



## CITY OF BINGEN NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2009

### 2009 Community Pride Week

Do you need more space in your garage, shed, basement, attic and backyard? What about your front yard?

Community Pride Week is scheduled for the week of April 20 through April 26. The drop off site for junk and recyclable materials will be open as follows:

Friday, April 24	12:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 25	10:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 26	10:00 to 4:00 p.m.

***Do not bring items to the site prior to 12:00 noon on Friday, April 24.***

A voluntary cash donation is accepted at the Community Pride collection site.

The site is located just east of the Bingen Public Works shop on the north side of Lakeview Blvd., across from the Bingen Point Industrial Park.

The following items may be brought to the site:

- Reusable household items
- Scrap metal
- Recyclable paper, metal, plastic & glass
- Building materials
- Used household appliances
- Brush, tree limbs, lawn, garden & yard waste
- Electronic items including computers, monitors, cell phones, printers, televisions, telephones

Used tires will be accepted for a fee.

Household wastes and household hazardous waste cannot be accepted.

Transfer stations at BZ Corners, Dallesport or Goldendale will accept up to five tires in each pickup load of garbage. In addition, the transfer stations will accept household hazardous wastes.

Call Howard's Wrecking Yard at 541-490-1318 for "unwanted car" removal and pickup in Bingen. Must have title or "junk vehicle" designation by local law enforcement.

### Yard and Garden Debris Pickup

Bingen residents can arrange for yard and garden debris pickup during Community Pride Week by calling city hall at 509-493-2122.

Yard and garden debris must be bagged and/or bundled. Bundles must be 3 feet x 3 feet x 4 feet or smaller and tied with twine.

City crew will collect up to 8 bags and/or bundles of yard and garden debris. The bags and/or bundles must be placed at curb side by 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22. You must call city hall to have the debris picked up.

**Call Bingen City Hall  
at 509-493-2122 to arrange for  
yard and garden debris pickup on  
Wednesday, April 22.**

## Garbage

The City of Bingen does not directly provide garbage services. There are two companies that haul garbage within the city limits of Bingen: Allied Waste and Bingen Garbage Service.



If you do not use the services of a garbage hauler, city ordinances require a property owner to obtain a permit from the city to use a transfer station or other legal means of garbage or solid

waste disposal. Garbage must be disposed of at least monthly and must be kept in proper containers – watertight, galvanized, raised-bottom container or suitable plastic container not exceeding 32-gallons in capacity fitted with two sturdy handles, one on each side and a tight-fitting cover.

Garbage is not allowed to be burned in fireplaces or outdoor burn piles, including burn barrels. Burn barrels are not allowed in the state of Washington.

## Vegetation Management

It is a property owner's responsibility to keep vegetation, including brush and trees, from growing into the city right-of-way (streets or sidewalks). Please keep all brush, trees, and any other vegetation trimmed back so that it is not growing into the streets or sidewalks.

If the city has to remove vegetation that is growing into the right-of-way, the property will be billed for the associated expenses.

Take the opportunity of Community Pride Week to check your property and trim back the vegetation. Don't make people walk around vegetation that is growing into the right-of-way.

**Let's work together in making Bingen a great community to live in!**

## Owning a Dog in Bingen

The City of Bingen supports the right of citizens of Bingen to own dogs. However, to ensure that dogs and citizens can reside compatibly within the city limits the City has adopted a dog ordinance.

The ordinance requires the following:

- All dogs residing in the city limits of Bingen must be licensed annually. Proof of rabies vaccinations is required to obtain a license. All dogs will wear the license tag issued at time of licensing.
- When dogs leave the premises of the dog owner, all dogs must be confined by a leash, rope, device or cord not exceeding 8 feet in length.
- Dog owners must remove and properly dispose of dog waste (feces) when the dog defecates in any area other than the premises of the owner of the dog.

