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March 2017

SPRING IS GREEN!

Temperatures are warming up and it's time for Spring Cleaning! Yard waste containers run every other week, year-round, as long as temperatures stay above freezing. For a 2017 Curbside Collection Calendar, please visit our website at www.ci.richland.wa.us/solidwaste.

Last year residents placed 4,711 tons of yard waste in their green yard waste containers. Unfortunately, too many loads were contaminated with garbage making it difficult and costly for the material to be composted. It takes just one bin with garbage intermixed to contaminate an entire truck load of compostable material.

The City is asking residents to keep their green yard waste containers garbage-free. To assist with this effort, the collection trucks are equipped with cameras which will monitor materials going into the

hopper of the truck. Yard waste containers containing garbage or bagged yard waste will be tagged and those residents will be asked to follow the yard waste disposal directions shown on the container or visit www.ci.richland.wa.us/solidwaste for specific directions. Residents who repeatedly place garbage or bags in the yard waste container will be subject to an additional charge of \$8.15 per event, which will be added to their monthly garbage bill, or possible discontinuation of yard waste service.



YES, WE CAN ACCEPT

- Leaves
- Grass
- Hedge clippings/light brush
- Small limbs or branches less than 4 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length
- Seed pods, including pine cones
- Straw/hay
- Garden debris

NO, WE CANNOT ACCEPT

Yard trimmings mixed with trash or miscellaneous materials, such as:

- Plastic/clay pots
- Dirt, rocks, sod or sand
- Plastic bags/paper bags
- Metal wire or fencing
- Glass, pottery, or stone
- Household/processed food

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Benton County Tire Collection Event

April 22 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Benton County Mosquito Control: 4951 W. Van Giesen, West Richland
Automobile tires only, no rims, wheels, or oversized tires (20 tires per household).

Recycle Computers & televisions

Goodwill Industry locations or Clayton Ward Recycling

Public Document Shred and Recycle Event

April 21 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Numerica Credit Union | 3045 Duportail Street

Drug Take Back Day

April 29 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Drop off unwanted prescription medication.
Richland Police Department | 871 George Washington Way

BENTON COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT SATURDAY, JUNE 3 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

This year Benton County residents will have two opportunities to dispose of household hazardous waste. The first collection event will be held on Saturday, June 3 at the Uptown in Richland from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The second event will be on Saturday, June 10 at the fairgrounds in Kennewick from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information call 509-736-3084 x 5682.

Hazardous waste includes unwanted paints, stains, cleaners, auto fluids, batteries, pool and hot tub chemicals, pesticide, fertilizers, fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, etc.

Businesses must make an appointment and confirm product three weeks prior by calling 1-800-876-1880.

REMINDER:

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Drop Box Recycling

The City of Richland provides recycling drop boxes at seven locations throughout the City for resident recycling. The recycling drop boxes, monitored and serviced by Clayton-Ward Recycling, are for approved materials only and cannot accept garbage or hazardous waste. Acceptable recycling at these locations includes; cardboard, newspaper, tin, aluminum, glass, plastic beverage containers, scrap paper (like phone books), pressboard boxes, and junk mail.

Please keep the recycling drop box areas clean by placing recyclables into the drop box containers. If the drop box is full, please choose a different drop box.

Extra Bags at the Curbside

City residents may place extra bags, along with full containers, at the curb on their regular collection day. The driver will dump your garbage container then fill the container with your extra bags until full. Each additional container dump will be billed at \$3 each, on your next utility bill. Collection trucks are equipped with cameras to capture a picture of the extra bags for billing purposes. Extra bags may be yard waste or household waste and will be disposed of as regular garbage. Limit of 40 lbs. per bag. Please do not place tumbleweeds, hazardous waste, appliances, or tires at curbside. This service replaces the previous "yellow bag tag" program. Solid Waste Collection will still honor the yellow bag tags.

"New addition to City Ordinance 15.20.020 – Extra curbside garbage service is available upon request. Extra waste shall be bagged or bundled as described in Section 12.12.030 and placed at the curb on the customer's normal collection day. A charge of \$3.00 will be applied for each additional garbage can load"

Curbside Recycling

Recycling at the curb is easy. The co-mingled program includes a 96 gallon container to collect recyclables. Recycling containers are serviced every-other-week on the same day as your garbage and costs \$5.70/month. Acceptable materials include; cardboard, pressboard, cartons, jugs, plastic bottles, and tin/aluminum cans. Garbage and glass are NOT accepted in the curbside recycling program. Sign up by calling 942-7700.



City of Richland Holidays

January 2	New Year's Day
February 20	Presidents' Day
May 29	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 4	Labor Day
November 10	Veterans Day
November 23-24	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 25-26	Christmas Holiday

Landfill hours

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Monday-Sunday
Closed City-observed holidays
Closed Sunday, April 16

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