



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

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October 2020 CHENEY CONNECTIONS

Clean Green Disposal

The **last day** of our curb-side clean green pickup service will be on **October 29**. After October 29, any remaining material can be picked up on your normal garbage pickup day, but customers will be charged the "extra garbage" rate.

For your convenience, the yard waste bins at the Cheney Recycling Center, 100 Anderson Road, will remain open from dawn to dusk, Monday - Saturday, through November 25, weather permitting, for that last load of leaves, pine needles, and other clean green materials.

For more information, please call (509) 498-9293.



13th Annual MODIFIED Cheney Clean Sweep (In a COVID Year)

Monday, October 5 - Saturday, October 10

This year, with our April event cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are offering a modified Clean Sweep opportunity. Instead of gathering in a City Park to start & end the event, we invite volunteers to comb the neighborhoods of Cheney on your own time, any time during the week of October 5-10, looking for litter. Work in small groups, with members of your immediate household, wearing appropriate face coverings and keeping safe distance away from other people.

Schedule

Monday - Friday: Pick up a litter bag, an assignment map, and a Clean Sweep tote bag from outside the Utility Building, 112 Anderson Rd (available 9 - 5, Monday - Friday). Pick up litter wherever you find it, along streets and alleys (but **ONLY** in the public right-of-way), and return your litter bag to the Utility Building for disposal. (Keep the reusable tote bag as a thank you gift!)

Saturday, 9 - 12: FREE disposal of household garbage for Cheney Utility customers, at the Utility Building, 112 Anderson Rd. (NO appliances or furniture accepted - use **large item pickup service** for these items!)

Saturday, 9 - 12: FREE passenger tire disposal (unmounted) at Les Schwab; truck and farm tires, and mounted tires, accepted for a small fee. Also accepting batteries!

SNAP Energy Assistance Appointments

With COVID-19 still spreading in the community, SNAP will **NOT** be holding their annual Energy Assistance walk-in days.

Appointments for the 2020/2021 energy assistance program will begin on **Tuesday, October 6th at 8:00 a.m.** On this date and time, households can call (509) 242-2376 or go to www.snapwa.org to make an appointment.

For current program and funding information, please call SNAP's main phone number (509) 456-7627 or visit their website.

Meeting Dates & Events

- Oct 1: Historic Preservation Commission, 5:15 pm, Zoom
- Oct 5-10 Cheney Clean Sweep
- Oct 7: Cheney Merchants' Assoc., 5:30 pm, Zoom
- Oct 12: Planning Commission, 6 pm, Zoom
- Oct 13: City Council, 6 pm, Zoom
- Oct 27: City Council, 6 pm, Zoom
- Oct 31: EWU Halloween Event, **CANCELLED**

Community Coat Drive

Brrrr! Cold days are just around the corner, and help is needed to make sure every person has a warm coat.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the coat drive will only be accepting new coats this year. **Now through October 12**, coats can be dropped off at Copy Junction, 1921 1st Street in Cheney.

Distribution will begin Wednesday, October 14 at Cheney Outreach Center. Their hours are:

- Mondays: 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays: 8:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Our community collection effort is for all ages and all sizes to anyone in need of a warm coat.

For those who wish to donate clean and gently used coats, the Cheney Clothing Exchange will be accepting them every other Wednesday from noon - 6:00 p.m.

Special thanks go to our local sponsors, Cheney Kiwanis and Copy Junction.



Please donate to our Community Coat Drive and help keep everyone warm this winter!

October Recreation Programs

*For more information or to register, please contact
Cheney Parks & Recreation, (509) 498-9250*

Oct 1: Cheney Sharks Swim Team begins

Oct 10: Trick or Treat Trail, 10am - 1pm

Oct 16: Festival of Ghost Stories, 6pm

Oct 16-18: Life Guarding class, EWU

Oct 17: Swim Lessons, EWU

Oct 23-25: Life Guarding class, EWU

Cheney Rec COVID-19 Protocol

1. Any participant that has symptoms or answers "yes" to health screening questions will need to be tested for COVID-19 or see their healthcare provider for guidance, and will not be admitted to our programs. Medical documentation will be required to return to our programs.
2. Any participant with a fever of 100.4+ will not be admitted to our programs.

Preparing for Fall

- **Test your water heater's pressure relief valve.** This will prevent mineral and corrosion buildup, which safeguards against leaks. It will also help your heater run more efficiently.
- **Flush hot water heater and remove sediment.** This prolongs the life of the heater and helps with efficiency as well.
- **Winterize air conditioning systems.** Remove and store window units.
- **Get heating system ready for winter.** Check for leaks in windows or doors; these can cost an arm and a leg. Make sure heating vents are open and not blocked by furniture. Get furnace serviced/inspected at least every other year, preferably annually.
- **Turn off and flush outdoor water faucets.** Also flush hoses and store them. Winterize sprinkler systems as well, if you have one.
- **Get chimney cleaned, if you have one.** Some folks say to do this in the spring, some say fall. Either way, just make sure it's done once per year.
- **Test sump pump.** You don't want to wait until you need your sump pump to find out it's not working.
- **Check driveway/pavement for cracks.** Make sure to have resealed before winter; water can freeze and expand in the cracks, causing more damage.
- **Buy winter gear.** Have sidewalk salt, good shovels, etc. ready for winter. You never know when that first snow will come!

Get ready for the 2020

TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL

When: Saturday, October 10th

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Where: Wooded area near Water Treatment Facility

Cost: \$5/per child gets one free adult in. \$3/for extra adult.

Please register in advance by calling (509) 498-9250 to reserve a time slot to explore the trail.

There will be no walk-up registrations.

This event is best suitable for children ages 3-10, but all are welcome to join.

Please bring a bag to collect treats along the trail.

