



City of Medical Lake Spring 2011 Updates

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Building Department: (509) 565-5024

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Maintenance Department: (509) 299-7715

Spring is Here! Or at least very close... The City thanks everyone for their cooperation with parking during snow removal this winter. By removing your vehicles from the street, snow can be piled closer to the curbs leaving more room for vehicular travel.

Volunteers Needed. Medical Lake Volunteer Fire Department needs your help. Volunteerism is down in many civic and community groups, and the fire department is no exception. Please contact Fire Chief Jeff Estes at (509) 565-5022 for more information.

Medical Lake Food Bank and Care & Share needs volunteers. Donations of goods and money are both needed and welcomed. For more information visit Care & Share located at N. 211 Lefevre St.

Feed Medical Lake is in need of volunteers to help with a free soup and sandwich supper. For more information contact Joanna Williams at 714-1150 or 299-6615.

Water Conservation. As the irrigation season nears, it is time for a water conservation reminder. Residential irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. for the months of June, July, August and September. Prohibiting irrigation between these hours reduces the amount of water lost to evaporation, reducing overall water consumption. If current conservation restrictions are not enough, the City will implement additional restrictions as the weather heats up. So please conserve early and often as every bit helps.

Animal Control. The City continues to receive many animal complaints. Barking, uncontrolled and unleashed dogs head the list. In an effort to reduce these violations, the City has requested that Spokanimal perform several patrols through the City this spring. Spokanimal has the authority to capture at-large animals, as well as write tickets for unlicensed and barking dogs.

Prohibited. Please remember the following items are prohibited within the City: Basketball Hoops on streets or sidewalks; Pets in any City park; Unleashed pets on streets or walking trails; Skateboards on sidewalks in downtown area; Motorized foot scooters on sidewalks; Parking on sidewalks, including curb cuts.



Spring Cleaning. The City Compost Trailer, located at S. 801 Lefevre St. (along the south side of the Recycling Center) is now open for the season. There are now two compost trailers located side by side to provide more room for material. Trailers are emptied every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Please remember that the City will not accept any branches over two feet in length and over two inches in diameter. A sign is posted at the trailer stating what is allowed.

Code Enforcement Continues. The City continues Code Enforcement per the Medical Lake Municipal Code Chapter 9.10 Nuisances. An emphasis again is being placed on junk vehicles, old appliances, litter and other debris on properties. Failure to abate the nuisance may result in a \$250 ticket.

Backflow Assembly Testing. Yes, it's that time of year again to have the backflow assembly for your automatic sprinkler system tested by a certified tester. The City maintains a list of certified testers in the Spokane County area as a resource. Backflow assemblies prevent lawn contaminants from entering the public water system, and are required by state law.

Weed Care. It is not too soon to get a jump on weeds. As the heat of summer approaches, please keep weeds mowed on your property. Dry weeds can become a fire hazard if left unattended.

Need a Building Permit? Summer is a popular time for home improvement projects. The following is a sample of items that require a building permit: Finishing a basement, installing forced air heating and/or cooling, decks 30 inches or greater above the ground, re-roofs, automatic sprinkler systems, and hot water tanks, to name but a few. Fences do not require a permit, but please consult the Building Department for legal heights and permitted locations. The Building Inspector may be reached at (509) 565-5024.

Water Safety. Please remember to practice good water safety when enjoying the lakes in and around the area. Children should wear approved flotation devices and not be allowed to swim unsupervised. Sunscreen is an important tool when combating the sun's harmful rays, and dehydration is always a concern during any warm weather activity. *Diving from the cliffs around Medical Lake is prohibited.*

Please Pick Up After Your Pets. The City has received an increasing number of complaints about dog wastes being left on the sidewalks and walking trails. Please carry a plastic bag to pick up after your pet when on public property.

Garbage. Please always bag your garbage as it prevents flying debris when the can is emptied into the truck. Also, please do not place your garbage cans/carts next to your neighbor's. Often these are noted as extra garbage as it appears one residence has more cans than they are signed up for.

Questions? If you have any questions about what's going on in the City, please contact City Administrator Doug Ross at (509) 565-5050.