



CITY OF POST FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

A Quarterly Block Watch Newsletter



The Post Falls Police Department Community Service Officers would like to remind our residents in our community who are interested in initiating a "Block Watch" Program to please contact Community Services at 208-773-3517 or e-mail: codeenforcement@postfallspolice.com



WHAT IS THE BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM?

It is an effective way to prevent crime and reduce fear in your neighborhood. The program helps to fight the isolation crime creates and feeds upon in neighborhoods, and forges bonds among area residents.

Warmer Days and Clear Skys

- Kids are out of school early and are out and playing. Use caution when driving in residential neighborhoods.
- Keep your four legged family members in mind. Even if it is a cool day the temperature in vehicle can reach unsafe conditions for our pets.
- Talk to your children about looking both ways before entering a street. With trees, shrubs, and parked cars it's hard for drivers to see kids running towards the street.
- Make sure your family has the proper safety gear when riding bikes, scooters, and other potentially harmful outdoor activities.
- With warmer days we tend to leave doors and windows open to help circulate air in our homes and cars. Remember that when your out of the house or car the windows and doors need to be secured and locked. Warmer weather also brings out criminals looking for an quick and easy score. Keeping our property secure is a good deterrent against crime.
- Along with our property we need to protect ourselves. Make sure you are staying hydrated and take frequent breaks while conducting outside activities.
- Enjoy the warm weather, but be smart and stay safe.

Safety Tips

Preventing Home Accidents:

Unfortunately, your home is the place where accidents are most likely to occur. Everyone should be aware of the dangers in the home so accidents can be prevented.

Here are some safety concerns:

Fire Safety -

Fires can start suddenly and spread even faster. Insure fire detectors are placed appropriately in your home. Keep heaters and candles away from burnable material. Have a fire extinguisher in a place where anyone can have access to it.

Electrical Safety -

Do not use appliances with worn or torn wires. Put safety caps on your outlets. Replace old or broken outlets. Prior to doing any maintenance on electrical items, make sure the main power has been shut off.

Medicine and Chemical Safety -

Keep a separate, lockable cabinet for both medicines and chemicals to ensure that adults or appropriate children only have access to. Keep labels on bottles, or clearly write on bottles if you mixed a chemical for cleaning. Dispose of old or unused medications at the appropriate facility.

* Post Falls Police Department has a 24-hour medication disposable box in the main lobby.

Needles are not accepted.



Due to the Covid 19 emergency the Idaho Transportation Department has extended the time for removing studded snow tires from April 30th to June 30th, 2020.

Idaho Statue 49-948 Restrictions as to tire equipment

Motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers with tires having built-in studs are prohibited on public highways between the dates of May 1 and September 30, annually.....

Idaho and Post Falls City Codes

8.52.020: WEEDS, BUSHES, TREES AND OVERGROWN CONDITIONS

UNLAWFUL:

A. It is unlawful for any owner, lessee, occupant, or any agent or representative of any such owner, lessee or occupant having control of any occupied or unoccupied lot or parcel of land, or any part thereof in the city, to allow, permit or maintain on any such lot or land or any adjacent municipal public right of way the growth of weeds, or unmowed grass or the accumulation of overgrown weeds, grass, brush, nuisance trees or shrubs, whether dead or living. Allowing the unmanaged growth or accumulation of weeds (noxious or otherwise) or grass over eight inches (8") in height or the accumulation or overgrowth of weeds, grass, brush or trees is declared to be a violation of this chapter. The owner of real property is ultimately responsible for compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

B. All weeds, unmowed grasses, brush piles, and vegetative litter, with the exception of an actively operated compost pile not generating nuisance odors, on any private property within the city are hereby declared to be a violation of this chapter.

C. Any tree, shrub or other plant material or any dead or dying tree or shrub located on private property in the city, which overhangs or intrudes over or upon any public street, alley, avenue, roadway, sidewalk, traffic intersection visibility triangle or traffic sign to such an extent that it interferes with the safety of the traveling public or is a hazard or hindrance to public safety or use of public property, is declared to be a violation of this chapter.

D. Pursuant to authority vested by Idaho Code section 50-317 or its successor and article XII, section 2 of the Idaho constitution, any owner, lessee, occupant, or any agent or representative of any such owner, lessee or occupant having control of any occupied or unoccupied lot or parcel of land shall be responsible for immediately remedying any conditions that violate the requirements of this chapter. Upon notice to the owner, the city is empowered to abate such violation by causing the cutting and removal of trees, weeds, and grass, and the removal of rubbish upon and from private property within the city and the parking within the curbing abutting same, and to assess the cost thereof against the private property so cleared, and that which is adjacent to the parking/landscape strip between the sidewalks and curb and any alley so cleaned pursuant to Idaho Code section 50-317 or its successor. Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, nothing addressed hereby shall preclude the city from acting upon conditions that constitute a nuisance pursuant to provisions of Idaho Code and pursuing abatement as provided thereby. (Ord. 1024 § 2, 2003)



The Post Falls Police Department Community Services Section will be providing a new Post Falls City Code in each quarterly newsletter. The Post Falls City Code is available to the community through the City of Post Falls or Post Falls Police Department web pages.