



Talking TRASH

SPRING 2016

BI-WEEKLY YARD WASTE COLLECTION RESUMES

Yard waste collection for 2016 resumes February 29. Residents may begin placing yard waste cans out for collection along with their regular garbage the week of February 29. If you put yard waste in your bin during the winter be sure to loosen the material so it is not packed in the bottom of the bin. Drivers shake the bins when emptying them, but material that is lodged in the bottom may not fall out if it has been sitting too long.

Helpful tips and reminders for yard waste collection:

- Yard waste bins are emptied every other week from March–November.
- Be sure to put bins out at the curb by 6:00 a.m. Yard waste routes run at different times than garbage routes. Call-backs for service when the bin is not out cost the resident \$12 each time.

- Prop the lid of the container open a small bit to keep the smell down.
- Place dry woody material, such as sticks, at the bottom to keep the grass from sticking.
- Mulch whenever possible to reduce the amount of grass.
- Store the container in a shady area, if possible.
- Do not bag yard waste.

The City of Richland is committed to providing quality service to our residents. If your garbage pickup was missed, please call our office by noon the next day at 942-7700, option 1.

Please note: This year our collection drivers may start routes earlier than you are used to so please have all containers at the curb by 6:00am on your scheduled day.

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 and bamboo

No, WE CAN'T ACCEPT

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

- Plastic/clay pots
- Dirt, rocks, sod or sand
- Metal wire or fencing
- Glass, pottery or stone

If in doubt, please call 942-7700.



Rich-land Compost

In 2015 Richland residents recycled 4,238 tons of yard waste through the curbside green bin program. Another 3,842 tons of yard waste was self-hauled to the compost facility from businesses and other residential customers. Compost generated from the Horn Rapids Compost Facility was used around the City for projects such as the reseeded at Columbia Playfields and the re-vegetation at Amon Basin.



LANDFILL SURVEY: MARCH 1-31

The Horn Rapids Landfill is conducting a survey of users during the month of March to gather information about residential and commercial use of the landfill. The city plans to use this information to direct future programs and services at the landfill. Landfill users will be given a survey when they visit the landfill during the month of March.

If you are unable to visit the landfill in March but would like to participate in the survey you may do so by going to:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/landfillsurvey2016. The password access code to take the survey is richlandlandfill.

Hauling Trash? Be Prepared!

Selecting, packing and hauling trash to the landfill is no easy task. But proper planning ensures you have a good experience. If in doubt, look at the landfill's webpage by going to www.ci.richland.wa.us/solidwaste.

On the webpage you will find helpful information, such as packing tips, videos, fees, business hours and location.

Be sure to cover and secure all trash and yard debris prior to travel.

Based on City Ordinance, title 15.08.150: Items MUST be secured to the vehicle or an additional fee may be charged before disposal. Debris blowing out of vehicles litters our roadways and environment. Please use extra precautions to ensure your debris stays put. Use a tarp, flattened cardboard or heavy plastic and tie it securely.

Questions? Email solidwaste@ci.richland.wa.us or call 942-7700.

Tips for Easy Collection

Follow these tips to make your weekly collection smooth and easy.

- Be sure to place your cans at least 3 feet from each other and cars or other obstructions.
- Be sure cars are not parked too close to your cans and are parallel to the curb.
- Bag all garbage in the gray garbage can – be sure to tie the bags to prevent blowing garbage as the can is dumped. Residents are responsible for garbage that blows out of their cans if not secured properly. Recyclables for the Blue can may be bagged in paper bags but don't use plastic bags as they damage sorting equipment.
- If you don't have a full can of garbage on windy days, consider waiting until the following week to put your cans out for collection.

