



LAFAYETTE CITY NEWSLETTER

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Code Enforcement: Nuisance Complaints

When a resident contacts the City with a complaint, it is important that City staff be able to document when the complaint was received and a detailed nature of the nuisance. Complainant information may remain confidential, but it is important to obtain contact information for follow up, enforcement, and resolution.

While some public nuisances may be resolved with a simple phone call from the City, other complaints may require a written notice to the responsible party, and possibly involvement from a Sheriff's Deputy. The City takes all complaints seriously, and some matters require patience during resolution. Complainants may contact Lafayette's Code Enforcement Officer with questions or a status at 971-287-8413.



Christmas Tree Recycling

Recology Organics in McMinnville is accepting Christmas trees for recycling. For Lafayette residents, tree recycling is free if you have a wind-shield recycling tag; the fee is \$12 for those without the recycling tag.

WHERE: Recology Organics is located at 2200 NE Orchard Avenue, McMinnville. They are open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. For more information, contact Recology at 503-434-1671.



Fire Volunteers Deliver Toys

Thanks to the extremely generous contributions from the community this year, the Fire Department was able to provide toys to 106 children of 37 families this year. Your spirit of giving is greatly appreciated, especially during a time of difficulty for many families.



The Lafayette Fire Department would like to send a special thank you to all that helped support our Toy Drive. Because of these generous donations and the volunteers and their families, we were able to bring holiday cheer to children and families in Lafayette.



Winter Weather Preparedness

Frozen or damaged water pipes from freezing temperatures can be dreadful to deal with. Below are tips for protecting your home's plumbing this winter:

- Close all foundation vents and fill vent openings with wood or Styrofoam™ blocks.
- Insulate pipes in unheated areas, such as attics, crawl spaces and basements.
- Outside your home, disconnect garden hoses and drain in-ground irrigation systems. Wrap outside faucets or hose bibs with insulation if you don't have a separate outside valve to turn them off.
- Let a slight drip of water run when temperatures dip below freezing, and use cold water to avoid water heating charges. Open cupboard doors in the kitchen and bathrooms to allow indoor heat to circulate around pipes.

WHAT IF PIPES BREAK?

- Close the main water shut-off valve to your house. Most shutoff valves are located where the water line enters the house, either at the water meter, in the basement near the water heater, or inside the garage. Turn off your water heater as well.
- If you need to have the water meter shut off, this requires assistance from Public Works. Please call City Hall at 503-864-2451, or 971-237-2515 after normal office hours.
- Contact a plumber for repairs if needed.

Volunteers Needed

The City is accepting applications from interested residents to fill a vacancy on the Lafayette Budget Committee.

To obtain a volunteer application, please visit the City website at: www.ci.lafayette.or.us, click on the "Residents" tab and select "Volunteers".

Thank you for your interest in serving.



Time to Conserve Water

Customer sewer rates are determined by using your average water consumption during winter months. November through February is the time to conserve water to keep your sewer rate as low as possible for the coming year. Water consumption averages are calculated in March and you will see your recalculated sewer rate on your April 2022 utility bill.

If you have questions regarding your water consumption amounts or how rates are calculated, please contact City Hall at 503-864-2451.

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