



Prepare for Disasters

Not if, but when: Every U.S. state and territory is at risk of disasters.

Disasters disrupt thousands of lives every year, leaving behind lasting effects on people and property. After a disaster, many others in your community need help as well. For this reason, local first responders and other assistance may not be able to reach you right away. You and your family can take simple steps now to prepare for emergencies. By doing so, you **take back control**—even in the uncertainty of disaster.

After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water other supplies to last for several days. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

Make sure your emergency kit is stocked with the items on the checklist below. Download a printable version (at Ready.gov) to take with you to the store. Once you take a look at the basic items consider what unique needs your family might have, such as supplies for pets or seniors.

Basic Disaster Supplies Kit

To assemble your kit store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag.

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water (one gallon per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation)
- Food (at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food)
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Dust mask (to help filter contaminated air)
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape (to shelter in place)
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation)
- Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
- Manual can opener (for food)
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery



This information has been provided by ready.gov.

Upcoming City Meetings

Due to COVID-19 and current State regulations, all City meetings are being held virtually.

Upcoming meetings are as follows: **March 8th:** Park & Recreation Advisory Board will be meeting at 6:30 pm, **March 9th:** City Council will be meeting at 6:30 pm, **March 10th:** Traffic Safety will be meeting at 6:00 pm, **March 16th:** Senior Center Advisory Board will be meeting at 3:00 pm, **March 16th:** Planning Commission will be meeting at 6:30 pm, . More information regarding all City meetings can be found at <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/meetings>

Job Opportunities

The City of Gladstone is accepting applications for the following:

- Utility Worker (III) - Journey. Tasks may include skilled maintenance work, operation of a variety of equipment, and repair of City facilities and systems. More information on qualifications and requirements can be found at www.ci.gladstone.or.us/generalnews/page/utility-worker-iii-journey. Applications must be received by 5:00 pm on March 19, 2021.
- Temporary Seasonal Employee, Public Works Department- Opened until filled. More information can be found at www.ci.gladstone.or.us/generalnews/page/temporary-seasonal-public-works-0

Shred, E-recycle and Drug Take Back Day

On Saturday, May 8th between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm, the City of Gladstone will be hosting the annual shred day, eRecycle and Drug take back event at the Gladstone Civic Center. This annual fundraiser will benefit the Kraxberger Robotics Team. The Gladstone Civic Center is located at 18505 Portland Ave and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

