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JACKSONVILLE NEWSLETTER

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541-776-7206

Police

Office 541-899-7100

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Planning

541-899-6873

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, Friday

8:30 am-2:00 pm

Inspection Request

541-484-9043 or

800-358-8034

Outdoor Leaks

Outdoor leaks can be harder to spot than indoor leaks, but they can waste thousands of gallons if not fixed. Knowing what to look for can help conserve water and prevent costly problems.

If you have an in-ground irrigation system that runs on a timer, it's easy to "set it and forget it." That means a potential leak could go unnoticed for a while, so it's a good idea to watch the system in action for a few minutes from time to time. Do you see any broken sprinkler heads or runoff going down the street? If you notice soft, soggy patches in your yard when the system hasn't been running, you may have a leak underground.



When you're watering with a hose, don't ignore a drip at the connection with the spigot. It may not look like much, but those drops add up! Repairing a leak at the spigot can often be fixed easily by replacing the worn-out rubber hose washer or ensuring a tight connection to the faucet using pipe tape and a wrench.

Another way to detect leaks (inside or outside) is to use your water meter. Check it before and after a two-hour period when no one in your house is using water, and you're not irrigating. If the meter moves during that time, you most likely have a leak.

Tips for Irrigating Efficiently

The main idea behind efficient irrigation is making sure that water gets to the roots of your plants rather than evaporating or overflowing into the gutter.

Reduce evaporation:

- Avoid watering in the middle of the day, especially if it's sunny and warm.
- Don't water when it's windy.
- Aim sprinklers low, and look for models that produce larger droplets instead of a fine mist that will blow away.
- Add a layer of mulch to retain moisture and prevent evaporation from the soil surface.

Avoid overwatering:

- Set a timer.
- Connect a rain sensor, soil moisture sensor, or smart controller to your irrigation system, so it doesn't run when it's not needed.
- Make sure sprinklers are not spraying onto your driveway or the sidewalk.

Jacksonville Fire Department Six Part Series on Wildfire Prevention

Week 1: Landscaping Against Your Home

The first Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) is Zone 1, which is 0-5 feet around your home or to the property line. This zone includes the structure itself, any deck/patio/balcony or other outside entertaining space that butts up to the structure, fencing (where it meets the structure), and immediate landscaping.

An easy way to create defensible space around your home is to remove weeds, brush, and other invasive vegetation and debris. While you're doing your spring gardening, use noncombustible rock mulch around your home in place of standard mulch.

Jacksonville Fire Department Six Part Series on Wildfire Prevention *(continued)*

Trim grass and flowers to 4 inches or less in height and try to maintain that through the summer. Trim back touching or overhanging tree branches to at least 10 feet from your home.

Be sure to move any firewood or other combustible material away from your home, garage, and deck/patio/balcony. Firewood and other combustibles should be stored farther from the structure.

Week 2: Vents/Eaves & Mesh Screening

Vents and eaves are also potentially very vulnerable spots on your home, as they create a space for embers to gather and ignite combustible material.

Eaves can be enclosed to make it more difficult for embers to gather here, preferably boxing them in with noncombustible or ignition resistant material. If you don't have access to the materials to do this right now, try to accomplish this as soon as you are able to. For now, clear the area of any debris that has gathered in this space, providing embers with less combustible material to potentially ignite.

Vents provide easier access for embers to enter attics or other concealed spaces where they can then ignite. When you are able to access the materials, use a minimum of 1/8-inch corrosion resistant metal mesh to screen all vents, particularly those in eaves and cornices as they are the most vulnerable. For now, clear the area of any debris that has gathered in this space and be sure to regularly remove debris that collects in front of the screens once those have been installed.

As with all activities we encourage personal safety. Wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (helmet, eye protection, ear protection, gloves, etc.), partner with someone else from your household, and maintain situational awareness at all times. If you do not have the physical ability to do so or do not feel safe attempting some activities, please reach out to your neighbors or local contractors for assistance when appropriate.

City Council Meetings At-A-Glance

A synopsis of the previous month's City Council agenda items and discussions so you, the citizens of Jacksonville, know what is going on in your local government. **If you would like more detail on any of the discussion items, please review the summaries for each item in the Council packet on the City website.**

July 6, 2021—City Council

- **Event Permit—2021 Oregon Wine Experience.** Council approved the 2021 Oregon Wine Experience Event Permit.
- **OLCC Application—Jackass Freight Co.** Council approved the OLCC Application.
- **Encroachment Permit 125 Nunan Street.** Council approved the Encroachment Permit for 125 Nunan Street.
- **Ordinance No. O2021-001—An Ordinance Repealing Current Title 8 of Jacksonville Municipal Code and Replacing it with a New Title 8 as Herein Prescribed and Declaring an Emergency.** Council approved the first reading of Ordinance No. O2021-001 with the second reading by title only. Council adopted Ordinance No. O2021-001.

July 20, 2021—Work Session

This Work Session was a presentation on the draft City of Jacksonville Emergency Evacuation Checklist & Map, Citizen Emergency Guide; and draft Zone Lookup Tool, by Nikki Hart-Brinkley, Technology Services Coordinator with Rogue Valley Council of Governments. When the draft documents are finalized, they will be made available to the public and put on the City website. Council also gave the public in attendance a recap of what the Council has been working on in the Work Sessions.

***Audio and Approved Minutes from each of the City Council Meetings are located on the City website.
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Public Meeting Schedule	Date	Time	Place
City Council Meeting	Tuesday, August 3, 2021	6:00 PM	New City Hall –Assembly Room
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting	Tuesday, August 10, 2021	2:30 PM	New City Hall—Assembly Room
Planning Commission Meeting	Wednesday, August 11, 2021	6:00 PM	New City Hall –Assembly Room
City Council Work Session	Tuesday, August 17, 2021	12:00 PM	New City Hall—Assembly Room
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting	Tuesday, August 24, 2021	2:30 PM	New City Hall—Assembly Room
HARC Meeting	Wednesday, August 25, 2021	6:00 PM	New City Hall—Assembly Room