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City of Cheney - 609 Second Street, Cheney, WA 99004

## COVID-19 CITY SERVICE IMPACTS

**City Hall:** Closed for public access.

**Finance Department:** Lobby is closed until further notice. Payments will continue to be accepted online, by mail, over the phone, and by drop box. The drop box is secure and checked multiple times a day. Credit card fees associated with online or phone payments are currently suspended.

**Fire Department:** Lobby is closed for normal routine citizen interaction until further notice.

**Mayor's Office:** Lobby is closed until further notice. The city continues to conduct business and provide services. If you need immediate assistance, please call (509) 498-9200.

**Municipal Court:** Court Clerk's window is closed to the public until May 21, 2020. Payments will continue to be accepted online, by mail, over the phone, and also by depositing in the Court Drop Box located outside of the Court office. Credit Card fees associated with online or phone payments are currently suspended.

**Parks & Recreation:** The Wren Pierson Center is closed until further notice. All programs and activities have been postponed until further notice. All play structures and/or playground equipment is closed.

**Police Department:** Lobby is closed until further notice. Those needing assistance will be asked to wait outside of the west door and an officer will meet them (outside) near the speaker box.

**Public Works & Utilities:** The Utility Building lobby will remain closed until further notice. All permits are available online and may be dropped off in the box outside, emailed or faxed to (509) 498-9249.

**Recycling Center:** Closed until further notice.

## City Council Meetings

In response to the prohibition of in-person contacts with the public required by the open public meetings act, the City of Cheney will now hold its City Council meetings in a virtual format. Council members will not be physically present at City Hall during the normally scheduled meeting, but rather participate from their homes keeping with the Governor's order to "stay home, stay healthy." Meetings will be streamed online via Zoom. Interested parties may either call in using a telephone, or stream the audio and video using a computer, tablet or smart phone. Links to the audio and video stream are published on the City Council Agenda page at <http://www.cityofCheney.org> the Friday prior to the next scheduled meeting.

To learn more about local preparation, prevention and additional resources, canceled or postponed event information, please visit the City of Cheney's COVID-19 page at: <https://www.cityofcheney.org/449/COVID-19>.

## Meeting Dates & Events

- May 2: Historic Preservation Commission - **CANCELLED**
- May 8-9: Mayfest, Downtown Cheney - **POSTPONED**
- May 12: City Council, 6 pm, streamed online
- May 13: Planning Commission - **CANCELLED**
- May 25: Memorial Day; City offices closed; garbage pickup one day late
- May 26: City Council, 6 pm, streamed online

## Let's Talk Trash: What to Include in Clean Green

Cheney residents are doing a lot of spring cleaning lately, and that's wonderful! However, our solid waste crew wants to remind you not to put garbage and pet waste in clean green carts. What's OK and what isn't OK to include in your yard waste?

### YES

- Leaves, grass clippings
- Pine cones, pine needles
- Weeds (except herbicide-tainted)
- Brush, prunings
- Small branches less than 4 feet long

### NO

- Pet waste
- Rocks, concrete
- Scrap metal
- Plastic, paper
- Garbage

The contents of clean green carts are dumped for sorting first. Our crew must sort through the yard waste to remove nonbiodegradable items, which becomes very labor intensive and messy when they find garbage and pet waste mixed in with the clean green. Many times, our workers tear open plastic bag that's mixed in with clean green materials, only to find it's full of pet waste, which then contaminates the yard waste.

Please note, clean green is a **WEEKLY** service offered through October.

**PLEASE put only yard debris in your clean green cart.**

## Tips to Help Keep the Calm at Home

It is a very strange time right now. With schools and daycares across the state closed for the foreseeable future due to COVID-19, thousands of kids are suddenly home and looking for something to do. Below are some tips to help you and your kids navigate!

**Create a routine or daily schedule.** Creating a new routine for your time at home will help your child know what to expect, which enhances their sense of control. Include wake up/bed times, meal times, screen time and activity time into your routine.

**Have and keep rules for behavior.** It may be tempting to let rules and boundaries slide during this time, but children feel secure when they know what behaviors are expected. Keep clear rules and consistent consequences during your time at home. This is important on any normal day.

**Video chat.** Stay in touch with friends and family members by using video chat such as FaceTime, Skype or Zoom. This can help you and your child feel connected to the people you care about.

**Get active.** Take time every day to exercise. This can help everyone in your family feel strong and healthy. Bonus: it will also help your child burn off some energy! Try family-gear yoga videos or make an indoor obstacle course. YouTube is a great resource for finding family friendly exercise videos.

**Practice mindfulness.** Make time each day to practice mindfulness. This will help everyone in your family cope with the stress of being cooped up inside.

## May Recreation Programs

For more information, please contact Cheney Parks & Recreation, (509) 498-9250, [www.cityofcheney.org](http://www.cityofcheney.org)

The Wren Pierson Center is temporarily **CLOSED**. All Parks & Recreation Center programs and activities have been postponed until further notice. We will post information on the City's website as it becomes available.