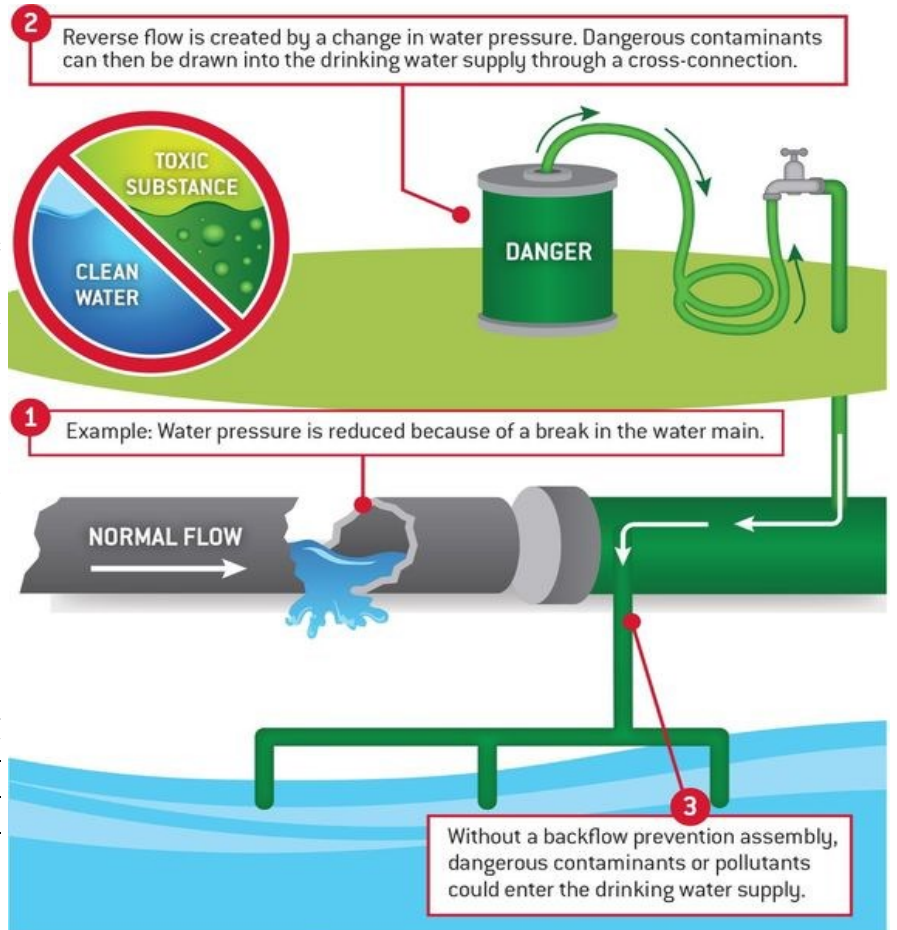
Board and Committee Vacancies

The City of Gladstone is accepting volunteer applications for: 2 vacant positions on the Budget Committee; 2 vacant positions on the Audit Committee; 2 vacant positions on the Traffic Safety Advisory Board.

The application process will continue to be open until all spots are filled. To obtain an application and more information visit <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/bc>.

Backflow Prevention/Cross Connection

The purpose of backflow prevention devices is to eliminate potential contamination of your drinking water by "cross connection" with pollution related substances such as fertilizer or industrial chemicals. For example, a cross connection can occur when a garden hose is connected to an outside faucet and left in a barrel of highly toxic insecticide, the insecticide can back-siphon into the public's water supply. Oregon Administrative Rules and City code require **annual testing** of all backflow prevention devices. Devices are required for residential irrigation systems and non-residential land uses include medical clinics, commercial laundries, dry cleaners, etc. By having the assembly tested, you can be confident that it is doing the job for which it is intended: helping to keep your drinking water safe. The cost of a backflow assembly test can vary widely among testers. We recommend you obtain more than one quote before hiring a tester. Also, check with your neighbors or home owner's association; you may be able to negotiate a lower cost per test if there are several assemblies in close proximity. Find a state-certified backflow assembly tester at <http://public.health.oregon.gov/HealthyEnvironments/DrinkingWater/CrossConnection/Pages/publiclist.aspx>. You may also contact the Public Works Department at 503-656-7957 if you have questions including whether you need to install a device.



Backflow FAQ's & Why is Backflow Testing Required?

What is backflow?

The water system is designed to flow into properties from the water main pipes to the service line pipes to homes and businesses. Backflow is the unintentional reverse flow of water, allowing contaminants to flow from the service line back into the main waterline.

How does backflow occur?

Backflow occurs when there is a reverse of pressure in a pipe. During extreme circumstances, such as a water main break, the loss of pressure in the water main supplying the area can create a backflow. Or, if a business storing used water has a pump that fails, this could result in excess pressure pushing contaminated water back into the main line.

Backflow can also occur within a property, for instance water flowing from a garden hose, back into the water pipe. This can cause a backflow into the structure's plumbing.

Why is backflow potentially dangerous to public health?

Backflow can be dangerous when it contains contaminants that can be harmful to users. For instance, irrigation sprinkler heads often retract below the surface, into recesses that can collect runoff. This runoff can contain pet waste, fertilizer, or pesticides used to treat the lawn or nearby beds. Once turned off, the

pooled water can flow back into the pipe. Without a backflow preventer assembly this water could end up in the water main flowing into neighboring properties.

How do you prevent backflow?



Backflow can be prevented by installing a backflow prevention assembly just behind (property side) the water meter. Smaller backflow preventers can be installed at water spigots, and on other lines inside the property.

What is required when installing a backflow preventer assembly?

Different sizes, types of service lines and locations of properties can all create different requirements. For instance, the requirements for a high-pressure fire line are different than those on a relatively small residential line. Lines under 2-inches are not required to have a backflow preventer assembly, in most cases. Locations on or near water bodies may require a higher level of prevention, as well as locations that house significant quantities of harmful chemicals.

What is a cross connection?

A cross connection occurs where a private service line pipe connects to a public water main. The most common is a water service feeding into a property at the water meter.

Why did I receive a "test due" notice?

