying equipment please visit:

[www.ashland.or.us/EmpowerEV](http://www.ashland.or.us/EmpowerEV).

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

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

**Electrify your vehicle.**

**Empower Ashland**

[www.ashland.or.us/climateplan](http://www.ashland.or.us/climateplan)

Source: Ashland 2015 Emissions Inventory

City of Ashland is expanding infrastructure and support for electric vehicles as part of its Climate and Energy Action Plan, which aims to reduce Ashland's contribution to global carbon pollution and prepare the city for climate change impacts.

Ashland's Climate Vision for 2050 is to be a resilient community that has zero net greenhouse gas emissions, embraces equity, protects healthy ecosystems, and creates opportunities for future generations. Read more about City of Ashland's Climate and Energy Action Plan at [www.ashland.or.us/climateplan](http://www.ashland.or.us/climateplan).

## Low Income Energy Assistance Program

The City of Ashland has funds available for the Ashland Low Income Energy Assistance Program, which assists low income residents with electric bill costs during the cold winter months. Eligible Ashland residents include those whose income is at or below 65 percent of Oregon's median income. These levels are based on household income and household size.

Qualified recipients will receive a credit on their electric utility charges. Credits of up to 50 percent will be given to seniors and disabled persons for up to six months and credits of 50 percent to other qualified residents for up to three months. The maximum allowed credit is \$300.00 for either group. Beginning October 1, applicants may call the request line at (541) 552-2038 to request a Low Income Assistance application packet or may pick one up at the Utility Billing Counter at City Hall.

If you know of someone who might qualify and needs assistance, please let them know about this program. ***The deadline to submit the application is January 31, 2019.***

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## Be Winter Wise— Winterize Your Irrigation System!

Fall is officially here and the summer watering season has come to an end. The days are much shorter and plants are beginning to go dormant. Now is the time to start taking steps to prepare your irrigation system for winter temperatures. The best way to protect your irrigation investment from potential freeze damage over the winter season is to “winterize” all system components. This process involves removing water from pipes, valves, and sprinkler heads before freezing occurs. Follow these basic steps to assist you in winterizing your irrigation system.

- First, shut off water to your sprinkler system. If there isn't a valve to isolate the irrigation system from the main household supply, consider adding one.
- Next, turn on each of the sprinkler valves to release the pressure in the pipes.
- Then, drain sprinkler components as much as possible.
- Remove the cap and riser from the highest and lowest sprinkler in each irrigation zone to help water drain out.
- Some systems are equipped to be blown out with compressed air. Contact an irrigation professional who offers this service.
- After purging the system of all water, leave all the valves on your backflow preventer half open.
- Finally, turn your sprinkler controller to the off position.
- In addition, any above ground piping, backflow preventers, and valves need to be insulated. Disconnect garden hoses and place insulation caps on hose bibs.

Properly preparing your system for the winter can be far less costly than repairing damaged equipment in the spring. Consider contacting an irrigation professional to assist you with winterizing your system. If you have any questions or would like more information on the City's water conservation programs, please call (541) 552-2062 or visit our website at [www.ashlandsaveswater.org](http://www.ashlandsaveswater.org).

## Giveaways

The Water Conservation Department is offering **FREE** showerheads, bathroom aerators, kitchen aerators, and moisture meters. Come see us in the Public Works Building!



51 Winburn Way Ashland, Oregon 97520

Conservation Staff: (541) 552-2062 • Email: [julie.smitherman@ashland.or.us](mailto:julie.smitherman@ashland.or.us) • Website: [www.ashlandsaveswater.org](http://www.ashlandsaveswater.org)

## Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink Season

It's that time of year again, so lace up your skates and hit the ice! The Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink will be operational November 15, 2018 through February 23, 2019.



**Don't miss FIRST FROST: Seasonal opening gala on November 17, from 2 to 10 p.m.** Highlights include early-bird, family-friendly, discount skate from 4-6 p.m., hockey exhibition, figure skating performance, and a live DJ.

The outdoor rink, a division of Ashland Parks & Recreation Commission (APRC), is located at 95 Winburn Way. Our skate rentals accommodate toddler size 9 up to men's size 15. Please come prepared to skate, as changing rooms are not available. Hot chocolate, coffee, and a variety of snacks will be available for purchase.

The 2018-19 Season will feature something for everyone! For more information on prices, schedules, lessons, programming, and hockey please visit [ashland.or.us/IceRink](http://ashland.or.us/IceRink) or call the ice rink directly at (541) 488-9189 (after Nov 15). You may also contact the APRC office at (541) 488-5340 for more information.

### Ice Rink Volunteers Needed

Non-skaters welcome! Volunteers needed for weekday school group skate, holidays, and weekends. Ages 14 to adult and it's a perfect way for high school students to earn community service hours. Contact Lori Ainsworth at (541) 499-8798 or [lori.ainsworth@ashland.or.us](mailto:lori.ainsworth@ashland.or.us).

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## Compostable Leaf Bags Available for Purchase

Compostable bags for the collection and disposal of leaves are available for purchase from Recology Ashland at 170 Oak Street. The biodegradable bags cost \$14.50 for a set of five, which include curbside pickup of the bags by Recology. Each bag is nearly three feet tall and can hold up to 35 pounds of leaves. For a limited time, the City of Ashland is offering a discount on the bags. From October 22 through November 2 a set of five bags may be purchased at Recology for \$10.00. The City is subsidizing only a limited number of bags. During this time, bags will be available at a discount with a limit of two sets per household. Please be prepared to show identification. The program is sponsored by the City of Ashland and Recology. The compostable bags, for leaves only, will be picked up on regular garbage collection/green debris and recycling days. Customers who do not pay for Green Debris service, will need to call Recology Ashland to schedule the pickup of their bags. Any leftover bags can be used at any point in the year.

