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ANNUAL LEAF PICKUP SLATED

October 24th 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:

Oct. 24, Nov. 7, Nov. 21, Dec. 5 & Dec. 19

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

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.



**We want your input
on a proposed farmers market
in Philomath!**

**Please visit this website
to provide your input:**

<https://tinyurl.com/philomathmarket>

CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

Oct 10	Park Advisory Board meeting	5:00 PM
Oct 14	Urban Renewal Agency work session	5:30 PM
Oct 14	City Council meeting	7:00 PM
Oct 15	Police Committee meeting	3:00 PM
Oct 15	City Council meeting (special)	7:00 PM
Oct 21	Planning Commission (if needed)	6:00 PM
Oct 28	City Council meeting (if needed)	7:00 PM
Nov 7	Public Works meeting (if needed)	5:00 PM
Nov 11	City offices closed for Veterans' Day	
Nov 12	City Council meeting	7:00 PM
Nov 14	Park Advisory Board meeting	5:00 PM
Nov 18	Planning Commission (if needed)	6:00 PM
Nov 25	City Council meeting (if needed)	7:00 PM
Nov 28-29	City offices closed for Thanksgiving	

All meetings are held at City Hall, 980 Applegate St., unless otherwise noted. Schedule subject to change. Please refer to the City website calendar for up-to-date schedule.

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

Benton County and Philomath would like to remind residents that with 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.

Remember that what goes on the street, flows to our storm sewer, and goes directly to the river and streams.

By following these simple things in your daily routine, you will help keep our rivers and streams healthy!

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.
- Collect all used oil in containers with tight-fitting lids. Old plastic jugs are excellent for this purpose.
- Never dump motor oil, antifreeze, transmission fluid or other engine fluids into road gutters, down the storm drain or catch basin, onto the ground, or into a ditch.



Vehicle Washing

Washing Your Car Properly

- The best action is to take your vehicle to a commercial car wash, especially if you plan to clean the engine or the bottom of the car. Most car washes reuse water several times before sending it for treatment at a sewage treatment plant.



If you still want to wash your car at home...

- Wash your car on gravel, grass or another permeable surface, so the ground can filter the water naturally.
- Use soap sparingly. Try to use non-phosphate detergents. Phosphates are nutrients that can cause problems for nearby waterways.
- When you're done, empty your bucket of soapy water down the sink, not the street.

Caring for your Lawn and Garden

- Use fertilizers sparingly.
- Keep fertilizer off of paved surfaces—off of sidewalks, driveways, etc. If granular fertilizer gets onto paved surfaces, collect it for later use or sweep it onto the lawn.
- Wash your spreader equipment on a pervious (penetrable) vegetated area, like the lawn, to allow for the natural absorption of excess fertilizer.
- Never apply fertilizer to frozen ground or dormant lawns.
- Cover piles of soil with tarps to protect them from rain.



Pet Waste

- Bag it! When going for dog walks, take a shopping bag or sandwich bag. When doggy makes a deposit, turn the baggie inside out over your hand and use it as a glove to pick up the waste.
- Flush the pet waste down the toilet because then it is treated at a sewage treatment plant.
- If flushing down the toilet is not a viable option, put the pet waste in the trash, but never put waste into storm drains.



Moss Killer

Fighting moss is an uphill battle. Moss killers are laden with water-polluting chemicals, here are some tips and alternatives this fall/winter

- Remove moss using rakes or shovels.
- Re-seed scraped mossy areas with native or shade-tolerant grasses.
- Aerate or de-thatch your lawn to keep air moving and moisture at a minimum.
- Mow Less – Frequent mowing stresses grass, making it less able to compete with moss. Wait to mow until your lawn is 3" to 4" tall to keep it strong and healthy.
- 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

Because 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.

- The first line of defense should simply be to shovel sidewalks and pathways to keep them clear and to prevent ice from forming. Also, consider that salt and de-icers are not effective when more than 3 inches of snow have accumulated.
- Apply de-icing products discriminately, focusing on high-use areas and slopes where traction is critical.
- Reduce salt and other chemicals by adding sand for traction. Store salt and other products on an impervious (impenetrable) surface. Also store products in a dry, covered area to prevent stormwater runoff.



This information was collected and developed through a partnership between
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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>