It is a reminder for you to get your backflow assembly tested. It is an important annual test that helps make sure the public drinking water remains clean and safe.

Why is annual testing required?

The State of Oregon requires annual testing of all backflow prevention assembly to insure it is functioning correctly. The results of a test can alert you when work is needed on the assembly, or when it is time to replace it.

Do I need a backflow preventer on my sprinkler system?

YES, sprinkler system backflow prevention devices are safety mechanisms to prevent contaminants from entering water supplies. Irrigation backflow devices are designed for installation on potable water lines to protect against both backsiphonage and backpressure of contaminated water into the potable water supply.

Have questions on backflow testing or requirements, contact City of Gladstone Public Works Dept. at 503.657.7957 or email us at PWOffice@ci.gladstone.or.us

Gladstone Municipal Code

Do you have a question about fence height, setbacks, zoning, traffic or park regulations? If so, the Gladstone Municipal Code is online at www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/.



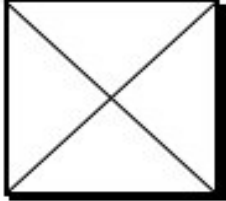



Annual Tax Preparation— As of the publishing of this newsletter, the Senior Center has not been informed of any efforts by the AARP Tax Aide Foundation to provide tax preparation this year. It is not known if this program will happen this year. There are some resources for those in need of assistance. Free tax assistance is available for low to moderate income tax payers through CASH Oregon, please visit them online at: cashoregon.org or by calling (503) 676-3324. The United Way is offering free tax assistance through their MyFreeTaxes program, visit them at: myfreetaxes.com. You can call their tax helpline at (866) MY-TX-HELP (698-9435) or send them an email or chat with a representative through their website. There are also free tax preparation software offers available. To view the list of available software, please visit the State of Oregon Department of Revenue’s website at: www.oregon.gov/dor/programs/individuals/Pages/approved-software-products.aspx. This information is also available online at the Senior Center web page: ci.gladstone.or.us/sc If you have any questions or need assistance with finding free tax preparation services, please contact the Senior Center.



Severe Weather Preparedness for seniors and those with disabilities- Emergencies can happen at a moment's notice. Mobility, hearing, learning, or seeing disabilities can create specific needs that individuals need to address to be able to respond to an emergency. We urge everyone to become prepared for any urgent situation, which means assembling a survival kit, making an emergency plan, and being informed. In addition, people with and without disabilities, as well as those in their support networks, may benefit from the tips below about managing communications, equipment, service animals, pets and home hazards. Here are some simple steps to take to become more prepared for severe weather.

1. Create a personal network, those that can help you identify and get the resources you need to cope effectively. 2. Complete a personal assessment. Think about things such as personal care, water service, care equipment, electricity dependent equipment, getting around, getting help, and how you may access these needs when severe weather strikes. 3. Gather information. Contact organizations such as the Red Cross where you can learn how to become more prepared. Understand what assistance programs are available to you during times of severe weather. 4. Make an emergency plan. Meet with your family and friends to review the information you have gathered regarding severe weather preparedness. Know your evacuation routes, local shelters, and who to call for assistance. Becoming prepared can be a daunting task for everyone. There is assistance out there if you need it. For more information on becoming prepared, please visit the Red Cross at: www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/inclusive-preparedness-resources.html. You can also visit the City of Gladstone Emergency Management online at: www.ci.gladstone.or.us/police/page/emergency-management for a list of preparedness links and other important information.

March Brain Teasers- How many can you get? Answers will be posted online starting March 8. To see the answers, please visit the Senior Center page of the City of Gladstone website at: www.ci.gladstone.or.us/sc

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Homebound Meals Update— If you or someone you know residing in the city limits of Gladstone, aged 60 or older, you qualify to receive homebound meal delivery. This is a free service. If you are facing nutritional challenges, we are here to help. Meals are delivered 3 days a week. For more information about this free program, please call the Senior Center at (503) 655-7701.

Crosswalk Safety

Under Oregon law, every intersection is a legal crosswalk. You must safely stop for people **showing intent** to cross the street at a marked or unmarked crosswalk or at a marked mid-block crosswalk. (ORS 811.028) What does it mean to show intent? Walkers show intent by extending their hand, foot, wheelchair, cane, crutch or bicycle into the roadway. Drivers should yield right of way. For your safety, make sure vehicles moving in all lanes and in both directions have stopped before proceeding.

