

MAY 2022

# TOWN OF OAKESDALE

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\*\*\*save the date - old mill days - JULY 15<sup>th</sup> & 16th\*\*\*

## OUTDOOR BURNING

As we start seeing signs of spring, we have had several inquiries into the Town's Code for outdoor burning of yard debris. YES, you can burn your yard waste! Burning must be done on Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No burning on Sundays or legal holidays. **All fires must be totally extinguished by 4 p.m. NO SMOLDERING!** Fires for grilling, cooking or smoking food which are contained within an appliance or device using charcoal, wood or combustible gas are permissible. A small campfire not larger than four feet in diameter and two feet tall intended for recreation or cooking purposes is allowed. A permit is available for ceremonial, religious or celebratory fires that use virgin wood for fuel. **It is unlawful to leave any outdoor or open fire unattended.**



## PUBLIC NUISANCE

### Public Nuisance of a dog(s):

Running at large or otherwise not restrained – your dog(s) must be in a fenced area or on a tether line or in a kennel when you are not present with your dog while they are outside. Your dog(s) can't leave your property and run at large; Damages public or private property other than that of its owner; Continuously barks, whines or howls in such a manner as to disturb or annoy neighbors or the public; Defecates on public or private property other than that of its owner. You **MUST** pick up your dog's fecal matter when walking your dog in public on the streets or sidewalks! All of these nuisances are against Town Codes and you will receive a \$25 fine along with a visit to Whitman County Court for your Town Code violation per incident. Please be considerate of your neighbors and take care of your pets.

## \*\*\*YARD WASTE RECYCLING\*\*\*

The yard waste recycling center is open for citizens to take their yard debris. You can bring grass clipping, shrub trimmings, tree branches and flowerbed & garden waste. Each area in the recycling center is marked for your disposals. This is a **free service** to our residents and we hope you continue to use it. **NO DUMPING** is allowed in alleyways, along the creek or empty lots in town. There is also some compost available for you to take, however, we do not recommend using the compost where a garden or flowers may grow. We do not know what chemicals have been used on the grass clippings that make the compost. The compost is considered "hot" and may kill any flowers or garden vegetables.

## \*\*\*WATER METER READINGS \*\*\*

Due to the water project not being completed, the water meters were not read in March. You were still being billed for the minimum usage for March 2022. We will be reading meters in April around the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Your bill that will be due in May will have six months of water usage and you may or may not see an increase in your bill depending on the amount of water you used in that time period. The bill will reflect any overages that occurred in the past six months. If your bill should reflect an undetected water leak you may be able to petition the Town Council for an adjustment in the charges for the period during which the leak remained undetected.

