

New Recycling Guidelines

In concert with other Lane County cities and Lane County Waste Management policies, the City of Veneta's primary waste hauler, Sanipac, has released new guidelines for commingled recycling. Commingled (or "single-stream") recycling refers to a system in which a

variety of recyclables — such as paper, plastics, and metals — can be mixed in the recycling can and collection truck, instead of being sorted by the consumer into separate commodities.

According to the new guidelines, only clean items may be disposed of in a cus-

tomers' commingle recycling roll cart. This includes clean, flattened cardboard. No waxed cardboard or frozen food packaging is accepted. Only certain plastic bottles and jugs are recyclable: transparent soda bottles, water bottles, milk jugs, and juice bottles without lids. Pa-

per products may include only newspapers and magazines with ads and inserts, phone books and catalogues, direct mail, and office/computer paper. Tin and aluminum food and beverage cans may still be recycled, but no aerosol, chemi-

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EPUD Alters Franchise Fee Collection

EPUD customers in Veneta will see several changes to their EPUD bill beginning in May. First, the "Town Tax" listed on your EPUD bill has been relabeled "City Franchise Fee" The second change will be a 1.5% increase on the total franchise fee paid. EPUD Public Information Officer Patty Jo

Angelini explained that the company had been paying a five percent franchise fee to the City of Veneta for some time, but had only passed on 3.5 percent of that cost to customers. "We had absorbed the remaining 1.5 percent for years, but will no longer do so," she said.

"This is not an increase

from the City," explained City Administrator Ric Ingham. "Our franchise agreement with them is well over 10 years old and the five percent fee has been in place for the entire time. EPUD recently analyzed their practice of charging the lesser amount and realized it was harming the company."

All utilities in Veneta pay a franchise fee to offset costs incurred by the City to maintain and provide oversight on how utilities use City streets and rights of way. "This fee helps the City recoup those costs," Ingham said.

Splash into Summer

The Veneta Community Pool will open for the season on Saturday June 16, offering open swim and a chance to sign up for lessons. Season passes offer money saving option for those who frequent the pool.

Swim lessons begin on June 25, with experienced instructors providing lessons for all skill levels. Special swim times will cater to families, adults, lap swimmers, water aerobics, and the Veneta swim team. And, of course, the pool will once again host three of its most popular community events.

On Saturday, June 23, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., celebrate the longest day of the year at the an-

nual Summer Solstice Party. On July 20, from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., teens, age 13-17, are invited to dance, win prizes, and swim at the Night Waves Teen Party, an after-hours bash that features music and snacks. And on August 3 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the whole family can splash the night away with water toys, sprinklers and more at Family Fun Night.

The pool is also available for private rentals. An appropriate number of lifeguards are provided, with rates based on the number of swimmers. "It's a great bargain for company pic-

nicns, service clubs, church

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CIVIC CALENDAR

May 2018

All meetings held at City Hall unless otherwise noted

1	Planning Commission Meeting	6:30 p.m.
2	Park Board Meeting	4:30 p.m.
5	City Wide Clean Up 24974 Bolton Hill Rd	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
9	Economic Development Committee Meeting	2:00 p.m.
13	Happy Mother's Day	<i>Mother's Day</i>
14	City Council Meeting, Urban Renewal Agency meeting - immediately following	6:30 p.m.
16	Joint meeting of the Citizen Advisory and Technical Advisory Committees on the Transportation System Plan	5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
17	Municipal Court	8:30 a.m.
22	Budget Committee Meeting, followed by Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee	5:30 p.m.
24	Budget Committee Meeting (if needed)	6:30 p.m.
28	Memorial Day	Closed
28	City Council Meeting	Cancelled

Questions on Recycling?

- City of Veneta: <http://www.venetaoregon.gov/community/page/garbage-recycling>
- Sanipac: <http://www.sanipac.com/waste-wizard/>
- Lane County: www.lanecounty.org/garbageguru



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cal, or paint cans. In the glass recycle tubs, only clean, unbroken glass bottles or jars are accepted. All recycling needs to be cleaned by adequately rinsing jugs, cans, and bottles.