Whether you walk, bike or drive, take 5 seconds to follow crosswalk safety guidelines:

Pedestrians:

- Always cross at marked crosswalks. You forfeit your rights as a pedestrian if you cross elsewhere.
- Obey any pedestrian signals and look left-right-left to make sure the road is clear in both directions before crossing.
- If a vehicle approaches, make eye contact with the driver to be sure

s/he sees you before you cross.

- Look before walking past stopped vehicles. Do not cross just because a driver waves you on. Be sure all lanes are clear first.

Drivers:

- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and at intersections.
- Be prepared to stop at all marked crosswalks. Stay alert and reduce speed in areas with crosswalks.
- Be alert for bicyclists and skateboarders whose approaches to the crosswalk may be much swifter than those of pedestrians.
- Come to a complete stop if pedestrians are crossing or preparing to cross.
- Wait until pedestrians have crossed at least one lane past the lane you are in before resuming travel.
- Never pass another vehicle that has stopped or is slowing down at a crosswalk



Wipes in Sewer System - What to Flush

Wet wipes, baby wipes, cleansing wipes, disinfecting wipes, surface wipes, hand wipes, antibacterial wipes, bathroom wipes or disposable moist towelettes. Whatever you call them, no matter what the packaging says, **DO NOT FLUSH!** The packaging might say they're flushable, but wipes, no matter the cleaning purpose, are causing expensive problems for sewer operators all over the world and should be disposed of in a waste receptacle and sent to a landfill to decompose.

Phil Lawrence, Oak Lodge Water Service District's Interim Collections Field Supervisor wants to remind the public to only flush the "three P's: pee, poo, and toilet paper". Toilet paper is designed to breakdown and dissolve, other paper products are made of sturdy, non-woven fibers that do not break down like toilet paper and cause major problems within our sewer systems.

Below photo from Pamplin Media Group: Sewer blockage removed by Oak Lodge Water Services District on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 caused by flushed paper towels, wipes and rags.



The photo to the left shows a blockage that was removed from a line that is maintained by the Oak Lodge Water Services District. Residents are reminded that Chapter 13.12.070(3) of the Gladstone Municipal Code states: "The customer shall be responsible for the maintenance of the private sewer line from the public sewer connection to the premises served. The City shall not be liable for any damage accruing from the failure of a private sewer or of fixture of appurtenances attached thereto."

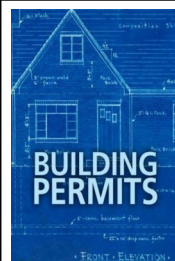
Drinking Green Beer? Use a Designated Driver!

St. Patrick's Day celebrations in America date back to the country's founding. While this year's celebration may look a little different, however you celebrate, make sure you and your friends stay safe this St. Paddy's Day by remembering one important piece of advice: *Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving*. To help keep Gladstone safe, Gladstone Police Department is teaming up with other local Law Enforcement Agencies to spread the message about the dangers of drunk driving. Even one drink can be one too many. This St. Patrick's Day, please remember to *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*. If you plan to go out and enjoy the evening with alcohol, make sure you refrain from driving. Help share the word about the dangers of drunk driving, so you can continue merry-making for all the St. Paddy's Days to come.

Report a Streetlight Problem

Know of a streetlight that's out, flickering or on all day? Tag the pole with florescent tape (available at Gladstone Public Works, 18595 Portland Ave), make note of nearest address, cross street, map number & pole number (map and pole numbers are found on the pole tag- 3-inch round or oval metal tag located at eye level on the pole) and contact PGE at 503-612-4685 or email lightout@pgn.com.

Planning & Permits



The City of Gladstone contracts with Clackamas County for administration of the City's land use planning and building permits; including plumbing, electrical, grading, and more. For more information regarding planning and building permits, visit the county's website, clackamas.us/building or call 503-742-4510.

Drop Off Unwanted Prescriptions at Gladstone PD

Flushing drugs down the toilet or putting them into the garbage have damaging effects on our environment and can contaminate our surface and groundwater supplies. Both drinking and wastewater treatment plants are not designed to treat for these kinds of chemicals. Drop off your old, expired or unwanted prescriptions at the Gladstone Police Department, located at 18505 Portland Ave., MED RETURN receptacle, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Please note the building is closed from 11:50 am-1:10 pm for lunch). No paperwork or fee required!



