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Fall & Winter Stormwater Tips: **Help protect our rivers and creeks!**

Winter weather will soon be upon us, and runoff from rain, snow and ice carries pollutants that get in our stormwater! Below are some tips to help protect the rivers and streams that carry our drinking water and provide habitat for many creatures.

Maintaining your Vehicle

- Use ground cloths or drip pans under your vehicle if you have leaks or if you are doing engine work. Clean up spills immediately and properly dispose of clean up materials.



Vehicle Washing

- Wash your car on gravel, grass or another permeable surface, so the ground can filter the water naturally.

Caring for your Lawn and Garden

- Keep fertilizer off of paved surfaces. If granular fertilizer gets onto paved surfaces, collect it for later sweep it onto the lawn.

Pet Waste

- Bag it! When going for dog walks, take a shopping bag or sandwich bag with you. Dispose of the used bag in the garbage.

Moss Killer

- Always be sure to apply the minimal amount of moss killers on your roof or try alternatives without zinc, iron, copper and Sulphur.

Winter De-icing

- All de-icers can be harmful to the environment when applied in excess, the best strategy is to reduce the use of these chemicals as much as possible.



This information was collected and developed through a partnership between Benton County Public Works and the City of Philomath

For more information on water quality in Benton County visit or contact:

<https://www.co.benton.or.us/cd/page/stormwater-program>

<http://www.ci.philomath.or.us/publicworks>

You're invited...

11th Street Park Planning Workshop

Saturday, November 14th

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Philomath City Hall, 980 Applegate St.



- Learn about Natural Playgrounds
- See examples of natural playgrounds in use
- Help design the new 11th Street park
- Visit the park location
- Lunch provided
- All kids ages 5 to 95 are invited to participate



Workshop presented by Anita Van Asperdt, expert on natural playgrounds and owner of LandCurrent.

More information available at www.ci.philomath.or.us

This project is being sponsored by your Philomath Park Advisory Board



Take the Park Survey

The Philomath Park Board is administering a survey about the new park proposed for North 11th Street. All residents are encouraged to take the survey by Friday, Nov. 6th. You can get to the survey through the City's home page, www.ci.philomath.or.us.

What is a Natural Playground?

Metal and plastic swings, slides and roundabouts have their place and can be great fun, but there is a growing body of scientific and anecdotal evidence supporting the view that natural play areas are more inclusive of different ages, better at stimulating the imagination and less likely to provoke negative responses.

Natural

If you've ever climbed trees, rolled down hills, scrambled up rocks, made mud pies, dammed up water, hid in grass, played house in bushes, built snow forts, dug in sand, played in dirt, planted seeds, jumped in leaves, tracked animals, or had fun outside in other, similar ways, you've experienced natural play.



Come learn more and help plan your new park!

CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2015:

November 3 – Park Advisory Board at 5 p.m. at City Hall.

November 5 – Public Works Committee at 3 p.m. at Public Works meeting room, 1515 Willow Lane (if needed).

November 9 – City Council at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

November 11 – City offices closed in observance of Veterans' Day Holiday.

November 14 – Park Planning Workshop at 11 a.m. at City Hall.

November 26 & 27 – City offices closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday.

DECEMBER 2015:

December 1 – Park Advisory Board at 5 p.m. at City Hall.

December 3 – Public Works Committee at 3 p.m. at Public Works meeting room, 1515 Willow Lane (if needed).

December 14 – City Council at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

December 21 – Planning Commission at 7 p.m. at City Hall (if needed).

December 24 & 25 – City offices closed as of Noon Christmas Eve for Christmas Holiday.