

## City's Operational Response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

The City of West Richland activated the City's Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the COOP, the City shifted its focus to performing mission-essential functions.

Beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., the Municipal Services Facility closed to the general public. Only mission-critical functions and duties that did not require close personal contact with the public were provided.

At the time this newsletter is being written, the closure is scheduled to end at 5:00 p.m. on March 31st. However, depending on the circumstances at that time, this may be extended. If it is extended, the extension dates will be posted on the City's website and Facebook pages. Information on paying your utility bill, opening and closing accounts, building permits and inspections, and Public Works projects are also available on the City's website.

<https://www.westrichland.org/covid-19-citys-operational-plan/>

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### Cancelled - April 18th Earth Day Cleanup Event

As a precautionary measure to help slow the spread of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), the City has CANCELLED our annual Earth Day Event that was to be held on April 18, 2020. We look forward to Earth Day 2021!



### 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.

When CID's systems are fully flushed and operational, the city's Public Works maintenance crew will begin turning on the city operated irrigation systems

Please check the city's website at [www.westrichland.org](http://www.westrichland.org) or the city's Facebook page, City of West Richland Government, for dates when the irrigation system will be operational.

### 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.

### Community Garden

Applications are being accepted for garden plots at the Community Garden at Yellowstone Trail Park.

The fee to reserve a garden plot is \$10 for the 2020 season.

Registration forms and garden policies are available at [www.westrichland.org](http://www.westrichland.org) or call 967-5902.