City of Gladstone Low Income Assistance Program

The City of Gladstone provides residential customers a Low Income Utility Assistance Program which permits a reduced monthly charge for City billed services such as Water, Sewer and Stormwater services. As shown in the City's Master Fees & Charges Schedule, the reduced rates are 50% of the base rate only, for each type of utility.

Qualifications:

- A residential customer of Gladstone with one or more utility services provided by the City.
- The property is the principal residence and occupied by the applicant.
- No delinquent payments owed to the City, including utilities, court fines, and any other assessed fees or charges.
- Written application must be submitted on the City form and include all requested documentation for proof of income from all sources listed, from all income earners.
- Approval expires every year on June 30th and re-qualification must be submitted with current information annually.

•The Finance Department will notify all applicants of approval or denial in writing. If denied the applicant will have the ability to appeal within ten days from the date of the denial letter.

Income Limits:

- Based upon Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Income Limits/Very Low Income Limits (50% of Median Family Income) for the Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA MSA as published at HUD.gov and updated annually. Limits in effect as of July 1 will apply for the fiscal year period.
- Income limit areas are based on the current fiscal year Fair Market Rent (FMR) areas.
- Income levels are incrementally based on households of one to eight persons.

More information can be found on the City's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us/finance/page/low-income-utility-assistance-program. For questions, contact the Utility Billing Department by email: ub@ci.gladstone.or.us or phone: 503-557-2771.

***A Minute of Gladstone History- Part 2 Interesting Mail...
Kim Argraves Huey, Gladstone Historical Society Historian***



Every town needs a colorful character and Gladstone had Jim Petty. Born in 1855, in St. Paul, OR, the first we hear of him is in 1881 when he is living in Astoria, OR. That year, he made headlines twice for his run-ins with the law. In April, he engaged in a street fight where he pulled a gun and got himself tossed in jail. Then, in June, he was arrested for stealing \$25.50 during a poker game at the local Music Hall. Did he do it? The judge didn't think so. Jim was acquitted. After which he left town and became a cowboy, disappearing until 1898 when he was discovered living in Albany, OR. While serving as the town's Chief of Dog Catchers, he again made headlines when he abruptly resigned his position and boarded the steamship Elder for Skagway, Alaska. Coincidentally, his departure occurred at the same time rumors were circulating of a "big graft in the dog catcher's office". After a year in Alaska, Jim was back living in Astoria where amazingly his life turned around. Much to Jim's surprise, an uncle living in

New York died and left him 1/7th of his estate, or a total of \$750,000.00. During the next nineteen years Jim married, helped to raise his wife's two nieces, joined the Elks Club, involved himself in anything patriotic, and relocated to Oregon City. There he'd gained notoriety as the man who drove a Ford --"emblazoned with his name on the stern"-- at breakneck speeds "down the main drag of town". Then, Jim moved to Gladstone where he finally settled down and took up benevolent causes. 1918 and WWI was in full swing. Too old to fight, Jim supported the troops by sending local soldiers stationed in France a regular delivery of the Morning Enterprise (Oregon City's daily newspaper). If the boys couldn't be at "home", then home came to them. But it was Jim's love for the St. Agnes Foundling Home that earned him the title of hometown hero. St. Agnes was already a favorite charity of Gladstone's residents, especially on St. Patrick's Day when Gladstone celebrated the holiday by helping the Catholic parish of Oregon City sell shamrocks, but Jim took a special interest in the orphans, often leading out in the collection of necessities such as food, clothing, toys, books, and yards of diaper flannel. At Thanksgiving, he furnished as many turkeys as needed for the orphanage to enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving feast. At Christmas, he surprised the nuns and

children by arriving dressed as Santa Clause and bringing with him candy, gifts, and lots of good fun. In 1920, Jim contacted the flu and died. He was laid to rest in the Mountain View Cemetery in Oregon City --not in Gladstone. There has never been a cemetery located within the city limits of Gladstone, except for the Clackamas Indian graveyard next to the Clackamas River in the vicinity of Portland Ave. However, during its operation, St Agnes maintained a cemetery located near the I-205/Park Place interchange. November 24, 1951, shortly before the orphanage closed, all burial plots were moved to Mount Calvary Cemetery in Portland.

