



Halloween Safety Tips

With Halloween just around the corner, the West Richland Police Department would like to offer some safety tips

- Dress like a ghoul or goblin, but stay safe. Make sure costumes and candy containers are reflective. To avoid tripping, costumes shouldn't drag too far on the ground. This year, try to incorporate a mask into your costume. Think about being creative, letting your child pick their mask. Or if you don't have one that goes with the costume, you could decorate one that would go with it.
- Props should be just that: props. Swords, knives, staffs, and wands should be soft and flexible to avoid injury.
- Use well-marked routes to get to the candy. Always use the sidewalk, and do not cut across yards or use alleys. Cross the road at a crosswalk. Travel in a small group with members of your household, and avoid large gatherings of people. Social distancing is still important.
- Trick-or-treat with trusted neighbors. Use the Nextdoor Treat Map to plan your route ahead of time and find the safest, most efficient route to the candy. (Nextdoor is the private social network for you, your neighbors and your community. It's the easiest way for you and your neighbors to talk online and make all of your lives better in the real world. Thousands of neighborhoods are already using Nextdoor to build happier, safer places to call home.)
- At home, designate one person — best to be an adult — to hand out the candy. Don't leave the bowl out for kids to dig into.
- When in doubt, throw the candy out. Avoid candy that has loose wrappings, is completely unwrapped, has puncture holes, or is homemade and not factory-wrapped. Small children should not be allowed hard candy, which is a choking hazard.

Stay safe and have a wonderful Halloween!



Meetings

- Oct. 6 City Council meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd - 6:00 p.m.
- Oct. 15 Planning Commission meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd - 6:00 p.m.
- Oct. 20 City Council meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd - 6:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar

- Nov. 7 (TBD) Veterans Day Parade
Van Giesen Street - 9:30 AM

If you are interested in participating, please call the West Richland Chamber at 967-0521.

Irrigation Water Turn-Off Date

The City's Brotherhood, Luanne Estates and Flat Top Irrigation Systems will be turned off for the season on October 15th.



HEROS IN BLUE

Let us take the time to honor, individually and collectively, our Local Police Departments, offering our support and encouragement from all our communities. During these troubling and challenging times, we are standing united as a region to support the continuing efforts Police Officers give to serve and protect all of us from harm's way. We also support the families of our Heros, and THANK them for their sacrifices made while our Heros are caring and protecting our communities.

It is with grateful hearts that we do what we can to express our gratitude to our local men and women in Blue for their service.

SHARE YOUR VOICE OF SUPPORT FOR THEIR BRAVERY BY PURCHASING

- **T-SHIRTS**
- **HATS**
- **YARD SIGNS**
- **BANNERS (FOR YOUR BUSINESS)**
- **DECALS**

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click the "heros in blue" tab!



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Code Red Emergency Alerts

Emergency Management Agencies of Benton CodeRed - a high-speed mass notification system designed to keep you informed in the event of an emergency. This system allows for the delivery of emergency messages to you via phone to your landline or mobile device, as well as through text and email.



Generally, non-life threatening alerts will be sent to email only. Alerts that pose a higher threat or cause significant adverse conditions may be sent to email and text message. Emergency alerts that pose a serious or significant risk to life and/or property will be sent from all devices that you have selected.

To register, visit www.bces.wa.gov in Benton County or www.franklinem.org in Franklin County and click on the CodeRED icon.



Remember to Vote! Ballots due November 3rd

West Richland has two 24-hour secure ballot drop boxes located next to the West Richland Library, 3803 W. Van Giesen Street and the Municipal Services Facility, 3100 Belmont Blvd available until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Both of these boxes are drive-up boxes, meaning you shouldn't have to get out of your car to deposit your ballot. For more information on the election and the candidates that appear on your ballot, log on to www.bentonelections.com.

Did You Know?

The West Richland Municipal Code is updated regularly by the passage of ordinances. Very soon after the ordinance is effective, the City's online Municipal Code is updated with the change.

You can access the online Municipal Code on the City's website at westrichland.org. There is a tab under "Quick Links" on the home page.

Things You May Not Know You Need a Permit for:

- Reroofing
- Windows
- Siding
- Pools and hot tubs
- Hot water heaters
- Water softeners

Also, you are required to obtain site approval from the City before constructing a fence.

For more information or questions regarding permits or fences, please contact the Community Development Department at 509-967-5902. Information is also available on the city website at

www.westrichland.org/development-services-resources/