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## City of Cheney Consumer Confidence Report 2019

Our annual Consumer Confidence Report is now available. This report contains information regarding the quality of drinking water provided to you from the Cheney public water system. The report can be viewed or downloaded at: <https://www.cityofcheney.org/DocumentCenter/View/2576/Consumer-Confidence-Report-for-Drinking-Water-2019>. To request a mailed copy, please contact the Public Works Department at (509) 498-9293.



### A Message From Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency

With more people home right now during this COVID-19 pandemic, please consider voluntarily limiting wood burning or consider the alternatives to wood burning devices, such as propane, electric or natural gas devices. Breathing smoke affects the respiratory system and is especially harmful to sensitive populations including youth, seniors, and those with underlying heart and respiratory conditions.

Recreational fires include camp and cooking fires, backyard barbecues, chimineas, and other patio warmers that burn charcoal, natural firewood, or manufactured logs and pellets. The fires are limited to private property and designated areas on public land **when restrictions are not in place.**

Recreational fires may be no larger than three feet in diameter and two feet in height and may not be used for disposal. A permit is not required though rules, must be followed. Be sure to have a hose nearby. Fires must be attended by a responsible adult at all times until the fire is completely extinguished. Safe wind conditions must be present. Outdoor fires fueled by wood (no dimensional lumber or pallets) or charcoal must be a minimum of 25 feet away from any structure or combustible material including vegetation. Fires must not present a health hazard or nuisance to others. Other local rules may apply to recreational fires, such as homeowner association covenants, rental agreements, etc.

When is a permit required? Fire Department permits are not required for use of patio fireplaces, outdoor fires and cooking fires unless they exceed three feet in diameter and two feet in height. Fires larger than three feet by two feet require a permit from both the Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency and the Cheney Fire Department.

### Illegal Fireworks Not Worth The Risk

The Cheney Fire Department is asking local residents to refrain from using fireworks of any kind during the Fourth of July, or any other time of year. Weeds, dead brush, and dry conditions have put the Spokane County area at risk for a wildfire. Careless use of fireworks, which are illegal in Cheney, could set off a catastrophic fire that would quickly spread. The Cheney Police and Fire Departments will be extra vigilant, and will respond quickly to any reports of illegal fireworks. Please call the Cheney Police Department at (509) 535-9233 to report any fireworks activity.



### Meeting Dates & Events

- July 1: Cheney Merchants Association, 5:30 pm
- July 2: Historic Preservation Commission, 5:15 pm
- July 9-11: Cheney Rodeo & Parade - **Cancelled**
- July 13: Planning Commission, 6 pm
- July 14: City Council, 6 pm
- July 28: City Council, 6pm

## Enjoying the Outdoors During COVID-19

### Bring masks along

The primary reason for a mask is to stop transmission from the wearer to others, particularly from people who are infected but asymptomatic and therefore might not even know they're infected. Hopefully, they will stay in your backpack with your water bottles and snacks, but if keeping physical distance between you and others becomes difficult at any point, at least you have them with you.

### Follow good hygiene practices

You've probably heard it a million times already, but it's worth repeating: Wash your hands frequently, and don't touch your face. If you're going to frequently venture far outside your home, that advice is especially pertinent. If you don't have access to soap and water, hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol content works too.

### Stick to the outdoors

If you can do something outdoors instead of indoors, you should do it outdoors. COVID-19 appears to spread through airborne droplets and droplets that land on surfaces, which people subsequently pick up with their hands. The outdoors mitigates these vectors of spread in several ways.

- First, the open air makes it harder for airborne droplets to reach other people.
- Second, it's easier to keep distance from others while outside compared to inside.

So if you're having friends over, consider hanging outside (and keep it to a small group). If you go out to eat, look for outdoor seating. If you're going for a run, go to the park, beach, or streets instead of the gym.

### Stay away from crowded settings

While the outdoors are generally safer than the indoors, it's still a good idea to avoid packed parks or beaches. People who don't live together just shouldn't be stacked together for long in any setting.

### Avoid shared surfaces

Try to avoid shared surfaces as much as possible. Even if you go outdoors, avoid surfaces touched by different people, like swings, slides, benches or, at the very least, wipe them down before using them. If you have to use public transportation or go inside a building that isn't your house, try to minimize how much of the space you touch.



## July Recreation Programs

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

- July 8: Mobile Recreation, Veteran's Park, 10 - 1 pm
- July 15: Mobile Recreation, Centennial Park, 10 - 1 pm
- July 22: Mobile Recreation, Salnave Park, 10 - 1 pm
- July 29: Mobile Recreation, Sutton Park, 10 - 1 pm