About the St. Patrick's Day Shamrock event: An annual fundraiser held by Catholic parishes in nearly every community between Salem and Portland, it benefited their local foundling homes. The first year (March 17-18, 1910), over 800 women in the Portland area, including Oregon City and Gladstone, volunteered to sell "sprigs of green". Their street corner sales raised the unbelievable amount of \$7171.00 (roughly \$200,000.00 today), much of which went to St. Agnes. Enjoy a story of early Gladstone anytime. Visit www.gladstonehistoricalsociety.org to get your copy of our latest book: "Images of America - Gladstone", from Arcadia Publishing, available from the Gladstone Historical Society.

Noise Control

TABLE OF ALLOWABLE SOUND LEVELS IN ANY TEN-MINUTE PERIOD (in dBA)

Type of Source by Use	Type of Received by Use					
	Noise Sensitive		Commercial		Industrial	
	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night
Noise Sensitive	55	45		—		—
Commercial	55	50	70	65		—
Industrial	55	50	70	65	75	70

The City Council has determined that excessive sound is a serious hazard to the public health, welfare and the quality of life and it shall be the policy of the city to prevent excessive sound which may jeopardize the

continue to make any excessive or unnecessary sounds. The following acts are declared to create excessive and unnecessary sounds in violation of this chapter without regard to the maximum sound levels: Radios, Phonographs, Tape players, Television Sets, Stereo Systems, Amplified sounds, external speakers, paging systems, Revving engines, Compression braking devices, Exhausts, Idling engines on motor vehicles, Vehicle tires, Motorcycles, go-karts, dune buggies, Motorboats, Powered model vehicles, Fireworks, Tampering, Animals, Steam whistles, Horns, and Compressed air devices. See table for allowed sound levels. Day time hours are between 7:00 am—10:00 pm the same day, Night time hours are between 10:00 pm and 7:00 am the following day. For more information, visit <https://www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/#!/Gladstone08/Gladstone0812.html#8.12>

health, welfare and safety of citizens or degrade the quality of life. No person shall knowingly continue, cause or permit to be made or

Leaks Can Run, but They Can't Hide

Are you ready to chase down leaks? Household leaks can waste nearly 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide, so each year we hunt down the drips during Fix a Leak Week. Mark your calendars for EPA's annual Fix a Leak Week, March 15 through 21, 2021—but remember that you can find and fix leaks inside and outside your home to save valuable water and money all year long.

From family fun runs to leak detection contests to WaterSense demonstrations, Fix a Leak Week events happen from coast to coast and are all geared to teach you how to find and fix household leaks.

Learn how to find and fix leaks during Fix a Leak Week. It's as easy as 1-2-3.

Checking for Leaks

Undetected leaks can be costly. Your water meter can tell you how much water you use in a day, week or a month. It can also help you measure the effectiveness of your household's water conservation program and help detect leaks.

Whether inside or outside your home a leak can waste hundreds of gallons of water per year. Some leaks are easy to see or hear. Others are small. However, big or small, any leak cost you money and should be repaired as soon as possible.

How to locate your meter

Your water meter should be located in front of your house, inside a concrete or plastic meter box that is set flush with the ground. Look for your meter behind the sidewalk at a side lot line near the street. If your home is on a corner lot, your water meter could be located either on the front or side street. Sometimes, meter boxes are not easily visible due to landscaping and other obstructions.



How to read your meter

Reading your water meter is like reading the odometer in your car. Read all the numbers from left to right that appear under the words "cubic feet".

The first digit on the right represents one cubic foot. The second from the right represents 10 cubic feet. The third from the right (usually a different color) represents 100 cubic feet – or one ccf. One revolution of the meter sweep-hand equals one cubic foot, or 7.48 gallons.

Checking your system for leaks

There is a simple test you can perform to use your water meter to detect leaks. First, turn off all your faucets and water-using appliances (such as dish and clothes washers) and be sure no one is using any water. Then go to your water meter and lift the cover of the meter dial. Note the position of the sweep-hand by using a piece of tape, or by using a marker on the lens cover.

Then, wait 20-30 minutes and check the sweep-hand location again. If the sweep-hand has moved, you probably have a leak somewhere in your system. If the small red diamond shaped indicator on the face of the meter is moving, it also means you probably have a leak. Retest to be certain; then locate the leak by inspecting all the pipes, fixtures and appliances that use water.


