



www.westrichland.org

Snow and Ice Control

Our winters here in West Richland can vary each year, from little or no snow accumulation to extreme winters with more than 50 inches of snow. Storm events of freezing fog and rain, along with wind driven snow drifts, can also vary year to year.

With a population of over 17,000 residents and over 170 lane miles of roadways, the City of West Richland strives to provide a safe and acceptable level of snow and ice control. Our fleet consists of dump trucks equipped with snowplows and sander beds, one-ton trucks with salt-sander beds, and one-ton trucks with deicing equipment. In emergency situations, outside contractors and equipment may also be used.

The city relies on information such as wind, temperature, humidity, current and projected snow accumulation, and monitors several weather forecasts to determine equipment and methods utilized for storm events. When the weather forecasts a high probability of a snowstorm or icy conditions, the street division is mobilized to apply liquid anti-icing chemicals to arterial streets, collector streets and steep hill streets. The amount of accumulation and recurrence of storm events determine when plowing and sanding equipment will be called out in accordance with the following priorities:



- 1) Steep hill streets (Bombing Range Road, Collins Road, S. 45th Ave, Mazzard Ave, and Candy Mountain Ave);
- 2) Main arterial streets;
- 3) Collector streets and school zones; and
- 4) Residential streets.

During severe or prolonged snowstorm events, priority 1 and 2 streets may have to be plowed numerous times before moving onto lower priority streets. On occasion, the road conditions have become so severe the Police Department has had to close the hill section of Bombing Range. If this occurs, please use Paradise Way, Belmont Blvd. or Keene Road to access Van Giesen.

During minor snow events when temperatures are predicted to be well above freezing, priority 4 residential streets are typically not plowed. When residential streets are plowed, it is inevitable that driveways and sidewalks will be blocked. We're sorry for this inconvenience, but please understand that it cannot be avoided.

Meetings

January 3

City Council Meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd
6:00 p.m.

January 12

Planning Commission Meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd
6:00 p.m.

January 17

City Council Meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd
6:00 p.m.

January 30

Parks Board Meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd
6:00 p.m.

Up-to-Date meeting information can be found at: www.westrichland.org.

Follow our social media pages!



@CityofWestRichlandWA



City of West Richland

City Council Meetings:

Regular Meetings of the West Richland City Council are posted on YouTube the day after the meeting at:

www.youtube.com/@cityofwestrichland.

You can still watch and participate via Zoom, or just view on YouTube after the meeting.

Find future meeting schedules and agendas at:

www.westrichland.org/AgendaCenter.



Contact Your City Council:



MAYOR

Brent Gerry

bgerry@westrichland.org



MAYOR PRO TEM

Fred Brink

fbrink@westrichland.org



COUNCILMEMBER

David Fetto

dfetto@westrichland.org



COUNCILMEMBER

Richard Bloom

rbloom@westrichland.org



COUNCILMEMBER

John Smart

jsmart@westrichland.org



COUNCILMEMBER

Kate Moran

kmoran@westrichland.org



COUNCILMEMBER

Ken Stoker

kstoker@westrichland.org



COUNCILMEMBER

May Hays

mhays@westrichland.org

Time to Renew Licenses and Discounts



Dog Licenses: Renewal notices will be arriving from PetData this month.

Utility Billing: Low-Income senior citizen and permanently disabled: For low-income senior and permanently disabled renewals, applications must be completed and approved by April 15th to avoid losing the discounted rates. Accounts with an existing discount will continue to receive the discounted rate until the end of the March billing cycle. For details on how to apply, qualifications, and an application, please call 509-967-3431 or send an email to: utilities@westrichland.org. You can also visit: www.westrichland.org/utilities

Upcoming City Closure

City offices and facilities will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Employees will not be available via phone on these days. Please use the City's after-hours water or sewer emergency phone 509-967-5434 for these types of emergencies.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Ed's Disposal will pick up your Christmas tree free of charge. Just put it next to your garbage can on your regular garbage day.

