

# LOCAL VENDORS NEEDED FOR SOUTH PRAIRIE'S 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PRAIRIE DAYS SATURDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup> 2PM-9PM SCAN THE CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION



## WATER/SEWER/SEPTIC SYSTEM EMERGENCIES

The Town's sewer system has seen an increase in non-flushable items. Only toilet paper and waste from the human body should be **flushed** down the toilet. Even items that say *flushable*, like hygiene/disinfecting wipes, should **not** be flushed. Other unsafe items include:

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| ☞ Disposable diapers (adult & baby) | ☞ Condoms         |
| ☞ Sanitary napkins or tampons       | ☞ Hair            |
| ☞ Paper towels or bandages          | ☞ Cigarette butts |
| ☞ Dental floss                      | ☞ Coffee grounds  |
|                                     | ☞ Kitty litter    |

Please do your part to keep our system the best it can be. **It is also very important that you not park vehicles on top of water meters or block them in any way.** For water, sewer and septic emergencies, contact Tony Caldwell at (360) 947-4734.



## SOUTH PRAIRIE BULLETIN

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### SOUTH PRAIRIE'S 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PRAIRIE DAYS

-GAMES AND PRIZES- STILT WALKER-  
-FACE PAINTING AND BALLOON TWISTING-  
-CARICATURE ARTIST- BUGS AND SNAKES-  
-FOOD TRUCKS- ICE CREAM- COTTON CANDY-  
-LIVE MUSIC- BEER GARDEN- VENDORS-

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup> 2PM-9PM

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK  
350 HWY-162 SOUTH PRAIRIE, WA 98385

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**AUG 13-** HWY 162  
ROUNDAABOUT  
STUDY SESSION  
6PM

**AUG 13-** COUNCIL  
MEETING 7PM

**AUG 17-** PRAIRIE  
DAYS COMMUNITY  
PICNIC 2PM-9PM

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# Proper Disposal of Unwanted Medication

**DON'T:** Flush expired or unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs down the toilet or drain

**DO:** Return expired or unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs to a drug take-back program or follow the steps for household disposal below.

There are Drug Mail-Back Program envelopes located at Town Hall. If you would rather handle disposal yourself at home you can follow the steps below provided by the EPA.

## Household Disposal Steps

1. Take your prescription drugs out of their original containers.
2. Mix drugs with an undesirable substance, such as cat litter or used coffee grounds.
3. Put the mixture into a disposable container with a lid, such as an empty margarine tub, or into a sealable bag.
4. Conceal or remove any personal information, including Rx number, on the empty containers by covering it with permanent marker or duct tape, or by scratching it off.
5. The sealed container with the drug mixture, and the empty drug containers, can now be placed in the trash.

## How Proper Disposal of Medicines Protects you and the Earth

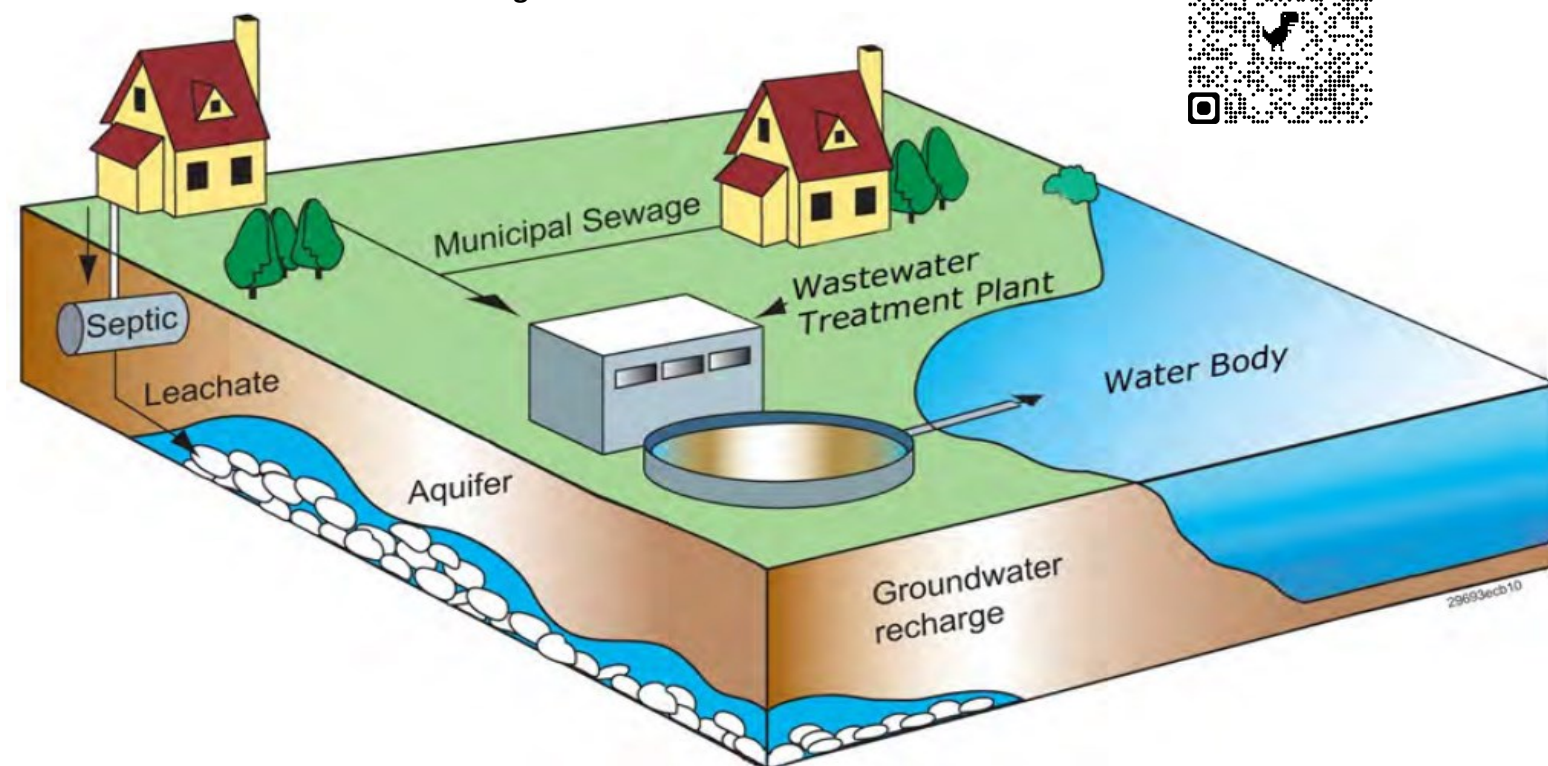
- Prevents poisoning of children and pets
- Deters misuse by teenagers and adults
- Avoids health problems from accidentally taking the wrong medicine, too much of the same medication, or a medicine that is too old to work well
- Keeps medicines from entering streams and rivers when poured down the drain or flushed down the toilet