Where to look for leaks

- Your toilet may have a silent leak. Drop a little food coloring in the tank. Wait about 10 minutes without flushing. If color appears in the bowl you have a leak.
- Check for moist spots around and under house plumbing and around the outdoor plumbing.
- Replace worn washers in faucets and showerheads. A little drip waste many gallons each day.
- Dishwasher. Water accumulated on the floor near the unit could be a sign of a leak. Call your dishwasher repair service.
- Refrigerator ice-making unit. A leak in the ice making unit will

cause excessive accumulations of ice in the freezer, and may also produce small puddles of water under the refrigerator. Call your refrigerator repair service.


- Bathtubs and showers. Check the spout and shower head for dripping water. A new washer may be needed. You may be able to do this repair yourself by unscrewing the faucet and replacing the washer with the same size. But before doing this repair, close your home's main shut off valve. If necessary, call your plumber to make the repair.
- Toilets. Your toilet may have a silent leak. Drop a little food coloring in the tank. Wait about 10 minutes without flushing. If color appears in the bowl you have a leak.
- Hot water tank. The pressure valve release could be stuck. This valve is most often found near the top of the tank, and is usually a large brass fitting threaded to the tank. If it's not working properly, water will be leaking from it, dripping down the side of the tank and accumulating on the floor. A plumber will be needed to repair it.
- Boiler. Listen for the sound of running water. If it's continuous, and doesn't stop and start periodically, there could be an underground leak in your boiler system. Call your plumber.
- Water softener. A leak could be caused if your water softener is not recycling properly. The cycling process, regulated by a timer, often occurs between 2 am and 4 am. You're likely to have a leak in this unit if you hear the sound of constantly running water. If so, contact a plumber.
- Washing machine. If you see water on the floor near the machine, it is a sign of a possible leak. Call your washing machine repair service.
- Humidifier. Water accumulates beneath the unit is a sign of a leak. Caution: if the overflow discharge is piped into a sewer or drainage line, you may not find any visual signs of a leak. Listen for the sound of running water. If it's continuous, there could be a leak.

THE FACTS ON LEAKS



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percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day




A leaky faucet dripping at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than

3,000 gallons

per year

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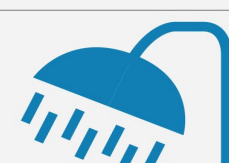
Minor water leaks account for more than



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of wasted water each year and is equal to annual household water use in




A shower leaking at

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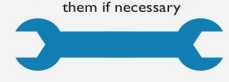


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million homes

REPAIR

leaks by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary




Replace old toilets with WaterSense labeled models & save




13,000

gallons of water savings for the average family



Homeowners can save



10 percent on their water bills



look for

Nature Park Winter Happenings

What a winter! Lots of trees down all over town. Sadly, our Oregon White Oak trees took quite a beating. Hope we can save what's left. The Nature Park has many trees broken and/or down. We will be working with the city to make sure the park safe for all. Please always stay on the paved or chipped trails.

Volunteers welcome! Join the Friends of Gladstone Nature Park for our end of the month work parties. We clear blackberries and need to replant new habitat for our birds, squirrels, bunnies and other Gladstone furry wildlife. We have trails to chip and ivy to pull. Join us, **Saturday, March 27, from 9am to noon.** Dress for weather and don't forget your facemask!



What is a tree well? There are several tree wells in the Nature Park (left). The tree wells were constructed when fill material from widening Oatfield Road was deposited in the meadow to make a level area for picnicking. An area as wide as the tree canopy is left at the original ground level. Without the tree well, air circulation is cut off and moisture and nutrients cannot reach the tree roots. Standing water can also damage or kill the tree. This is an Oregon white oak (*quercus garryana*) approximately 100-150 years old.

Save the date: May 1 is Mother's Day and in lieu of our Annual Arbor Day event FOGNAP is holding a benefit spring plant sale at the Nature Park. More details to come!

Visit GladstoneNaturePark.org for more information or email friendsofgladstonenature@gmail.com.

Gardening, Pesticides and Fertilizers

Spring is right around the corner and many residents are starting to think about gardening. Lawn and garden care products can help your lawn and garden look great, but if used and disposed of improperly, these products can also harm beneficial bugs, plants, soil microbes and ultimately, our streams and rivers.

