



Durham News Notes

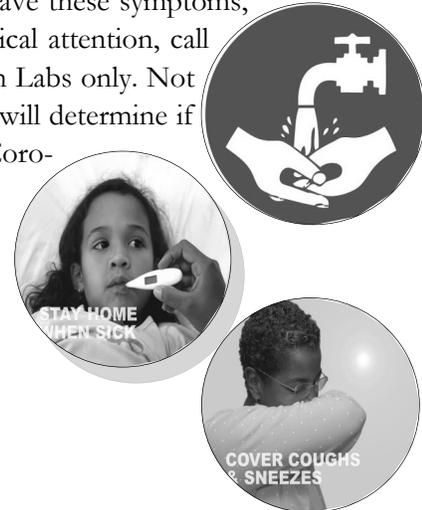


Spring 2020

Staying Healthy amid the Coronavirus

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a virus that began to spread in people in November 2019, but has since spread world wide. The symptoms of the virus are coughing, fever, and shortness of breath. If you have these symptoms, call your healthcare provider to discuss if you need to be seen. If you need urgent medical attention, call 911. Testing for the coronavirus is done by the CDC and the Oregon State Public Health Labs only. Not everyone needs to be tested, your healthcare provider and the public health department will determine if it is necessary. Here are some steps you can take to prevent catching and spreading the Coronavirus:

- ⇒ Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds/use hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol.
- ⇒ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- ⇒ Avoid contact with sick people or those who are at a higher risk of catching the coronavirus and stay home if you are sick.
- ⇒ Practice social distancing by staying home as much as possible and allowing 6ft between yourself and others.
- ⇒ Clean frequently touched surfaces often.



The CDC does not recommend wearing a face mask if you are well, but they should be worn by those who are sick to prevent them from spreading the virus. For more information and updates on the novel coronavirus in Oregon visit healthoregon.org/coronavirus or call 211. You can also visit the World Health Organization's website who.int or the CDC's website cdc.gov to read updates about the global situation. Governor Brown has created a website, Oregon.gov/gov/Pages/coronavirus2020.aspx, with up to date info, including school closures, crowd limits, and multi-lingual resources.

Bulky Waste Pickup, May 2nd!

Do you have something you want to get rid of but it's too big to fit in your roll cart? The City has scheduled a **FREE bulky waste pick up day for Saturday, May 2, 2020**. Pride Disposal will pick up and haul away large items such as mattresses, appliances, microwaves, dismantled swing sets, planting pots, plastic patio furniture, and small amounts of wood not longer than 5 ft. at no charge to you.

Prohibited materials include:

- ⇒ All construction, remodeling or demolition materials
- ⇒ TVs, personal computers or electronics
- ⇒ Metals larger than 3' x 3'
- ⇒ Propane bottles
- ⇒ Regular garbage or recycling
- ⇒ Residential yard debris and trimmings
- ⇒ All hazardous waste material (You can dispose of hazardous waste materials at Metro Central or Metro South for \$5 per 35 gallons. Please note, chemicals that are considered hazardous waste should **never** be put down the sink, on the ground, in a storm drain, or in the garbage.)



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Go ahead! Get rid of your space-hogging furniture and broken-down appliances! **Have your items out at the curb by 6:00 am.** If you're unable to get the item to the curb, their drivers can also remove items from your house or garage for an additional fee. Call Pride 503-625-6177 for a reservation.

Eating on the go? Here's what to do with your plastic takeout containers.

Takeout food: it's so convenient and delicious, whether you're getting dinner from your favorite restaurant, a yummy deli salad or iced coffee to go. But when you're done enjoying your takeout food or drink, keep the plastic container it came in out of your recycling bin. These containers belong in the trash.

Ideas to reduce waste: While you can't put plastic takeout containers in the recycling bin, you can find ways to use fewer of them. To reduce waste, bring a reusable cup with you when you go out. Keep it someplace convenient, like your car or your bag. Then, when getting a drink to go, ask to use your own cup.

Since plastic takeout containers are usually used just once, they result in a lot of extra waste. If you're not in a rush, you may want to consider eating in. Eating in instead of taking out even once or twice a month will help reduce waste.

One exception to the rule: Just about every plastic takeout container belongs in the trash—but there is one exception. The only plastic takeout container that goes in your recycling bin is the round, clear container that hold things like soup. Go ahead and recycle this container (but not its lid)!

Recycle or Not

Recycling can be confusing. For help recycling right, check out RecycleOrNot.org and [@recycleornot](https://www.instagram.com/recycleornot) on Instagram. Recycle or Not is a handy resource for sorting items known to be confusing to local recyclers. Check the lists on the website, and then head to Instagram to ask our recycling experts for help sorting your items. (For recycling help in Spanish, check out ReciclarONo.org and [@reciclarono](https://www.instagram.com/reciclarono) on Instagram.) It won't take long, but it will make a difference for the environment.



Getting food to go?

When you're done, throw your plastic takeout containers in the trash. Learn more about recycling right at RecycleOrNot.org.

Did you Know ?

The first Earth Day took place on April 22, 1970 as an American event, but has now created an international movement with the UN officially recognizing April 22 as International Mother Earth Day.