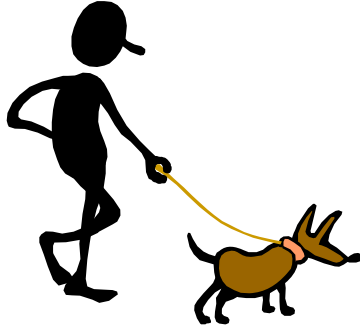
Failure to license a dog, dog running at large, or not properly removing and disposing of dog waste can result in being charge with an infraction with the base fine of \$100.

Repeated violations of dog running at large can result in being charge with a misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of \$1000 and/or 90 days in jail.

## Where is My Dog

The City of Bingen contracts with the City of Goldendale for animal control. If your dog is missing, please contact Bingen City Hall or the Police Department. It is possible that your dog was picked up by the police or animal control.

We will make every attempt to contact you if your dog is picked up. This is why licensing your dog and keeping the license tag attached to the dog is important — so we can determine the owner of the dog.



If we are not able to locate you or to locate the owner of a dog, the dog will be taken to an impound facility in Goldendale. Notice of impoundment will be sent to the owner of the dog (if known), posted at City Hall, the Post Office, and on line. Dogs will be held for 5 days after posting an impoundment notice. If a dog is not claimed within 5 days, the dog may be sold or humanely disposed of. ***Do not drive to Goldendale prior to contacting the City of Bingen. You will not be able to redeem your dog without information obtained at Bingen City Hall.***

To redeem a dog that has been impounded, a dog owner must go to Bingen City Hall first and do the following:

- Pay the City of Bingen a redemption fee: 1st impoundment—\$50, 2nd impoundment—\$125, 3rd impoundment—\$175, 4th impoundment—\$225 and all subsequent impoundments increasing at a rate of \$50.
- Show proof of dog licensing with Bingen
- Pay the City of Goldendale, the boarding fees.

The owner of a dog that has been impounded may also be charged with an infraction or misdemeanor depending on the number of times the specific dog has been found running at large.

## Is Your Vehicle Legally Parked?

The City of Bingen has adopted a parking ordinance that controls what kinds of vehicles can be parked along city streets. Do not park the following along city streets:

- ⊗ Vehicles with flat tires
- ⊗ Vehicles that do not operate
- ⊗ Vehicles with expired license plates/tags
- ⊗ Vehicles without license plates
- ⊗ Boats
- ⊗ Utility trailers
- ⊗ Snowmobiles
- ⊗ Recreational vehicles
- ⊗ Motor homes
- ⊗ Camper (pickup)
- ⊗ Trucks and/or trailers that exceed 20 feet in length or 30,000 pounds gross vehicle capacity

The vehicle must be entirely on private property it will be considered to be located within the right-of-way.

If you have someone visiting you with a motor home or recreational vehicles it may be parked on city streets for a maximum of 14 days without a permit. If it is necessary to park the vehicle for an additional period of time a permit is required and 14 additional days are allowed.

Moving one of the above mentioned vehicles from one location to another will not prevent you from getting a warning or a ticket.

It is against the law to park the wrong way on a street. Do not park going against the traffic.

Do not block driveways or park on sidewalks.



## **Proposed Outdoor Burn Ban**

The City of Bingen is considering implementing a permanent outdoor burning ban. The city has learned that state regulations prevent the city from issuing burn permits if a fire cannot be located 50 feet away from any structure. This prevents most property owners in Bingen from obtaining a burn permit.

The city is also considering alternatives for disposing of yard and garden debris. One alternative is to expand the yearly yard/garden debris pickup to twice a year in November and April and to pickup the debris each week during those months.

The city is holding a public hearing on Tuesday, May 5 to hear from the public hearing. The hearing will be held at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. Written comments may also be submitted to City Hall or via e-mail at [bingen@gorge.net](mailto:bingen@gorge.net).

If you have any questions, please contact Jan Brending at City Hall or 493-2122.

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