Grow Smart Grow Safe® interactive directory available online that helps you find the least hazardous products and practices for a productive, safe and healthy yard. Pesticides, herbicides and fungicides can harm people and pets and pollute the environment. These tips can help you reducing reliance on harmful chemicals, making it easier to conserve water, attract beneficial wildlife and keep a kid-friendly yard.

Using safer alternatives to toxic chemicals makes a difference in the garden:

- Compost and mulch build healthy soil and reduce the need for water.
- Tools and a little elbow grease can keep weeds and harmful bugs at bay without the need for toxics.
- Native plants resist many pests and diseases, reducing the risk of garden problems.

Newer nontoxic products – iron phosphate slug bait instead of poisonous metaldehyde, for example – can tackle slugs without harmful chemicals.

For more information or to view the online directory, please visit www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-living/yard-and-garden/garden-problems/make-sure-your-garden-product-safe

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Here is a great opportunity to give back to your community. Neighbors Helping Neighbors is Gladstone's new, innovative way to help people with hardships, the elderly or help those who have code enforcement issues on their property. The program will allow a team of community volunteers to help those in need deal with minor yard issues rather than immediately turning to enforcement. The volunteers will assist the City's livability team with projects around the City.

Would you like to volunteer on a team that helps neighbors with hardships, solve common code issues such as overgrown vegetation, removing debris, or who may just need their lawn mowed? Sign up today to help a neighbor! Visit the City's website at <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/police/webform/neighbors-helping-neighbors>. For questions, contact Sean Boyle at 503-557-2763 or boyle@gladstoneoregon.us

Street Parking Regulations

Gladstone Code Enforcement would like to remind its citizens that there are city ordinances regulating on-street parking and these ordinances are very specific as to the type of vehicles that can be parked on city streets. Chapter 10.04.230 of the Gladstone Municipal Code (available online on the city's website, www.ci.gladstone.or.us) describes parking issues. Please be mindful of neighbors and use alternative parking, such as RV pads or local RV storage facilities, etc. By following these guidelines we can all enhance city services, improve public safety and help make our neighborhoods more "neighbor friendly" for Gladstone residents.



A Message from Our Community Cat Rescue

What a year so far! Hopefully the rest of 2021 goes smoothly.

Our annual cat/kitten food donation bin will be at Gladstone Civic Center beginning March 1, 2021! We do prefer wet food as after much research, we learned dry food causes many health issues for our feline friends. The bin will be in the Civic Center entrance for the month of March.

Please reach out if you find kittens so we can get them and mom to safety. And of course, any other cat/kitten issues you may need help with.

Thank you!

ourcommunitycatrescue@gmail.com,

<https://www.facebook.com/OurCommunityCatRescue/>



Rivers East Village now serving Gladstone

Rivers East Village is a non-profit organization that serves local older adults. The goal is to support members living in their homes and help them stay connected to their communities. Volunteers provide a variety of services and socialization, for a low cost annual membership fee. Services include rides, errands, occasional household or garden chores. Call 971-808-2340 or email info@riverseastvillage.org for more information, or to schedule an informational visit from our volunteers.

Get Social

Connect with the City of Gladstone on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Stay up-to-date with all the latest news and events happening around you.



Local Telephone Numbers

*City Hall General Business Line	503-656-5225
*Utility Billing/Water/Sewer Acct Info	503-557-2771
*Municipal Court/Traffic Citations	503-557-2772
*Public Works	503-656-7957
*Police Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm	503-557-2797
*Fire Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm	503-557-2776
*Library	503-655-8540
*Senior Center	503-655-7701
*Recreation/Business License	503-557-2766
*Planning	503-742-4510
*Electrical/Plumbing Permits	503-742-4240
*Nuisance Concerns/Code Compliance	503-557-2763
*Gladstone School District	503-655-2777
*Gladstone High School	503-655-2544
*Kraxberger Middle School	503-655-3636
*Wetten Elementary School	503-656-6564
*Gladstone Disposal Company	503-656-9426
*Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	503-299-9999
*Portland General Electric	503-228-6322
*Northwest Natural Gas	503-226-4211
*Comcast Cable	1-800-934-6489
*Non-Emergency Dispatch (option 1 for police or fire calls)	503-655-8211

