

City of Willcox Newsletter May 2013

Basic Fire Prevention Measures

Jeff Stoddard, Willcox Safety Officer

Always keep ignition sources and fuels separated. For example, never use an open flame or create sparks in proximity to fuel storage tanks.

Never use frayed or cracked electrical cords. Do not place electrical cords under carpets. Be aware of seasonal vegetation changes and follow recommended practices appropriate for the fire season and type of fire danger present (i.e., Low, Moderate, or High). For example:

1. Prevent range fires started by catalytic converters by keeping vehicles off dry vegetated range lands during the officially designated fire season.
2. Do not use potential ignition sources, such as chain saws, welding/grinding equipment, or mowing machines, in dry vegetated areas during the officially designated fire season or during times of High Fire Danger.
3. Do not smoke in dry vegetated areas during the officially designated fire season or during times of High Fire Danger.

Always operate machinery and equipment within the manufacturer's design limits. Assure spark arresters are in place and functioning properly. Prevent overheating by not overloading machinery or equipment capacities.

Keep flammable liquids in a secured area posted with warning signs that identify the flammable hazard. Store flammable liquids in unbreakable containers with securely fastened caps. Always mark containers with the words "Danger - Flammable Liquid."

Never overload a circuit by plugging too many appliances or equipment into one receptacle.

Prior to exiting a work area, turn off or disconnect non-essential lights, appliances, machinery, and equipment.

Immediately report to your supervisor any work conditions that appear to constitute a fire hazard.

Debris Burning

Planning on doing a little burning today?

Before you burn get your burn permit, contact the Willcox Fire Department at 320 N. Rex Allen Drive, 520-766-4231 for assistance. They are experts in fire safety. Most Cities require a burning permit during periods of high fire danger. On high fire danger days there may be fire restrictions or prohibitions.

In the southern region most of all wildfires are human caused, of which most start from escaped yard debris burns, and from being careless.

Whether you are burning construction debris, yard debris or household trash, you have a responsibility to burn safely. Check the fire danger in your community before you burn.

You might be liable for suppression costs if you lose control of your burn.

Burning on a day with moderate to severe fire danger threatens not only your home but the homes of your neighbors, as well as the adjoining forest. Protect your property and that of your neighbor - burn safely.

Many communities are impacted by air pollution from large cities. The cities struggle to meet air quality attainment standards. Burning contributes to air pollution. There are individuals in these communities who have breathing disabilities. They are sensitive to smoke. If you must burn, burn on days that meet air quality attainment standards. Dispose of yard debris and household trash by recycling, composting or disposing in approved landfills. Use your community trash collection and recycling centers. Trash dumps are not only unhealthy, but are also wildfire hazards. Burning household trash can release noxious fumes into the air you breathe.

THINK SAFETY!

Spring Clean Up Highly Successful!

Pat McCourt, Willcox City Manager

It is not too late to do some more cleanups: if you have an ample supply of materials around your house that are no longer needed, now is the time to dispose of them. The Transfer Station in Willcox will be having a "Free Dump Day" on Saturday, June 1st, from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

If you live in the City of Willcox; are elderly or disabled; and have bulky items to remove, please contact City of Willcox Public Works at 766-4212.

Thank you for taking pride in our community.

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY... VOLUNTEER!!!

Sherry Van Allen-Teeters, Human Resources Generalist

Serving as a volunteer is rewarding, and Community involvement is one of the best ways to get connected to your City. The City of Willcox has volunteer advisory boards, and the best way to learn how these boards serve our community is to attend a meeting and volunteer to serve as a board member. With the simple gesture of offering your skills and enthusiasm, you will positively impact many other lives, as well as your own.

If you are interested in community recreation activities, and have new ideas on how to improve our City Parks and Facilities, then becoming a member of our Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee may be of interest to you. This committee currently has three (3) vacancies. The duties of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee are to act in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council in matters pertaining to Parks and Recreation. The Committee assists in planning a recreation program for our community, makes recommendations to the Mayor and City Council for park improvements, and brings forth suggestions and requests received from the citizens of Willcox.

If education, reading and expanding the technological skills of our community is an area of interest, you may consider a place on our Public Library Advisory Committee. This committee currently has one vacancy. The duties of the Library Advisory Committee are to provide advisory assistance to the City Council in establishing library goals and objectives, policy information and review, public relations, evaluation and development of local library resources and services, and assisting in long range planning.

If you are interested becoming a member of either of the above Advisory Committees and would like more information, call Sherry Lynn Van Allen at 384-4271 x 4204. Submit letters of interest and/or resumes to the Human Resources Office, 101 S. Railroad Ave., Suite B, Willcox, AZ 85643. We encourage you to get involved in your community!

From the Office of the City Clerk...

Virginia A. Mefford, City Clerk

City Council Meetings

Monday
Jun 3, 2013

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Monday
Jun 17, 2013

7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers
300 W. Rex Allen Drive

Reminder: Except for Emergency Services, All City Offices will be CLOSED on Monday, May 27, 2013 for the Memorial Day Holiday.