Skunk Season

The Spring is the time many critters mate, including skunks. Mother skunks will often excavate a den for her babies, or kits, to be housed in until they are grown enough to leave. Skunks are mostly nocturnal and will typically stray from the den after dusk to search for food. They are also mild-tempered creatures, defending themselves only when cornered or attacked, but mother skunks will spray at any sign of danger to protect her kits



To prevent skunks from making a home on your property, seal any openings around foundations and porches and anchor any barrier at least 1 foot beneath the surface. Regularly clean up bird feeding stations, fallen fruit, and make sure your garbage lid is secure. Don't leave pet food outside overnight.

Keep in mind, trapping and relocating skunks requires a permit from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. It is unlawful to release any nuisance wildlife anywhere other than on your property without a permit. If you need to get rid of a critter that has taken up residence in your house, the best solution is to hire an ODFW-permitted Wildlife Control Operator who can lawfully and humanely remove the critter.

New Faces on City Committees

In January, the City Council appointed Susan Deeming to the Planning Commission and Cheri Frazell to the Budget Committee. Deeming has lived in Durham for 20 years and is a retired food scientist. She is looking forward to getting involved with the community to maintain and improve the quality of life Durham residents enjoy. Frazell has lived in Durham for three years and works for the US Fish and Wildlife Service. She is looking forward to using her background in finance and budget to help enrich the community her family is growing up in.

Volunteers Wanted

The City is looking for interested volunteers to join a new Enterprise Risk Management Committee. The Committee will rank potential risks to the City and develop a plan to proactively address them and steps to take if something happens. The City is looking for involvement from the public to get a more holistic look at the risks facing the City. The Committee will meet four times a year and will be comprised of a City Councilor, Planning Commissioner, City staff, and interested citizens. If you are interested in joining, please fill out a Citizen Interest Application available on the City's website and email it to assistant.cityofdurham@comcast.net. Please call City Hall at (503) 639-6851 with any questions.

Do you need a Real ID?

Beginning October 1st, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will require a new type of identification to board a commercial aircraft. The new form of identification must comply with the Real ID Act, which is designed to keep people safer while flying. On July 6, 2020, ODOT will begin to offer a Real ID option for Oregonians. However, they will not be able to fill the demand to issue every single Oregonian a replacement Real ID by October. If you don't have a Real ID compliant form of ID after October 1st, you can use a passport or passport card to travel by air. The cost of getting a new passport is about equal with getting a replacement license with the Real ID option. The alternative would be completing an identity verification process with TSA agents at the airport to confirm your identity, which can be a lengthy process. Visit www.Oregon.gov/REALID to learn more about Real IDs and accepted alternate forms of identification. You can get a new passport or renew an old or expired passport at the Tualatin City Offices located at 18880 SW Martinazzi Ave, Tualatin OR 97062. Please check Tualatinoregon.gov for coronavirus related office closures.

Census Day, April 1st, 2020

Census Day is April 1st, 2020. In March, invitations to participate in the Census were delivered with a special code to fill out the survey online via computer, tablet, or smartphone. If you have not filled out your survey or do not have access to the internet, resources are available at the Tualatin Public Library or the Juanita Pohl Center. Please check Tualatinoregon.gov for coronavirus related office closures.

The Census Bureau has postponed sending out field workers until April over Coronavirus concerns, but everyone can complete the census over phone, internet, or paper surveys.

Monthly Meetings:

Planning Commission

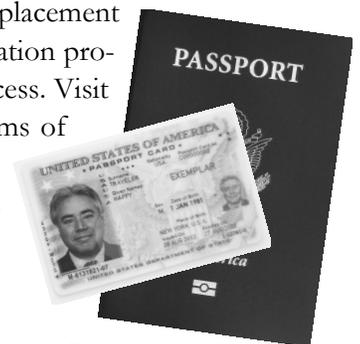
1st Tuesday of the Month

City Council

4th Tuesday of the Month

Both meetings start at 7:30pm

at Durham City Hall.



Test Your Irrigation System

Durham property owners with irrigation systems are required to have their backflow prevention device tested each year by June 1. If you have an automatic irrigation system, then you have a backflow prevention device.

Backflow testing is done by certified private companies who set their own rates. Testing costs range from \$25 to \$50. A link to certified companies can be found on the Durham website.

The test providers will submit the results to the Tigard Water Department within 10 days. If your backflow device is broken, you will need to repair and retest it immediately.



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Map Your Neighborhood Update – Coronavirus



The pandemic has presented us all with some big challenges but this is also a time to take stock, be resilient, creative and compassionate. Even though this situation is not presenting us with as many challenges as “the big one” would, it is still a good time for reflection. How prepared were you for the stay at home/social distancing that is being asked of us? Did you have a stock of soap, bleach, and enough food to feed your family for at least 2 weeks? Even though (thank goodness) there is no water or fuel shortage, this situation reminds us that emergencies and disasters can and do happen. With plenty of time on our hands during this self imposed staycation, we have time to check out our emergency kits and figure out what we need to do to improve them. This time at home also gives us the opportunity to do additional preparedness tasks such as testing our fire alarms, checking expiration dates on our stored food, replacing stored water if it has been stored over 6 months, taking pictures of our belongings/important documents for insurance purposes (and storing them in the cloud), etc.



Reach out to your neighbors even if that does not mean being physically close. Email or call, offer to do shopping or share resources, even stop by and chat (but stay at least 6’ away from their door)! Community is always important but never as much as during times like this.

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Durham City Hall is currently closed to the public but will remain staffed during normal business hours throughout the Coronavirus situation. Please call or email with questions or to submit a permit application.