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## Spring Cleanup is Back With a New Look

If you're looking forward to the annual Spring Cleanup Event, be prepared for it to look a bit different. Provided in cooperation with Republic Services, this is your annual opportunity to clear space in your garage and get rid of broken, unwanted recyclable junk. The most important change this year is that the cleanup date is Saturday, April 20th.

Industrial dumpsters will be available in the Public Works yard.

The entrance for the event will be located on the end of South 16th Street. There will be two City employees there to verify that you are a Philomath resident and that you have recyclable items. Republic Services will assist with unloading your vehicle. Gates will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 3:00 p.m.

**ACCEPTED MATERIALS:** Wood, scrap metal, yard debris, computer/electronic equipment, cardboard, and any other materials not specifically listed below as not acceptable.

**ACCEPTED WITH NO FEE:** Appliances and items containing Freon will be accepted. Examples: Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners.

**NOT ACCEPTED:** Household garbage, car batteries, tires, motor oil, propane tanks, gas cans, and hazardous waste materials such as used paint, insecticides, or cleaning agents.

This cleanup opportunity is free for residents who live within the city limits. Please bring proof of residency (utility bill) with you. For questions, call Public Works at 541-929-3579.

## “Phabulous” Philomath Photo Contest begins

The Park Advisory Board is hosting a photo contest open to all skill levels and ages. See the city's website for full details and start capturing those “phabulous” shots today!



[www.ci.philomath.or.us/photocontest](http://www.ci.philomath.or.us/photocontest)

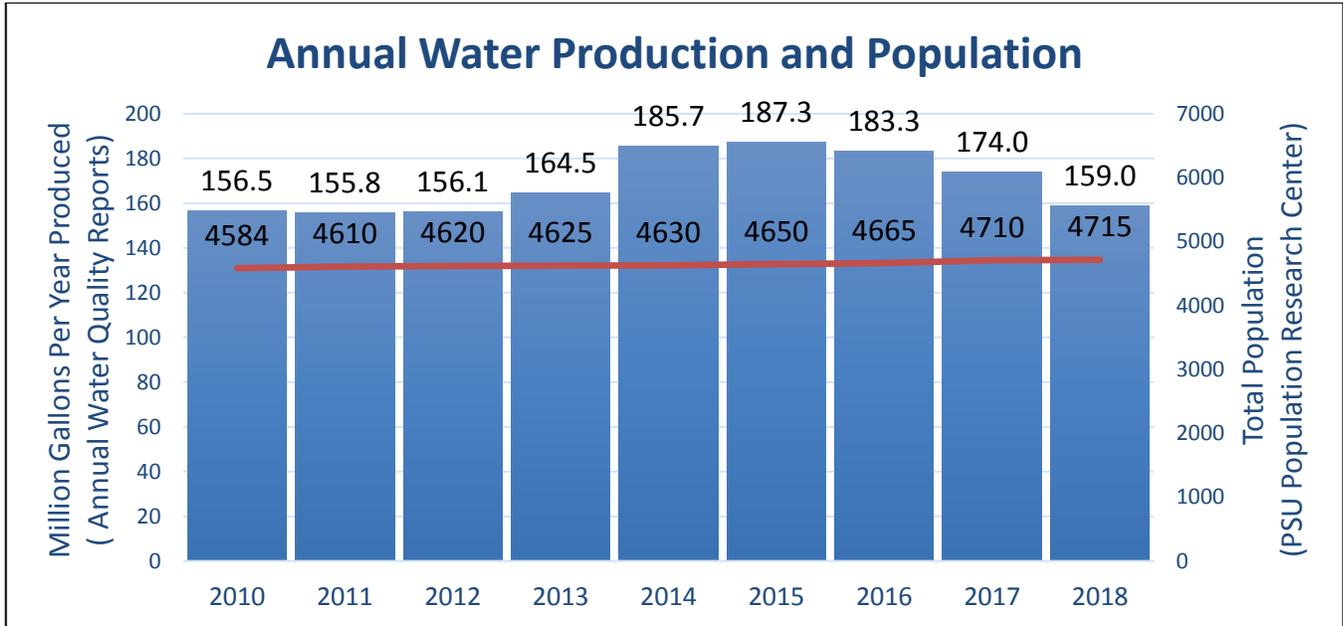
### CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

March 11	Council Work Session	5:30 PM
March 11	City Council	7:00 PM
March 12	Police Committee at PD meeting room	4:00 PM
March 14	Park Advisory Board	5:00 PM
March 18	Planning Commission	6:00 PM
March 25	City Council (if needed)	7:00 PM
April 4	Public Works Committee (if needed)	5:00 PM
April 8	Council work session	5:30 PM
April 8	City Council	7:00 PM
April 10	Budget Committee training	6:00 PM
April 11	Park Advisory Board	5:00 PM
April 15	Planning Commission	7:00 PM
April 17	City & Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committees	6:00 PM
April 22	City Council (if needed)	7:00 PM
April 24	Budget Committee	6:00 PM

*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.*

## 2019 WATER QUALITY REPORT AVAILABLE

The City provides a safe and reliable supply of safe drinking water to its residents, schools, and businesses. The annual Water Quality Report provides current information about your drinking water and some of the programs and technologies that make it among the best water in the world. In 2018, the City's drinking water met or surpassed every public health drinking water requirement, over 120 quality standards, set by the Oregon Department of Human Services and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The full report is available online: [www.ci.philomath.or.us/waterqualityreport](http://www.ci.philomath.or.us/waterqualityreport).



In 2018, the City produced 159 million gallons of water at an annual average of 1/2 million gallons per day. This was a decrease of 9.4% from 2017 when the City produced 174 million gallons of water. The decrease in water production is attributed to leak repairs throughout the system and conservation efforts by residents and businesses –way to go, Philomath!

About 97% of the City's water comes from the Marys River which is treated at the City's water treatment plant on S 9<sup>th</sup> Street. All water, including bottled water, contains small amounts of contaminants. New membrane filtration systems have been developed and now used for municipal drinking water (e.g., Creswell, Cottage Grove, Albany, Newport, etc.). Membrane filtration is a better filtering process where water is forced through synthetic membranes with very small pore sizes. As such, membrane filtration removes more contaminants than conventional filters like those currently used by the City, resulting in cleaner, higher quality water.

The drawback of membrane filtration is that the initial capital cost. Future regulatory requirements by the State would likely force additional improvements to a conventional filtration system, the cost of which would likely exceed the cost of a membrane filtration system. Planning for a new treatment plant using membrane filtration equipment is underway with construction anticipated to begin in 2021.

Let us install energy efficient light bulbs and faucet aerators in your home at no cost to you!



### WHY WAIT UNTIL SPRING TO GO GREEN?

Philomath residents are eligible to have energy conserving LED light bulbs, faucet aerators, and low-flow shower heads installed in their homes at no cost. The Energy Trust of Oregon is partnering with the Corvallis Environmental Center (CEC) to offer this FREE money (and energy) saving opportunity. Visit the CEC's website:

[www.corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org/energy](http://www.corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org/energy) for more information and to sign up for the program.