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ANNUAL LEAF PICKUP SLATED

October 18th is first leaf pickup date

Like clockwork, the leaves on your trees know it's fall and start drifting to the ground. Now is a good time to make plans for disposing of them as efficiently as possible.

While leaf removal is the responsibility of the home/business owner, the following options are available:

Leaf Drop-off at Public Works: Loose leaves can be hauled to the Public Works Compound and disposed of for free. This service is for Philomath citizens only and is not a commercial leaf drop site. LEAVES ONLY. PLEASE NO STICKS, BRANCHES, BAGS OR TRASH.

Yard Debris Cart: Republic Waste provides a yard debris cart with garbage service. Debris carts are now emptied every week year round. Placing a few leaves in the cart every week can make that pile go away quickly.

Curbside Pickup by Republic Waste: Republic Waste provides curbside pickup of loose leaves five dates per year in Philomath. This year those dates are:

October 18th, November 1st, 15th, 29th and December 13th

All dates are on Thursdays. Leaves may be placed in the street for pick up the weekend prior to a pickup date.

LEAVES MAY NOT BE DEPOSITED ON STREETS OUTSIDE OF THESE DATES

(Philomath Municipal Code 9.15.055).

Important things to remember:

- The City of Philomath does not provide leaf pickup.
- Blowing, raking, sweeping or placing leaves in the street, other than during the week prior to the Republic Waste pick-up date is considered littering.
- Republic Waste picks up leaves on paved streets only.
- Place leaf piles one foot from the curb to allow rain water to runoff along the curb line.
- Do not place trash, limbs, branches, grass or any other debris in the leaf pile.
- Make sure leaves do not block catch basins or storm drains. From the gutter, leaves enter the storm sewers and then the streams reducing oxygen levels, causing sediment and excess nutrients that degrade water quality.
- The street sweeper cannot pick up leaves from the street that are deeper than 1".
- Home/business owners are responsible for the actions of anyone performing landscape actions on their property.



Leaves correctly placed in the street for pickup by Republic Services.

CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

OCTOBER 2018

Oct. 8 – City Council, 7 p.m.

Oct. 11 – Park Advisory Board, 5 p.m.

Oct. 22 – Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2018

Nov. 1 – Public Works Committee, 5 p.m. (if needed)

Nov. 8 – Park Advisory Board, 5 p.m.

Nov. 12 – City offices closed in observance of Veterans' Day (recognized)

Nov. 13 – City Council, 7 p.m. (Special Night)

Nov. 19 – Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

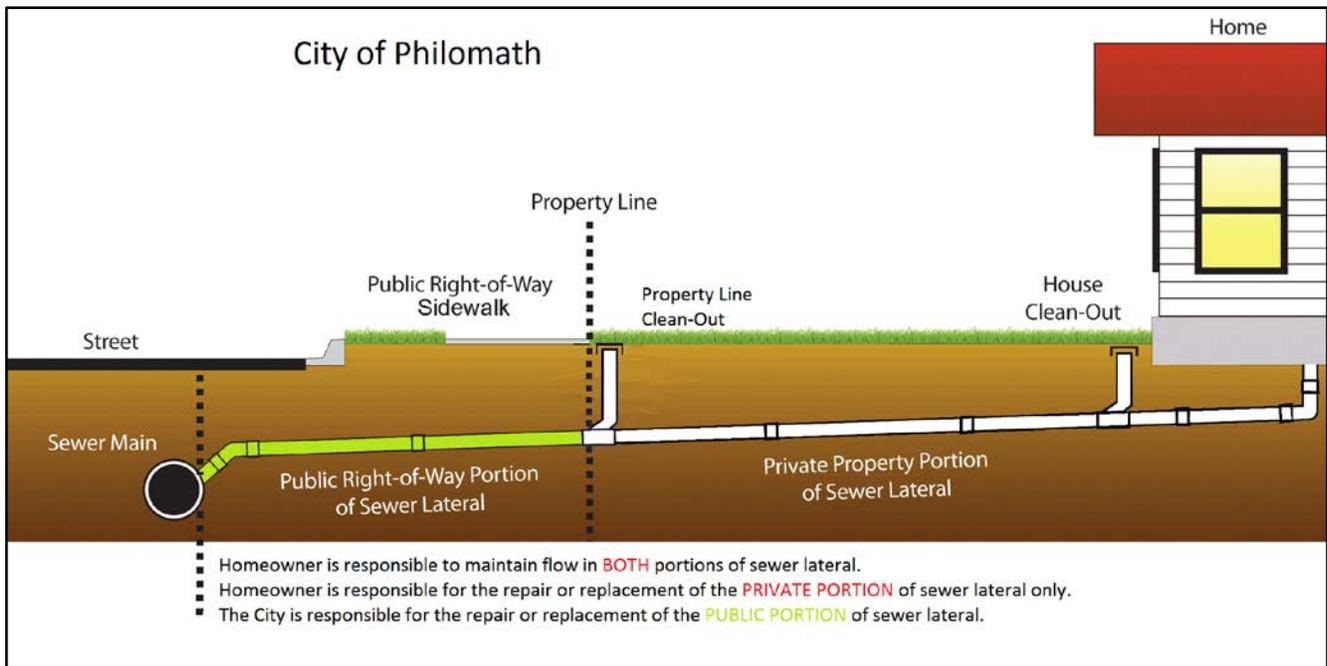
Nov. 22 – 23 – City offices closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise indicated. Schedule subject to change. See City website calendar for finalized schedule.

SEWER LATERAL MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY DEFINED

At the August 27 City Council meeting, a revision to the City's Sewer System code spelled out property owner responsibilities when it comes to the lateral line connecting a building to the City sewer mainline. Previously the code didn't make clear who was responsible for keeping the line clear of obstructions and who was responsible for repair or maintenance.

The diagram below shows that property owners are responsible for the flow in their sewer lateral from the building all the way to the sewer main and responsible for repair or replacement of only the portion within their property. The City maintains responsibility for repair or replacement of any sewer lateral line lying within the public right-of-way.



Cost savings instituted for public notices while website use expanded

At the September 10 meeting, the City Council approved changes to the Zoning Code that will now require land use public hearing information to be posted on the City's website.

For the past year, the City has posted information, including staff reports, notices, maps, and applications to the website as a courtesy. This information can be used by citizens preparing testimony in advance of a public hearing. The revisions approved by the Council will now make it mandatory for that information to be posted on the website.

In addition, the Council approved reducing the amount of information required to be included in notices published in the local newspaper. Since expanded information is available on the website, published notices will now contain basic application information and direct interested citizens to the website.

Published notices are a significant expense for the City. Although local newspapers post notice of local meetings as a courtesy, notices required for public hearings are paid for by the City. Under the prior Code requirements, a notice published on a weekday would cost in excess of \$400 or on a Sunday, twice that amount. The new Code rules will reduce that cost by nearly 50%. Since the City publishes anywhere from six to ten of these notices per year, savings will add up quickly.

Additional amendments to the Zoning Code on September 10 included updating the City's rules on placement of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). These amendments were required to bring the City into compliance with new State statutes mandating the allowance of ADUs in all residential zones.