



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

Sidewalk Snow Removal Responsibility

It's that time of year again when snow and ice are possible and road and sidewalk surfaces can be slick and dangerous. We're often asked, "Who is responsible for maintaining the sidewalk in front of my house?" The short answer is, 'you are.'

The sidewalk is actually the responsibility of the abutting property owner. The Ashland Municipal Code covers sidewalk care and maintenance in two different sections. Section 9.08.090 describes the property owners' responsibility to remove snow and ice within two hours of daylight after the snow has fallen, or to cover the ice with a material making it safe for travel such as sand or ashes. We recommend that you do NOT use salt as the salt can severely damage concrete surfaces and significantly reduce its useful life.

The other section of the municipal code referring to sidewalks is section 13.04. That section covers sidewalk responsibilities and repairs in a couple different areas. One of those areas describes the abutting property owners'



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Christmas Tree-Cycle Day

Ashland Boy Scout Troop 112's 32nd annual Christmas Tree-Cycling Day is Saturday, January 6th, 2018. Please have your trees at the curb in front of your house for pick up by Friday evening, January 5th.

Troop 112 and its sponsoring organization, the Ashland Lion's Club, will collect trees to be chipped by the Ashland Parks Department and for use as mulch in Ashland city parks. Donations for this service will be accepted and checks should be made out to Troop 112 (P.O. Box 839, Ashland, OR).

This project benefits the citizens of Ashland, the Boy Scouts of Troop 112 and the environment. The scouts are able to perform a service and the community is invited to support the scouts. Additionally, turning hundreds of trees into mulch enhances our parks while sparing our landfills.

This service is for city of Ashland residents only. If for some reason we miss your tree, please call John Engelhardt at 541-324-9541. For information on Troop 112, call Scoutmaster John Ourant at 541-482-0134.

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It's Easy to Save Water Indoors

Looking for quick and easy ways to save water? Simple, minor adjustments to your habits and the hardware around your house can work wonders when it comes to water conservation. A family of four could reduce their indoor water use by 30 - 60 percent when replacing old toilets, showerheads, bathroom aerators and washing machines.

How much can you save? It all depends on how much you're using right now. Did you know the City offers a FREE indoor water evaluation for your home? Please call to schedule your appointment today at 541-552-2421 and be on your way to saving water. Here is a fun way to estimate your water use and potential savings - visit the Alliance for Water Efficiency's Home Water Works Calculator <http://www.home-water-works.org>. The results may surprise you.

By choosing WaterSense and Energy Star labeled products in your home or business you can attain the same performance and quality you've come to expect, but with the added benefit of water and energy savings. Look for WaterSense and Energy Star labels to help you identify high-efficiency products. Remember, when you conserve water, you also conserve energy.



Here are some ways you can save water inside your home this winter.

Hardware changes

- Check for leaks and fix them promptly
- Replace a high flush volume toilet
- Replace inefficient showerheads
- Replace old inefficient washing machines

Habit Changes

- Take shorter showers or only fill up the bathtub half way
- Turn off the faucet when shaving or brushing your teeth
- Wash full loads of dishes and laundry
- Track your water use by reading your water meter

In addition, sewer rates for most single-family and

multi-family homes are based on the average water usage in the months of January, February, and March. By reducing your water usage in the winter months, you could lower your sewer bills for the rest of the year.

Contact the City of Ashland's Conservation Division at 541-552-2421 or www.ashland saveswater.org for more information about rebates and resources.

Snow Removal

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owners' responsibility to maintain the sidewalk in 'good repair and to remove obstructions.' Meaning that if the sidewalk has any hazardous conditions, such as an uneven surface with tripping hazards or broken concrete with wide cracks, those conditions must be repaired and it is the responsibility of the abutting property owner to have those repairs completed to the standard outlined by the Public Works Department. If you'd like more information on sidewalk responsibilities, including vegetation trimming requirements, there is a brochure available on the City website, www.ashland.or.us, and search for the, 'sidewalk brochure.'

Snow Plow Protocols



Another question that often comes up this time of year when we're dealing with cold weather and snow is, "when will my street get plowed?" Our Street Division is responsible for plowing snow and our priority starts with maintaining the busiest roads and those for life safety concerns, including the route to the hospital. From there we work our way through the arterial streets and into the neighborhood streets.

The City owns four snowplows. We use pickups with plows attached as they are most appropriate for our City streets, unlike the larger trucks like you might see on the freeway. With four trucks and over one hundred miles of roads in town, it does take some time to get to all residential areas. We will get to your street eventually, as we have our plows operating around the clock to get things opened up as quickly as possible.

If you'd like to see our plowing priorities, we have them mapped and that map is available on the City website, www.ashland.or.us. Search 'snow plow map' for the .pdf link.

Low Income Assistance

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.

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, 2018**.

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



Save Your Neighbor -

Get the Pulse Point Application for IOS and at the Google store.

Cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death in the United States. The American Heart Association estimates that effective bystander-initiated CPR and automated external defibrillator (AED) use provided immediately after cardiac arrest can double or triple a person's chance of survival.

The PulsePoint app and technology improves a person's chance of surviving sudden cardiac arrest. PulsePoint has been integrated into Jackson County's 9-1-1 emergency system. PulsePoint can immediately alert CPR-trained bystanders when a cardiac arrest is happening in a public place if they are nearby and have indicated a willingness to respond and provide assistance when signing up for the app. Examples of public places include; grocery and department stores, theaters, restaurants, libraries and other civic settings, and gyms or workout facilities.

When a cardiac arrest requiring an AED or CPR is reported to 9-1-1, citizen users of the PulsePoint app and trained EMS professionals simultaneously receive a notification of the emergency, thereby increasing a person's chance of survival by directly alerting people who are CPR-trained and who are in the vicinity (maybe in a business next door). PulsePoint users can begin CPR until EMS response arrives on-scene.

Ashland Fire & Rescue has a verified list of AED's we are aware of in our community. If your AED is not on the AED map and you would like it to be, please notify Ashland Fire & Rescue at 541-482-2770.

FREE Medication Review for Ages 50 & Up!

Bring in your medication and/or supplements and DeAnna Rhoden, Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist, will help you better understand why you are taking them and the best way to take them. She will also discuss side effects and possible drug/food interactions.

This is a monthly program and will be held on January 8 and 22 at the Ashland Senior Center, 1699 Homes Ave. Call 541-488-5342 for a one-on-one appointment (**APPOINTMENT REQUIRED**).

**The City of Ashland will be closed
Monday, January 15, 2017 for the
Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.**

**We apologize for any inconvenience
this may cause.**

January City Calendar

City Council

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

Study Sessions: None in January | 5:30 p.m.

Airport Commission

Jan. 2 | 9:30 a.m.

Conservation Commission

Jan. 24 | 6:00 p.m.

Forest Lands Commission

Jan. 9 | 5:30 p.m.

Historic Commission

Jan. 3 | 6:00 p.m.

Housing and Human Services Comm.

Jan. 25 | 4:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Business Meeting: Jan. 22, 27 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Session: TBD | 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

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

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

Public Art Commission

Jan. 19 | 8:00 a.m.

Transportation Commission

Jan. 25 | 6:00 p.m.

Tree Commission

Jan. 4 | 6:00 p.m.

Wildfire Mitigation Commission

Jan. 17 | 11:00 a.m.

▲ Meetings are typically 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.

