

Creswell Connection

New Rules For Annual City-Wide Cleanup



Everyone loves to get their house and yard ready for Spring and the City-Wide Cleanup is an event that Creswell residents look forward to every year. However, due to the overwhelming popularity of this event, we have found it necessary to do some restructuring.

THERE WILL BE NO PICK UPS THIS YEAR*
 Instead, bring your yard debris and household items to us!

Where: Public Works Maintenance Shop, 83624 North Pacific Hwy.

When: Saturday, May 16th
 8am to 1pm

You will need to show your picture ID at the gate. Your current address must be on your ID and you must live in the Creswell city limits to participate. **NO BUSINESSES, PLEASE.** Bring as many loads as you like! We will unload your vehicle and dump it for FREE! (Sponsored by Sanipac, Lane County and the City of Creswell).

The City of Creswell's goal is to

keep as much "stuff" as possible out of the landfill. When preparing for clean-up day, *please* consider donating items to the following organizations first:

- **Building Materials:** BRING recycling (4446 Franklin Blvd, Eugene)
- **Clothing, furniture, household:** Goodwill drop off (Joe's Diner parking lot).
- **Electronics:** Next Step Recycling (980 McKinley St., Eugene).

Q: Are there materials that will NOT be accepted?

A: Yes. NO household garbage, computer monitors, TVs, paint, household chemicals, or recyclables. For a complete list & more, please visit our website at: www.ci.creswell.or.us.

*We will pickup: **LARGE APPLIANCES ONLY.** You must call **before 12 noon, Thursday, May 14th** to schedule it. Please call 541-895-2531.



Community-Wide Yard Sale May 8th & 9th

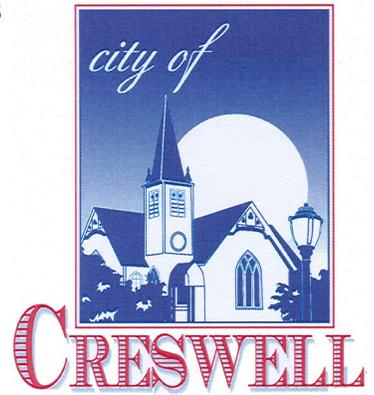
Need some help advertising for your yard sale? We can help! Sign up for the Community-Wide Yard Sale, Friday, May 8th & Saturday, May 9th.

Simply fill out the form on the next page and send it back to us. If you prefer, call us at 541-895-2531 or First Community Credit Union at 541-895-3061 and ask for Haley. Please

make sure to contact us or send in your form no later than April 30th to be included on the community map.

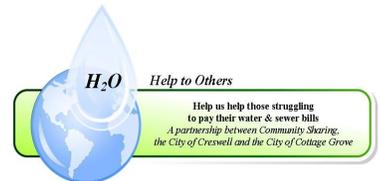
A big thank you to the community sponsors: First Community Credit Union, Friends of the Creswell Library, VFW Post 4039, City of Creswell and the Chamber of Commerce.

Community maps will be available early Friday morning, May 8th at many local businesses.



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April 8th	Municipal Court
April 13th	Council Meeting
May 8th & 9th	Community-Wide Yard Sale
May 10th	Mothers' Day
May 11th	Council Meeting
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May 16th	City-wide Cleanup
May 25th	Memorial Day
June 8th	Council Meeting
June 10th	Municipal Court

COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALE FORM

Community-Wide Yard Sale is Friday, May 8th & Saturday, May 9th

The time for Spring cleaning is here! Sign up today to participate in the Community-Wide Yard Sale. All you need to do is fill out the form above and mail it back to Creswell City Hall or First Community Credit Union and we will include your yard sale on the community map. You may also call Haley at First Community CU at 541-895-3061 or City Hall at (541) 895-2531 and we will take your information over the phone. In order to participate, **you must call or mail in your form no later than April 30th.**

Yes, please include me on the Yard Sale Map!

Name _____ Contact Phone Number _____

Address _____

Days (check all that apply) Friday Saturday

Please indicate the time of day your garage sale will be open for business below:
 From: _____ AM/PM To: _____ AM/PM



Code Enforcement Tidbits



Spring is in the air, flowers are beginning to bloom, and the birds are singing! So, while you head outside to enjoy it all, the City of Creswell would like to remind residents about some code enforcement issues that arise this time of year.

- ◆ Please do not blow grass or yard debris into the street. This material runs into the storm drains causing blockage.
- ◆ All yard sale signs must be removed at the end of the sale, especially those off-site of the sale.
- ◆ Sidewalks may not be blocked by vehicles, whether parked in a driveway or on the street. It is also unlawful to drive over any sidewalk or put any items in the gutter that may be used as a ramp to drive over a curb.
- ◆ Basketball hoops or skate ramps may not be stored or left in any public right-of-way. This includes sidewalks.
- ◆ Utility trailers, boats, and recreational vehicles may not be stored in any public right-of-way.



◆ Vehicles may only be parked for a maximum of 48 hours.

Finally, overgrown noxious vegetation must be removed no later than June 15, 2015. Between June 15th and September 30th, noxious vegetation is:

- ◆ Weeds more than 10" high.
- ◆ Grass more than 10" high not including vegetation that constitutes an agricultural crop, unless that vegetation is a health hazard, fire hazard, or traffic hazard— (see below for more hazard info).
- ◆ Poison oak, poison ivy or blackberry bushes that extend into a public thoroughfare or across a property line.
- ◆ Vegetation that is: a health hazard, because it is near other combustibles or a traffic hazard, because it impairs the view of a public thoroughfare or otherwise makes use of the thoroughfare hazardous.



