



TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE

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SPRING CLEAN UP – MAY 20TH

This year's Spring Cleanup Event will take place May 20, 2021.

ITEMS COLLECTED

Extra Garbage - up to three extra 32-gallon bags of garbage

Extra Yard Waste - up to three extra 32-gallon biodegradable bags of yard waste

1 Appliance - Range, refrigerator, freezer, furnace, dryer, washing machine, dish waster, hot water tank, trash compactor, or air conditioner

Helpful Hints:

- Please be sure all items are **accessible by 7:00 am** to ensure pick-up.
- Only the above listed appliances will be accepted for the cleanup event. Please place at the curb (sorry no alley pick-up due to truck size).
- Please label/ID your extra yard waste so it is not confused as trash.
- Do not exceed 45lbs per bag for trash or yard waste.
- Please no tires or bulky items. All items must be contained in a bag.

Residential customers may set out extra recycling next to their recycling cart on their collection day (recycling week only). Large boxes should be broken down and all additional extra recyclables should be placed inside a small to medium sized cardboard box for collection. Extra recyclables can be collected at no additional charge. If you regularly produce extra recycling, you should consider adding an additional recycling cart. Please direct your questions to Murrey's Disposal at (253) 414-0345.

NEW PLAYGROUND OPEN AT VETERANS PARK



There was a great turn out of for the grand opening of the new playground at Veterans Park. Fun was had by all breaking in the new structure. It has gotten a lot of use since then as well. ***Please remember the fenced area is for kids to safely enjoy and not for pets.***

Thank you to all volunteers, the Town Council & Mayor for making this happen!!

TOWN PARKING

We had some near misses due to people parking in areas that make it difficult for drivers to see and pull into traffic safely. Please do not park in any of the red zones (curbs are painted) in Town. The curbs are marked red let drivers know where it is safe to park in order to keep folks from creating blind spots and other dangerous conditions for traffic and pedestrians.

At the recommendation of the Town's insurer, parking in the Town Hall lot must be limited to those doing business in Town Hall at the time they park in the lot. This is an effort to minimize the Town's liability due to incidents that may occur and, by doing so, we protect the tax payer's dollar.

Also, at the post office, the no parking on sign on the road is there to make sure the fire hydrant remains accessible. Please observe all of the no parking signage and curb paintings to avoid being towed and creating safety issues. Illegal parking falls under the purview of the code enforcement officer and will be enforced. Thank you for your kind cooperation.





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SOUTH PRAIRIE RESIDENTS **DO NOT** PAY FOR PO BOXES

Using a PO Box at the South Prairie Post Office? Did you know that post office patrons who live within the South Prairie town limits **DO NOT** have to pay for a PO Box? The USPS does not provide mailbox/door to door service in Town, residents are afforded a **FREE** post office box. If you are currently a South Prairie resident and are paying for your PO Box, please contact the post master and she will help you correct that. She can be reached at (360) 897-8828.



NEED TO HAVE A PACKAGED DELIVERED TO YOUR PO BOX?

We've been told by some companies/senders that they do not deliver packages to PO boxes. In speaking with Post Master for South Prairie, we discovered you can have them delivered to your PO box if you address it to 105 Highway 162 E # (your PO Box #), South Prairie, WA 98385, instead of PO Box #, South Prairie, WA 98385.

WATER/SEWER/SEPTIC SYSTEM

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

- Disposable diapers
- Sanitary napkins or tampons
- Paper towels or bandages
- Dental floss
- Condoms
- Hair
- Cigarette butts
- Coffee grounds
- Kitty litter

Let's all do our 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. **As always, with water, sewer and septic utility emergencies, contact Mayor Tony Caldwell at (360) 947-4734.**



ELECTED OFFICIALS 2021 CANDIDATE FILING

If you are interested in running for office to represent your South Prairie community, the 2021 candidate filing week is May 17-21. There are several Council positions as well as the Mayor position up for election this year. You must be 18 years old and have been a resident of South Prairie for a minimum of a year to run for office. Those elected will take office January 1, 2022.

For more information visit: piercecountyelections.org or the Town's website at townofsp.com for a link.

UTILITY BILLING INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

****Watch out for scammers pretending to be your utility company. If someone calls you and threatens to shut off your service without an immediate payment, hang up and call the number on your bill. ****



There are numerous resources to assist with paying utility bills. The Community Action Program at 253-798-6266; Human Services division at 253-798-4500; and Washington 2-1-1 which provides services including food, transportation, health care and more. Dial 211 to find help. Most churches also offer assistance.

Please only use **black** or **blue ink** on your checks, **include your account number** and **do not staple checks**. Please make sure the payment amount in full. Submitting a payment, even a few cents shy of the total amount due, can **trigger a late fee**. Please use the Town's correct mailing address of **PO Box 870**. Those sent PO Box F will may not be forwarded.

We hope this finds you and your family safe and well!