



LAFAYETTE CITY NEWSLETTER

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Fire Department Toy Drive

The Lafayette Fire Department is accepting donations for their annual Lafayette Toy Drive. Donors can deliver any new, unwrapped toys or monetary donations to Lafayette City Hall (486 Third Street) from now until December 9th. Your generosity is greatly appreciated as we help to make the holiday season a little brighter for the children of Lafayette.



Code Enforcement: RV Occupancy

With the holiday season upon us, visits from friends and family become more frequent. Many residents accommodate visitors by using their recreational vehicles as guest rooms. It is important to know the rules that apply when using an RV as additional living space.

- It is unlawful for people to stay and sleep in recreational vehicles on private property without first obtaining a free permit from the City. Most permits are granted for two weeks, and at times may be extended for an additional two weeks.
- Your visitors may sleep in an RV, but they must use the bathroom and kitchen facilities in the home. RV's cannot be hooked up to the City's water or sewer system, or dump its tanks into the storm drains.
- RV's used for temporary accommodations must be parked properly on private property, not on streets. Parking a recreational vehicle on city streets for any purpose is limited to 24 hours.

For any questions please call City Hall at 503-864-2451 or use the "Our Lafayette" app to contact staff. Temporary RV occupancy permits are available at City Hall, Monday through Friday.

Winter Weather Preparedness

Freezing temperatures, rain, ice and snow can cause havoc with our daily routines. Protect yourself now by preparing your home to keep out the cold and maintain necessary utilities such as running water and heat. Below are tips for protecting your home and loved ones 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.
- If using a generator, keep them and fuel outdoors and at least 20 feet away from any window, door or attached garage.
- 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.
- Have an emergency supply kit ready, including food, water, flashlights, batteries, and an alternate heat source if possible.
- If you lose electricity, please contact Portland General Electric at 1-800-544-1795.

WHAT IF PIPES BREAK?

- Close your 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 your 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.



For additional resources and winter safety tips, please visit ready.gov/winter-weather.

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503-435-5562 McMinnville, OR

Please Bag Your Leaves

Residents and businesses are reminded to dispose of all the leaves from private property. Please keep storm drains clear of leaves, which can clog drains and cause a mess on streets and neighbor properties.

Recology Organics, located at 2200 NE Orchard Ave., in McMinnville, provides free green waste disposal for Lafayette customers. For hours of operation or questions, please contact Recology Organics at 503-434-1671.

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 1, 2023 bill.

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



December

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4	5	6	7	8 6:30 PM City Council	9	10
11	12	13	14 Parks Closed for Maintenance	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 City Hall Closed at Noon	24
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 City Hall Closed	27	28	29	30	31 Happy New Year