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- If you don't have an account, you can register through the same site. Customers who register an online account will automatically receive a confirmation e-mail as part of the setup process.
- Once you're on your Utility Billing Home page, select "Sign up to receive Notifications" in the Online Services box on the right side of the page.

Don't want to register online but still want e-bills? Send us an e-mail to utilities@westrichland.org with your name, preferred e-mail address, utility account number and service address and request to switch to electronic statements!

Message from Animal/Code Compliance Officer regarding Parking Laws

This is a reminder to follow our local parking laws here in the City of West Richland. Here are a few complaints/questions that are encountered often:

How long can I keep my vehicle parked in the right of way or on the street?

Your vehicle cannot be stored on the street for longer than seven days at a time. If everyone were to keep all vehicles parked/stored on the street, it would make it impossible for our maintenance crew to keep the streets clean with the sweeper. Vehicles parked on the street also blocks emergency responders from being able to access a home quickly for a fire or other safety issue.

Can I park my vehicle in the city park parking lot for the sole purpose of advertising it for sale?

No, this is not permitted. Our city park parking spaces are reserved for our citizens there to enjoy the park.

Can I place my storage unit in the street?

No, no "non-vehicle" is allowed to be placed, parked, piled or stored on any city street or sidewalk. You can apply for a special permit to do so with the city engineer or designee.

I have no place to park my trailer on my property, can I park it in the street?

No trailer shall be parked on the city street for more than a 24-hour period within a seven day timeframe.

If you have any questions about parking, please call Code Compliance Officer Marissa at: 509-967-7112.



Meetings

- Mar. 2 ----City Council Meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd - 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 11----Planning Commission Meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd - 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 16----City Council Meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd - 6:00 p.m.

*Meetings are held virtually via Zoom until Benton County enters a Phase of the Governor's Roadway to Recovery plan that allows in-person public meetings. More information can be found at: www.westrichland.org.

A meeting and events calendar is available on the City Website, on the home page, under Quick Links. Agendas are also posted on the web pages for City Council and Boards and Commissions. On the top menu of the home page click on Governance, then click on either City Council or Boards and Commissions.

Disposing of Used Motor Oil

Did you know that Basin Disposal is unable to collect used motor oil curbside or at their general recycling sites? Motor oil is perhaps one of the most common household hazardous wastes that Benton County observes at their collection events. However, it does not have to be, as motor oil can be recycled throughout the year at designated locations! Whether you have a little fresh oil left over from an oil change or have a pan full from draining used oil, the following are available nearby options for West Richland residents.



- Horn Rapids Landfill, 3120 Twin Bridges Road, Richland
- Autozone, 1701 George Washington Way, Richland (509-946-6372)
- O'Reilly Auto Parts, 1308 Jadwin Avenue, Richland (509-943-0207)
- Walmart, 2801 Duportail Street, Richland (509-628-8420)
- Benton County Collection Site, Ed's Disposal, 1001 Dinah Lane (end of road), Benton City (Thursday and Saturday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm)

Unless otherwise noted, please limit the volume of oil to five (5) gallons per drop-off. These services are for residential quantities only. Commercial entities must utilize a commercial waste service. Please note that private corporations are subject to their own schedules, policies, and discretion with regard to availability of services. Please call before attempting to deliver any material. You can also check with your regular mechanic or dealer's service department. They may also have a collection program.

It is considered illegal dumping to leave oil at recycling centers not marked for oil recycling.

Important note: Oil deposited at any of the above sites must not be mixed with water, antifreeze, or other chemicals. Recycling programs are incentivized by reuse and resale of used motor oil. While added substances may be separated from the oil, this process is costly, both in resources and in time. Contaminated oil could place the program at risk of cancellation, to the detriment of those using it. Additionally, absolutely no chlorinated chemicals, such as PCBs in transformer oil, should ever be dropped off or mixed with motor oil. These chemicals are potentially toxic and require specialized handling and remediation, and their inclusion in motor oil waste can immediately end a collection program. Please contact the Washington State Department of Ecology for more information.



Officials break ground on New Police Facility

On Thursday, February 4th, 2021, City Officials attended a virtual groundbreaking for the new Police Facility to be constructed in 2021. We encourage you to view the Groundbreaking Ceremony on the City's YouTube channel.

Only a few plots left!

Yellowstone Trail Community Garden

Would you like to grow your own vegetables in 2021 but lack ground for growing? The City of West Richland's Community Garden program is accepting applications from interested residents. The Community Garden is located at Yellowstone Trail Park on Austin Drive, near the intersection of Bombing Range Road and Van Giesen Street. The City is partnering with WSU Extension Master Gardeners, who are excited to provide community gardeners with free seeds, expert advice, and mentor assistance throughout the 2021 growing season.

The garden was established through a partnership between volunteers and the City, with assistance from many generous local businesses. The community garden was launched by Mayor Brent Gerry as a community project to enhance the Van Giesen Corridor through beautification, enhancement, volunteerism, and community involvement.

There are 42 raised garden plots available to rent for the 2021 growing season on a first-come, first-serve basis. ADA accessible plots are also available. The City will provide water and garden hoses, but gardeners are responsible for providing all tools.

The fee to reserve a garden plot is \$10 for the 2021 season. Contact the Planning Department at 509-967-5902 for more information.

Registration forms and garden policies are available online at: www.westrichland.org or by phone 509-967-5902.