Street sweeping is not a community wide leaf pick-up program. Property owners are responsible for removing and disposing of fallen leaves on their property and adjacent sidewalks and should not blow or rake leaves into the street or right of way. The prepaid leaf bag program is an opportunity for those who are unable to take advantage of the free leaf collection days on November 4 and December 9 at the Ashland Recycle Center on 220 Water Street. From 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., please arrive prepared to empty your bags of leaves yourself and take your bags back home with you. Keeping leaves out of the street is a simple, but important action we can all take to help improve water quality in our streams. The distance between your yard and the water's edge is as close as the nearest storm drain or ditch. Everyone can help maintain the health of our streams by keeping the leaves out of the street and storm drains. For more information on these programs, please call Recology at (541) 482-1471 or visit [www.recology.com/recology-ashland](http://www.recology.com/recology-ashland).



## Nominate Tree of the Year

Community members can nominate their favorite trees for Ashland's Tree of the Year. The Tree Commission will select the top trees which will then go out to the public for voting. Votes can also be submitted to Nathan Emerson, via email ([nathan.emerson@ashland.or.us](mailto:nathan.emerson@ashland.or.us)), or by mail to 20 E Main St., Ashland, OR 97520. There are also nomination forms available at the Community Development Building at 51 Winburn Way.

The nomination period will be until Monday, November 5.  
Thank you for participating in the Tree of the Year program!



## Tree of the Year Nomination Form



I nominate \_\_\_\_\_

Located at \_\_\_\_\_ Property owner (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Why is this tree special? (Use a separate sheet of paper if needed)

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My Info (name, address, phone number, email) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send completed nomination forms to Tree Commission, Attn: Nathan Emerson, 20 E. Main St. Ashland, OR 97520.** Nominated trees should be visible from the street and NOT located within a city park or right-of-way. *Nominations will be accepted until **Monday, November 5, 2018**. The list of nominated trees will be reduced by vote of the Tree Commissioners to five. A ballot with the five finalists will follow.*

## Events

### **HeartSaver Adult Child Infant CPR / AED Course**

HeartSaver CPR is a classroom, video-based, instructor led course that teaches adult CPR and AED use, as well as how to relieve choking for an adult. The cost for this course is \$35, which includes a student study book and card valid for two years. The class takes approximately 3 hours to complete. All fees must be prepaid prior to the class date to confirm reservation. *Please register early to reserve your space as class sizes are limited. To register call (541) 552-2226 or email [cpr@ashland.or.us](mailto:cpr@ashland.or.us).*

**DAY** Saturday  
**DATE & TIME** Nov. 3 from 9 AM to 12 PM  
**PLACE** Ashland Fire Station #2, 1860 Ashland Street  
**COST** \$35

### **Project FeederWatch**

Help count birds that visit the feeders at North Mountain Park while learning to identify species with expert birders. The information collected will be submitted to Cornell University's FeederWatch project, a nationwide citizen science bird monitoring effort. *Pre-registration is not required for this free program.*

**AGES** 10 & up  
**DAYS** Alternate Saturdays  
**DATES & TIMES** Nov 10, 24 & Dec 8, 22 (and continuing through March 2019) from 9 AM to 12 PM  
**PLACE** North Mountain Park Pavilion

### **Singing Goodtimers**

A love is singing is the only requirement! Join Sam Younghans, veteran movie and theater actor, in weekly singing sessions. If you can't sing, we will teach you! Anyone can sing, just listen and believe. *Pre-registration is not required for this free program.*

**AGES** 18 & up  
**DAYS** Fridays  
**DATES & TIMES** Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & Dec 7, 14, 21, 28 from 10 AM to 11:30 AM  
**PLACE** Ashland Senior Center, 1699 Homes Ave

### **Winter Gardening: Tips For An Abundant Harvest**

This class will cover helpful ways to plan, prepare and implement a winter garden. From soil-building to seed selection, you will be prepared to plant for cold weather abundance. *Pre-register online or call the Nature Center at 541.488.6606.*

**AGES** 15 & up (or younger with a parent)  
**DAY** Tuesday  
**DATE & TIME** Nov 13 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM  
**PLACE** North Mountain Park  
**COST** \$20 (includes snacks)

## City Holidays

The City of Ashland will be closed  
**Monday, November 12th** for Veterans Day  
and **November 22nd and 23rd**  
for Thanksgiving.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

## November City Calendar

### **City Council**

Business Meetings: Nov. 6 & 20 | 7 p.m.  
Study Sessions: Nov. 5 & 19 | 5:30 p.m.

### **Airport Commission**

Nov. 6 | 9:30 a.m.

### **Conservation Commission**

Nov. 28 | 6:00 p.m.

### **Forest Lands Commission**

Nov. 13 | 5:30 p.m.

### **Historic Commission**

Nov. 7 | 6:00 p.m.

### **Housing and Human Services Comm.**

TBD | 4:30 p.m.

### **Parks and Recreation Commission**

Business Meeting: Nov. 26 | 7:00 p.m.  
Study Session: Nov. 19 | 5:30 p.m.

### **Planning Commission**

Business Meeting: Nov. 13 | 7:00 p.m.  
Study Session: Nov. 27 | 7:00 p.m.

### **Public Art Commission**

Nov. 16 | 8:00 a.m.

### **Transportation Commission**

Nov. 15 | 6:00 p.m.

### **Tree Commission**

Nov. 8 | 6:00 p.m.

### **Wildfire Mitigation Commission**

Nov. 21 | 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](http://rvtv.sou.edu).