



# LAFAYETTE CITY NEWSLETTER

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## *Declaration of Emergency*

On Thursday, March 26, the Lafayette City Council declared a local state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which will remain in effect until further notice. The full text of this declaration, as approved Resolution 2020-02, is available on the City of Lafayette website. Measures taken by the City to address safety needs and help local citizens during this outbreak period are:

- Temporarily suspend utility late fees and disconnection of water service for non-payment.
- The closure of the Lafayette Community Center and City parks, with the exception of Terry Park and Veterans Park.
- City Hall is closed to the public, but staff is available by phone during working hours at 503-864-2451 and after hours for Public Works emergencies at 971-237-2515.

Your efforts to abide by Federal, State and local directives is appreciated. Please continue to follow social distancing guidelines and practice healthy habits.

### **Resources for businesses and individuals:**

<https://www.oregon4biz.com/Coronavirus-Information/> Information for businesses to navigate the options and availability of assistance.

<https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/Pages/agency-covid19-resources.aspx> Oregon Housing and Community Services has resources for renters and landlords.

[www.savesmallbusiness.com](http://www.savesmallbusiness.com) The US Chamber of Commerce Foundation has created a program to help small businesses; Lafayette qualifies for these grants.

<https://govstatus.egov.com/ui-benefits/CARES> Pandemic Unemployment Assistance for self-employed, contract and gig workers.

## *Clean-up Day Cancelled*

As a reminder, the annual Clean-up Day previously set for May 9 is now cancelled. For your recycling and disposal needs, Recology in McMinnville will continue to assist customers with modified services:

- The local offices are closed to the public, but are still available by phone or email.
- The transfer station is open; however, staff have been directed to avoid interacting with customers.
- Collection times may now be a little earlier than usual, due to staffing needs.

For additional information, please visit: <https://www.recology.com/recology-western-oregon/mcminnville-office/>

## *Outdoor Burning Rules*

A responsible owner must do the following to conduct an outdoor yard debris burn in Lafayette:

- Call the Yamhill County Burn Line at 503-472-3344 to confirm if allowed. Open burn season ends June 15th.
- Must attend the burn at all times and have equipment on-hand to extinguish.
- Must provide clear area of 10 feet around any materials being burned.
- Burn between the hours of 8 AM and dusk, and extinguish completely.
- NO burning of garbage, plastic, construction waste, or any materials that produce a dense or noxious smoke.
- Must extinguish immediately if requested to do so by City officials.
- Failure to follow these rules may result in a citation of up to \$100 for each occurrence.

## Restaurant Relief Program

The City's Restaurant Relief Program has provided much needed assistance to local eateries that are impacted by the State's stay-home order. To date, residents have received \$2,400 in utility credits on receipts totaling \$6,800. Thank you to all who have continued to support local restaurants and keep our town thriving in these difficult times!

### How to Participate:

When you place a take-out or delivery order for \$20.00 or more at a Lafayette restaurant, save your receipt and deliver it to City Hall either through the mail or the drop box next to the front door. The purchase must be on a single receipt and contain the following information: date of purchase, name of restaurant (grocery purchases are not eligible), amount of purchase, and utility account identification (name, address, or account number). Each eligible receipt will receive a \$10.00 credit on your utility bill, and you may receive up to 3 credits per month (maximum \$30/month per account). For assistance, remittance slips are available at participating businesses.

## Be A Good Neighbor

It's that time of year again, when our homes and yards begin needing extra attention. Here are some basic exterior maintenance reminders to help you get started and keep your yard and property in tip-top shape this summer.

- Mow the lawn.** Grass and weeds should not grow to a height of more than 10 inches, and shrubs and blackberry briars must be maintained and kept out of the public thoroughfare or across property lines. These regulations are set by City of Lafayette ordinance.



- Make sure that trees, shrubs, and other elements don't creep into your neighbor's yard. This includes tree limbs, spreading shrubs, and weeds.
  - Remove all bicycles, skateboards, and toys from the front yard at the end of the day. Make sure no items are left on the sidewalks or streets.
- If your neighborhood has a homeowners' association, follow the rules and guidelines. The City asks for your cooperation in being a good neighbor. If you have questions on specific City ordinances, please contact City Hall at 503-864-2451.



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