For more information about noxious vegetation, please visit our website at: www.ci.creswell.or.us and click on "Government", then click on "Public Notices". You may also call our office with any questions at (541) 895-2531.

Deputy's Corner



By Deputy Scott Denham

Happy Spring to our Creswell Citizens. Now that the sun is starting to peek out, dry things up, and make things grow, many more garages are opening, yard gates are standing open, and all your yard tools are ramping up for spring and summer clean up. With all of that happening, easy opportunities arise for the criminal element in the area to help themselves to your stuff. Please remember to close your doors, garages and gates, and lock your cars when you are not around, even if you are just running to the hardware store. Sturdy locks are a good deterrent on your sheds. We have seen a large uptick in shed break-ins the last few months. **Great job reporting suspicious people in your neighborhoods and keep up the good work!**

The Sheriff's Office recently completed working with the Creswell School District to train all of their staff in new responses to Active Threats in schools. This was very exciting training for the staff and is just the first step in making schools safer for kids.

Parents, do you have a child or teenager with access to a cell phone with applications, IPod, IPad, tablet, laptop, or home computer? If you do, you might not be aware of all of the dangers and problems presented by social media and gaming applications available to kids. Most of these programs are internet-based and can be used to bully, stalk, commit certain sex-

based crimes, and commit identity theft, just to name a few. This has become a big problem in almost every community, but especially in small ones like Creswell. With programs such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and others, kids can become victims without even knowing it. If you don't know who your kids are talking to, sometimes they might not know either, especially at 4:00am! I challenge you to be in touch with your kids' electronics and check them out from time to time. For more information, you can go to www.NetSmartz.org to learn how to make a better environment for your child's internet experience no matter what age they are. Watch the LCSO web page also for upcoming short class offerings at LCC for internet safety programs. The Sheriff's Office will be presenting internet safety to some of our elementary and middle school students starting in April.

As the sun stays out longer and it gets warmer, there are a lot more children riding bikes to school or walking. Please slow down in all areas during school and after, watch the parks and crosswalks. **Kids, helmets are required if under 16! Don't get a \$25 fine.**

Lastly, as always, if you are the victim of a crime or see something suspicious, **call 911 in an emergency, or 541-682-4150 for non-emergency reporting.**

Your Creswell Deputies



Summer Sewer Rates

Starting May 1st, the City of Creswell will make the annual transition to summer sewer rates for the months of May through September. These rates are based on an average of your previous seven winter months of water consumption. For example, if you used 4,200 cubic feet of water from October to April, your sewer summer rates would be based on 600 cubic feet of usage.

You may be asking yourself, "Why doesn't the city just measure residents' actual summer usage, as done in winter?" Well, the answer is simple. People tend to use a lot more water outside washing cars, watering lawns, filling pools, etc. in the summer months.



Burn Day Information

With Spring cleaning right around the corner, this is a great time for some friendly reminders regarding backyard burning. Please follow these simple rules to help ensure everyone's safety and maintain good air quality.

Backyard burning is permitted in the City of Creswell in accordance with Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA). Keep in mind LRAPA identifies Creswell as "All Other Areas".

Remember, every day is not a burn day. Please follow these simple guidelines:

- ◆ Always call first to see if it is a burn day. Never burn garbage, tires, treated wood, petroleum products, plastic or other prohibited materials.
- ◆ Always have tools available for controlling your fire.
- ◆ Attend your fire at all times.
- ◆ Always extinguish your fire by sunset.

BURN LINE: 541-726-3976

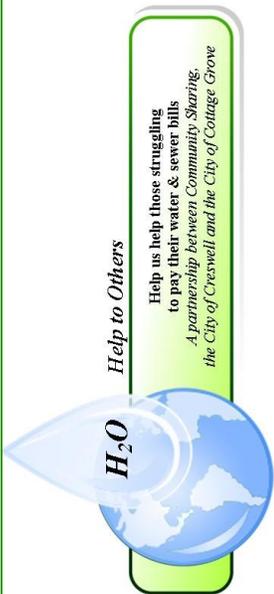
H2O Program

H₂O (Help to Others) Donation Voucher

Name: _____

Address: _____

Account Number: _____



Please add a monthly pledge to my water/sewer bill:

\$1 \$5 \$10 \$25 \$50 Other: \$ _____

Round up my bill I would like to make a one time donation in the amount of \$ _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form with your donation to City of Creswell, P.O. Box 276, Creswell OR 97426 Thanks!

HOW TO DONATE

There are two ways to give to H₂O:

1. Make a one time donation.

If this works best for you, please make your check payable to City of Creswell H₂O Program and mail with return voucher to:

**City of Creswell
P.O. Box 276
Creswell, OR 97426**

Make a one time donation online by visiting the City's website: www.ci.creswell.or.us

2. Make a monthly contribution.

If you would like to "round up" your bill to the nearest dollar or contribute a set monthly amount, please fill out the attached voucher and return it to our office. We will automatically add your monthly pledge to your regular utility bill.

If you would like to discontinue your monthly contribution at any time, please let us know in writing.