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Earth Hour at the REACH Museum

March 19 - 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
1943 Columbia Park Trail
www.gogreenri-cities.org

Kid's Earth Month Photo Contest

K-12 Entries due April 15
"Shine a Light on Environmental Action"
www.gogreenri-cities.org or www.visitthereach.org

Benton County Used Tire Collection Event

April 30 - 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Benton County Mosquito Control, 4851 W. Van Giesen, West Richland
Automobile tires only, no rims, wheels, or oversized tires (20 tires per household)
www.mosquitocontrol.org/node/101
967-2414

Composting Workshop

May 21 - 9:30 a.m. to noon
Kennewick Library, 1605 S. Union Street
Free bin and book while supplies last
RSVP: 735-3551

Prescription Drug Take Back Day

April 30 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Richland Police Department, 871 George Washington Way





March 2016



Your Electrical Utility

City of Richland Energy Services (RES) provides electric service to over 23,000 residential, commercial, industrial and irrigation customers throughout our 50-square mile service territory, using 550 miles of primary line and 8 substations.

RES employs 57 women and men who work hard to keep your lights on and appreciate the opportunity to serve you. Our employees respond to power outages no matter what time of day it is or how bad the weather.

Contact Us

Customer Service

505 Swift Blvd.
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
942-1104

Energy Services

840 Northgate Drive
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
942-7403

Report a Power Outage

During Business Hours:
M - F 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
942-7421
After hours call: 943-4428



Trees Improve Richland Citizen's Quality of Life



The City of Richland knows trees are an important benefit to our community. The Arbor Day Foundation recognizes the City for our commitment for sound urban forestry management and proper tree care.

Richland Energy Services is in its thirteenth year as a Tree Line USA electric utility and adheres to five core standards when it comes to trees which are:

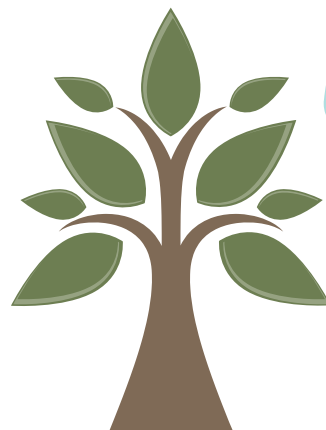
- Quality Tree Care,
- Annual Worker Training,
- Tree Planting and Public Education,
- Tree-Based Energy Conservation Program, and
- An Arbor Day Celebration.

Richland Parks and Public Facilities is in its eighteenth year maintaining the City's Tree City USA designation by having a Tree Board, Tree Care Ordinance, a Community Forestry Program, and an Arbor Day Observance.

Trees not only make our community more beautiful and provide homes to birds and wildlife, they also:

- Save energy by providing a cooling effect around buildings,
- Increase property value by as much as 20%, and
- Absorb air pollutants and reduce storm water runoff and erosion.

You can improve your know-how about trees and their proper placement at www.ci.richland.wa.us/treetrimming.



Arbor Day celebration

Friday, April 29 @ 3:00 p.m.
Howard Amon Park

For more information, contact Justin Brown at 942-7534 or jbrown@ci.richland.wa.us.



Energy Services Maintains Trees around Power Lines

When trees grow into power lines, they create a safety hazard for line crews and can cause power outages. Richland Energy Services' tree trimming program helps keep trees out of power lines. Crews use a systematic way to trim the entire service area about once every three years. You can help us by reporting tree and power line interferences to PowerOperations@ci.richland.wa.us.

Sometimes trees grow into power lines and need to be removed and replaced with a properly sized tree. Our certified arborist will visit with you to assess the next steps.

WATCH THE TREE ASSESSMENT VIDEO AT:
<https://youtu.be/IDFiXa-mS2M>

Richland Energy Services has a Tree Replacement Program that provides discount certificates to residents who need to replace trees that are affecting power lines.

For more information, email PowerOperations@ci.richland.wa.us or call 942-7429.

Plant the Right Trees in the Right Place

- Consider tree size and shape when fully grown.
- Plant trees away from overhead and underground power lines.
- Plant trees away from your home to avoid damage to the sides, roof, and foundation.
- Plant deciduous trees on the west side of a house to provide cooling shade in summer and warming daylight in winter as they lose leaves.
- Plant evergreens on the north side of your home to block icy winter winds.



**For more information on tree care, our Tree Replacement Program,
or to report trees in power lines, go to our website
www.ci.richland.wa.us/treetrimming, email PowerOperations@ci.richland.wa.us, or call 942-7429.**