

MAY 2025

TOWN OF OAKESDALE

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*****Oakesdale Cemetery wants to remind you NO glass containers due to injury caused by broken glass to employees and equipment. Glass containers will immediately be removed and placed in the gazebo. Starting June 9th, items will be picked up and placed in the gazebo. Thank you!**

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! **But you can NOT burn your garbage, boxes, or any processed wood.** 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.** The smoke from your fire can be considered a nuisance to a neighbor if the smoke is drifting onto their property and causing them distress in any way. Please be considerate of neighbors when burning yard debris. Thank you!

TIB AWARD

After the great flood of February 2025, our Town was left a mess and some of our streets were impacted. We notified the Transportation Improvement Board asking if there was any chance of receiving emergency funding to repair our streets. The first step was a zoom meeting with our Clerk/Treasurer who described the damages we incurred. Then an on-site meeting happened on March 11th. Two members from TIB drove around with the Mayor and Public Works team to see the condition of the streets that were damaged the most by the flood waters. Two weeks later the TIB Board met and saw the flood pictures and videos that had been submitted earlier to their staff. The TIB Board discussed providing "out of call" funding for the Town to repair and maintain our streets and decided to award the Town **\$1 million dollars** to complete this work in 2025. The work will be done this summer!

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 meters being full of water last month, the water meters were not read in March. You were still being billed for the minimum usage for March 2025. We read meters in April around the 22nd 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.

SAVE THE DATE – COMMUNITY YARD SALE ON JUNE 21ST