



Annual Earth Day Cleanup Event - April 23rd

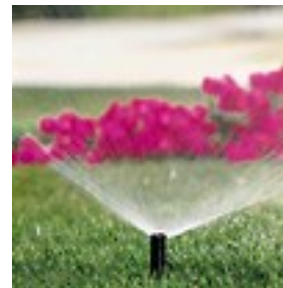
West Richland’s Annual Cleanup Day will be held on April 23rd. Residents may dispose of household garbage and yard debris free of charge, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Enterprise Middle School. Commercial garbage will not be accepted. The city is unable to dispose of refrigerators, air conditioner units, propane tanks or household hazardous materials such as motor oil, antifreeze or paint.

This event would not be possible without the more than 60 community volunteers. If you would like to lend a hand, please contact the Planning Department at 967-5902.

Residents will also be able to dispose of old tires (must be removed from rim) FREE of charge at Benton County Mosquito Control, 4951 W. Van Giesen, on **April 30th**, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Mosquito Control directly at 967-2414 with questions about tire disposal.

Irrigation Water

The city owns and operates three irrigation systems: LuAnne Estates; Brotherhood; and Flat Top Park. These systems pump irrigation water from Columbia Irrigation District’s (CID) canal system. Assuming that CID’s canal is full and the majority of the debris has been flushed down the canal, city employees will begin turning on city operated irrigation systems between Monday, April 4th and Friday, April 8th.



If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 967-5434.

Meetings

- Apr 5 City Council meeting is canceled
- Apr 6 West Richland Chamber meeting Sandberg Event Center - Noon
- Apr 14 Planning Commission meeting & Comprehensive Plan Workshop Library - 6:00 p.m.
- Apr 19 City Council meeting Library - 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 25 Park Board meeting Library - 6:30 p.m.

Comprehensive Plan Update Workshops

Workshops on the city’s Comprehensive Plan Land Use strategies will be held on **April 14** and **May 12** immediately following the regular Planning Commission meeting, which begins at 6:00 p.m.

Input from our citizens is an essential part of the update process. Please join us for these important workshops!

More information is available at www.westrichland.org/comprehensive-plan-periodic-update/

Low Income Senior Discount Reverification Due April 15th

The city offers a low-income, senior discount rate for eligible customers. To be eligible, you must be 61 or older and your total of all household revenue must be less than the HUD's published income limits for "Very Low Income" of a 2 person household. The discount is a 50% reduction on the base rates for Water, Sewer, Stormwater, and Irrigation (if applicable). The discount for Garbage is 30%. The Garbage discount is only available if you have one garbage can. If you have more than one can, the full rates will be in effect for each can.

Bring your completed application along with proof of your income (e.g. Social Security statement or income tax return) to the City Administration Office at 3801 W. Van Giesen.

Your discount will be effective beginning the next billing cycle after your application is approved and will remain in effect for the calendar year. Your eligibility must be re-verified each year by **April 15th**.

To re-verify, please update the Low Income Senior Discount Application and provide proof of your income. If your eligibility is not re-verified, your rates will revert back to the regular billing rates beginning with the next bill cycle.



Spring Means Yard Cleanup Time!

Spring is here and with it comes the opportunity to clean up weeds, junk and debris. Property maintenance requires extra time and effort to make your property look nice, but it is quite rewarding. There are some things that are often overlooked. One is the easement attached to your property, (i.e., next to streets, sidewalks, alleyways, or just on the other side of your fence.) These areas are to be maintained by the property owner by keeping them free of trash, debris, unsightly nuisances, and weeds (or trimmed to six inches or less) per West Richland Municipal Code (WRMC) 8.16.030.

Another common issue is irrigation sprinklers going over sidewalks or roadways. Sprinkler heads need to be adjusted or blocked to keep the water on the intended property per WRMC 8.16.030.

If you have a comment or complaint, please use the Citizen Action Line link under Quick Links on the home page of the city website at www.westrichland.org.

Did You Know...

Kids don't want to get wet on their way to school. When you are setting your timer for lawn irrigation, please keep in mind the times of day that children are walking to and from school or bus stop locations in your neighborhood. Please avoid watering during those times so children aren't prompted to walk in the street to avoid the spray.

Accepting Applications for Seasonal Maintenance Workers

The city is accepting applications for Seasonal Maintenance Workers in the Public Works Department. Job duties may include trimming and mowing lawns, replacing, repairing, and installing water and sewer mains, routine repair and maintenance of facilities, patching streets, painting crosswalks, cleaning and burning debris in rights-of-way, routine maintenance of storm drainage facilities, and litter patrol.

The position is 40 hours per week, Monday - Friday and can last up to 6 months. The starting wage is \$11.47 per hour.

Requirements: High School Diploma or GED Equivalent and 18 years of age. Must possess a valid Washington State driver's license and maintain an insurable driving record. Must be able to lift up to 50 pounds repetitively and perform manual activities for sustained periods of time under adverse weather conditions. A pre-employment drug test and criminal background check are required.

Applications are available on the city's website, www.westrichland.org or at 3801 W. Van Giesen Street.