

September 2023 CITY OF PHOENIX Quarterly Newsletter



The City of Phoenix is receiving \$247,600 from the Oregon State Fire Marshall (OSFM) for the purpose of mitigating fire concerns. With these funds, the City of Phoenix is partnering with the City of Talent and Jackson County to perform fuel reduction work and increase access for restoration and fire purposes along the Bear Creek Greenway. The City has also purchased a wood chipper, a dump trailer and a tractor with implements that can be used for fuel reduction work throughout the City.



Exciting news about junk mail, pasta boxes and paper towel rolls!

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, mixed waste paper returns to curbside recycling. That means many common household items made from paper can now go into your red-lid recycling cart — everything from paper egg cartons and envelopes to shoe boxes, file folders, magazines and cereal boxes (minus the plastic liners).

Mixed waste paper is back!

We promised you that we would add recyclable materials back — like mixed waste paper — as soon as there was a stable recycling market. And now there is!

For more details — including a list of



Rogue Disposal and Recycling will pick up your bagged leaves at no charge to you. Use heavy-duty 33-gallon bags — the kind you find at any grocery, warehouse or home improvement store — to bag your leaves and take them to the curb. Then we'll take care of the rest. Get raking, southern Oregon, fall has fallen! **Pick Up on December 11, 2023**

LEAF HOTLINE: 541.608.1012



Mark your calendars!

The 2023 Pirate Country Parade is coming to Downtown Phoenix.

October 25, 2023 @ 5:30 pm

Come showoff your Pirate Spirit

Seven Steps to Save

The fall season is a great time to evaluate our lawns and gardens to make sure we're making the most of the water we use in our landscapes. Being proactive and regularly checking our sprinkler systems for leaks, misaligned sprinklers or runoff onto hardscapes can help reduce excess use. Additionally, as the weather cools and plants get ready for fall and winter temperatures, they'll require less water and a little less maintenance. Adjusting sprinkler controllers to align with weather conditions can significantly reduce overwatering and can save money on your monthly water bill. Listed below are some helpful tips for reducing water use while also maintaining a healthy and attractive landscape.

Adjust Watering Schedule. Over watering is common in late summer and early fall, especially September. Even though we can still have high temperatures during this time, plant water needs decrease significantly because daylight hours have become shorter, and the sun's intensity has decreased. As the days get shorter, so should your watering times. Visit www.medfordwater.org for an example watering guide or call 541-774-2460 to find out how much water your landscape needs weekly.

Check Sprinklers Regularly. Check for leaks, broken or clogged sprinkler heads and adjust sprinklers to be sure you're watering plants and not sidewalks, buildings, or fences. Have a dry area in your landscape? Apply water manually with a hose instead of running the sprinkler system longer. For a long-term solution, you may need to add a sprinkler or emitter to the area.

Water Only When Needed. It's best not to water every day. Less frequent, deep watering will encourage deeper root growth and plants won't become stressed as quickly when the weather is hot. Use a moisture meter to detect whether moisture remains in the soil. If there is sufficient moisture, then watering can be delayed.

On a Slope? Cycle and Soak. If you are watering on a slope or if pooling occurs after only a short time, then consider breaking up total watering time into two cycles separated by an hour to help water soak into the soil.

Apply Mulch. A layer of fine mulch protects plants and enriches soil, as well as reducing the amount of water your landscape needs during the fall. The mulch you applied during the summer months has likely decomposed, so fall is the time to apply more. You could even use fall leaves and garden debris as mulch material.

Fertilize. Taking the time to fertilize in the fall will strengthen your plants' and lawn's roots, giving them a strong base on which to thrive next spring. The healthier your plants' root systems the more resistant your plants will be to drought conditions.

Create Interest. Plant your landscape with attractive drought tolerant, firewise and pollinator friendly plants. Replacing portions of your lawn with drought-tolerant groundcover and shrubs can be a stylish way to conserve water and save money. Explore the regional Water-Wise Landscaping Website for some fresh ideas at www.roguevalleysaveswater.org.



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