Plastic bags, take-out food containers, plant pots, and lids of any kind should never be placed in commingled recycling bins. Any items that are not clearly recyclable should be put in the trash. If in doubt, throw it out.

These changes are being driven by international markets, specifically China, which cut the amount of contaminated material it will accept by nearly 70 percent. Contamination includes garbage accidentally mingled with recycling as well as recycling materials that have not been properly rinsed. Peanut butter jars or butter tubs that include food waste are examples of a “contaminated” product and should go in the garbage,

not recycling. Pizza boxes are another example that can no longer be recycled. Although they are cardboard, the boxes contain residual food materials.

To help consumers navigate these changes, Lane County offers a new online tool, the “Garbage Guru” (www.lanecounty.org/garbageguru), which consumers can use to search specific items and learn whether they are recyclable and, if so, how and where to dispose of them. Sani-

pac also provides specific guidelines on its “Waste Wizard” site at www.sanipac.com.

The City of Veneta has placed a new button on the home page of our website labeled Sanipac. This button will take you directly to all of the newest recycling information as well as links to the previously mentioned Garbage Guru, Waste Wizard and Sanipac websites.

Splash Into Summer

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outing, family reunions, and more,” said Public Works Director Kyle Schauer. Call Veneta Community Pool 541-935-4390 for rates beginning June 16.

Throughout the summer, work will continue toward

funding the long-awaited Kiddie Pool Project. The City has already received a grant in the amount of \$175,000 and private donations toward the \$657,000 required for construction. “We have submitted a second grant application for the multi-use pool, but will not likely get a re-

sponse until late summer,” explained Schauer.

Beginning June 1, the Veneta Community Pool Summer 2018 Recreation Guide which contains a detailed pool schedule, including swim and fitness lessons, as well as information about other summer activi-

ties for youth can be downloaded from www.venetaoregon.gov. The guides will also be available for pick up at City Hall (88184 8th St), the Veneta Community Pool (25190 E. Broadway) and other locations throughout Veneta beginning June 16.

Sewer Rate to Rise

Beginning May 1, the City of Veneta will increase sewer rates by 5 percent, with base rates for residential connections rising \$2.31 per month to \$48.57 per dwelling unit. The change will be reflected on the June 1 bills.

“This increase restores rates to their 2013 level,” explained City Finance Director Shauna Hartz. At that time, the City began incremental increases to water rates to meet the debt ser-

vice obligations incurred to build the water pipeline to carry water from EWEB’s infrastructure in Eugene to Veneta. To minimize the impact of the water rate increases on residents, the City reduced sewer rates by 5 percent.

Since then, the City has updated its Wastewater Master Plan to invest in the sewer system and keep pace with current needs and future growth. Earlier this year, the Veneta City Coun-

cil contracted a third-party financial consultant to conduct a comprehensive Wastewater System Development Fee and Sewer Rate Analysis. The study recommended the City implement a 7% increase each year from July 2018 through 2024. “We believed this could create a financial hardship for some residents,” said Hartz. So the staff recommended, and the City Council agreed, to implement a smaller increase

spread over a longer time. By beginning in May before the typical summer spike in utility bills, and having smaller increases stretched over a longer time period, Hartz explained, the City is attempting to make the fee increases easier for users to absorb.

Follow up increases, though, will likely occur in January 2019.

Commingle Recycling

Commingle Recycling Instructions



Flattened Cardboard Boxes & Egg Cartons

*Excludes frozen food packaging,
gable top cartons & waxed cardboard*



Pop Cans and Food Cans

*Empty and rinse all cans, No Lids
(No food or liquid residue)*



Plastic Drink Bottles & Milk Jugs

*Empty and rinse all containers, No Lids
(No food or liquid residue)*

RECYCLE!



IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.



Newspapers, Magazines, Junk Mail, Office Paper, Paper Scrap

Clean Paper only



NO GLASS

*Place glass bottles & jars in a
separate cart to recycle*

Not sure? ... go to our Waste Wizard:
<http://www.sanipac.com/waste-wizard/>

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community/page/garbage-recycling](http://www.venetaoregon.gov/community/page/garbage-recycling)

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