## How improper Disposal of Medicines May End Up in Our Drinking Water Sources

In homes that use septic tanks, prescription and over-the-counter drugs flushed down the toilet can leach into the ground and seep into ground water.

In cities and towns where residences are connected to wastewater treatment plants, prescription and over-the-counter drugs poured down the sink or flushed down the toilet can pass through the treatment system and enter rivers and lakes. They may flow downstream to serve as sources for community drinking water supplies. Water treatment plants are generally not equipped to routinely remove medicines.

For more information you can scan the QR code with your mobile device  
Or call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791



# Message From Murrey's Disposal

Put Your Food Waste in Your Yard Waste Cart!

Pierce County's curbside residential yard waste program now accepts food waste! You can now put all food and yard waste in your existing yard waste container. Newly accepted items include dairy, eggs and shells, grains and bread, spoiled leftovers, and meat and poultry (including bones). Fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds and filters, and tea bags were already accepted. These new guidelines apply across Pierce County, regardless of your service provider. Check out the new guidelines at [PierceCountywa.gov/YardWaste](http://PierceCountywa.gov/YardWaste)

**No bags, cups, utensils, pizza boxes, or paper items, even if they are labeled "compostable or biodegradable." These items will not break down in our system.**



Preventing wasted food in the first place has the greatest environmental benefit. When food and yard waste end up at the landfill, the nutrients never return to the soil. The organic material rots and produces methane, a powerful greenhouse gas, but now your food scraps can be composted instead of buried in the landfill. Compost reduces soil erosion, improves water quality, helps store carbon and increases soil's ability to retain water.



# Code Enforcement

There have been numerous complaints lately that are in direct violation of the South Prairie municipal code. There have also been some concerns expressed of violations that are considered criminal under Pierce County Code. **All suspected criminal and suspicious activities NEED to be reported to the PC Sheriff Department by calling 9-1-1.** There is nothing that can be done at Town Hall, we cannot call the sheriff on your behalf. The information that they need to collect must come from a direct witness. Any animal concerns should be reported to animal control in order to be addressed properly.

**Reckless driving on Town Streets**— it has been brought to our attention that there has been reckless driving of motorcycles and/or dirt bikes on roadways . We want to road to be safe for everyone, reckless driving causes situations that are not only dangerous, but potentially deadly.

**Unleashed Pets**-(SPMC 6.05.010) - Adoption of Pierce County Code relating to animal control. PCC 6.03.010 (A) It is unlawful for the owner or person having control or custody of any animal to cause or permit such animal to leave the premises where the owner resides, unless the animal is under physical restraint adequate to the size and nature of the animal. Exceptions to this restriction are pets engaged in formal training, hunt or competition, or animals lawfully within a designated off-leash park, or service dogs engaged in activity for which they are trained or in service. **Any infraction may lead to animal being seized and impounded. A violation of this subsection is a Class 3 Civil Infraction.**

**Parking of Travel Trailers and Recreational vehicles**- (SPMC 10.05.020) - It shall be unlawful for the owner, operator, or lessee of any vehicle, non-motorized vehicle, trailer, travel trailer or recreation vehicle, or any person in possession thereof, to park or permit the equipment to stand or to be parked upon any public street, avenue, park, alley, right-of-way or any other public place within the corporate limits of the town for more than 72 consecutive hours, or to cause or allow the equipment to be used for living and/or sleeping quarters upon any private property within the town for more than 15 days per year except if in a permitted RV park.

**Violation of this section shall constitute a Class 4 civil infraction under Chapter 7.80 RCW for the first offense, and a Class 1 civil infraction under Chapter 7.80 RCW for the second offense. All subsequent offenses shall constitute a misdemeanor.**

It has been brought to our attention that there has been unlawful use and discharge of firearms with in Town limits. Where we understand the concern, there is nothing we can do at a Town Hall, these situations can only be dealt with by calling 9-1-1 and making a report.

**We all love our Town so let's be good neighbors and allow everyone to safely enjoy our community and neighborhoods!**