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Refuse Division offers option during shortage



Pandemic sparks run on 96-gallon carts

Since February, the City of Yakima Solid Waste Division has seen an 11 percent increase in the tonnage generated by its residential customers. To hold all this extra tonnage, customers have been requesting additional 96-gallon carts.

“Normally, ordering additional carts does not stretch our resources. However, the current demand is causing a shortage,” said Solid Waste Division Manager Loretta Zammarchi.

The City of Yakima typically orders two loads of 96-gallon carts per year, 600 for refuse and 600 for yard waste. That number usually lasts an entire year, with carts to spare. This year, though, the City is running low on those carts.

“We have placed a third order of carts and an additional order of dumpsters,” Zammarchi said. “However, due to pandemic-related factory slowdowns on the production side, 96-gallon carts may not be available until December or January.”

The Refuse Division offers customers an option during the delay, three 32-gallon carts for the price of one 96-gallon cart.

The Refuse Division asks the community's help in keeping refuse workers and the public safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. It requests the following:

- Continue to bag all trash
- Make sure all bags are completely closed and tied
- Have carts out by 6:00 am on the day of scheduled garbage collection.
- The Refuse Division is not currently providing special haul service. Those with large items can utilize the Division's temporary metal bin service for an additional fee.
- Items left at the curb will not be picked up without prior arrangements made with the Refuse Division. All garbage must fit inside the cart.
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, illegal dumping continues to be a health and safety concern. Please report any illegal dumping through the City of Yakima Yak Back program at <https://www.yakimawa.gov/yak-back/>

Call 575-6005 or visit <https://www.yakimawa.gov/services/refuse/> for more about the City of Yakima Refuse Division.

Playground Partnership at Yakima's MLK Jr. Park



Yakima Parks & Recreation partnered with local Rotarians to install a new playground at Martin Luther King Jr. Park on Saturday, Sept. 19. The installation was scheduled for April, but delayed due to COVID-19.



Yakima Fire Department marks National Fire Prevention Week

October 4-10, theme is fire safety in the kitchen

The Yakima Fire Department (YFD) is partnering with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to promote National Fire Prevention Week, which begins Sunday, October 4th, and continues through Saturday, October 10th.

The 2020 campaign theme is, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" The campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

"Safety is the most important step you should take before making a meal," said Yakima Fire Chief Aaron Markham. "A cooking fire can grow quickly. We at YFD have seen many homes damaged and people injured by fires that could easily have been prevented." According to NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States.

YFD is sharing the following safety tips to help prevent cooking fires:

- Never leave cooking food unattended. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling. If you have to leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- You have to be alert when cooking. You won't be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs, or consumed alcohol that makes you drowsy.
- Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least three feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

Click <https://yakimafire.com/> for more about YFD.

Yakima Police Department now accepting new CPL applications

YPD lobby now open for limited services

The Yakima Police Department (YPD) is accepting original (new) concealed pistol license (CPL) applications.

Applicants can apply online and schedule their fingerprint appointment. They are also able to complete and schedule their fingerprint appointment in person at the department if they do not have access to a computer.

Beginning October 1st, YPD's lobby opened to the public to provide the following limited services:

- CPL applications
- Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM)

Face coverings will be required and additional social distancing measures will be in place. There are two options for obtaining an original (new) CPL:

- Online 24-hour-a-day access: Applicants can complete application online and schedule their fingerprint appointment.
- Walk-ins: Applicants will be provided a laptop to complete the application and schedule their fingerprint appointment.

Click <https://yakimadwa.permitium.com/ccw/start> for more about CPL applications through YPD.

Call 575-6200 or click <https://yakimapolice.org/> for more about YPD.

Briefly...

Council plans budget sessions

The Yakima City Council is holding four study sessions for the 2021 budget.

The sessions are 9 to 11 am on Oct. 6, 8, 13 and 15.

Visit <https://www.yakimawa.gov/> for details and the proposed 2021 budget.

The meetings will air live on Y-PAC, Charter Spectrum Channel 194 and streamed live on the City website.

'Fall Back' on November 1st

Daylight Saving Time will officially end at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 1st.

Clocks are set back one hour and many people set their clocks to "fall back" before they go to bed the night before, in this case Saturday, October 31st.

When you change your clocks, the Yakima Fire Department suggests also testing smoke alarms and changing smoke alarm batteries.

Daylight Saving Time will resume at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 14th, 2021 when clocks will "spring forward" one hour.

"Hands-Off Halloween" is October 30

The Harman Center is offering a free Hands-Off Halloween Express from 6 to 8 pm on Friday, Oct. 30.

All ages are welcome to join in the fun the night before Halloween. Drive through the Harman Center parking lot for a no-contact handout of Halloween treats.

Each treat station will be decorated, and participants are encouraged to dress up for the event.

Click <https://www.yakimawa.gov/media/news/harman-center-plans-october-events/> for details on this and other events in October at the Harman Center.

City making progress on Cowiche Canyon Trail

The City of Yakima's Cowiche Canyon Trail project includes constructing a 10-foot wide graveled pedestrian pathway, with two bridges over Cowiche Creek from Powerhouse Road to the existing Cowiche Canyon Trailhead.

The trail will be approximately two miles long. It is funded by a \$2 million "Connecting Washington" grant.

Click <https://www.yakimawa.gov/media/cowiche-canyon-trail-project> a City webpage about the project.

The trail timeline and details include:

- The project will be completed in two phases, beginning with the downstream section.
- Phase 1 of the project is 30 percent designed, including a new 180-foot pedestrian bridge
- Challenging structural elements to the pedestrian bridge requires investigatory geotechnical drilling to begin in October 2020.
- Final design of Phase 1 is anticipated to be completed by the first quarter of 2021
- Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2021
- Work on the upstream section, Phase 2, will begin in 2021
- The trail alignment is on the previous Burlington Northern-Santa Fe railroad right-of-way

For more information contact the City Engineering Division at 575-6111.



Yakima Airport continues COVID-19 precautions



New protocols to limit the spread of COVID-19 have been announced for air travel within the state of Washington.

The Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field (YKM) and Alaska Airlines have already implemented many of the requirements.

"We at YKM applaud these protocols and pledge to continue every precaution to protect employees, passengers, vendors and the visiting public," said Airport Director Robert Peterson. "I know Alaska Airlines shares this intent as well."

The protocols were announced last month by Gov. Jay Inslee. They include the following:

- Requiring face coverings
- Signage for spacing related to social distancing.
- Protective barriers between workers and the public
- Hand sanitizer available in public areas of the airport
- Airports and vendors must follow county health requirements

YKM and Alaska Airlines are following state protocols and have added additional precautions. They include:

- Requiring passengers to complete health safety agreements as they check-in for their flight
- A "No Mask, No Travel" policy
- Blocking center seats on flights through the end of November when feasible
- Electrostatic disinfectant sprayers to sanitize surfaces

More details on Alaska Airlines' "Next-Level Care" are available at <https://www.alaskaair.com/>

YKM began extensive cleaning efforts earlier this year such as social distancing markers, face covering requirements and plexiglass dividers.

Efforts also include daily sanitization of YKM's security checkpoint as well as soft touch areas, pre-paid vehicle parking through wireless phones, electronic scanning of driver's license and airline tickets at YKM's security checkpoint and adding hand sanitizing stations.

In June, YKM received more than 12,000 cloth masks for airport tenants, passengers and visitors to help slow the spread of COVID-19, and in compliance with face covering requirements.

Click <https://flyykm.com/> for more about YKM.

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Questions? Suggestions?

Contact Community Relations Specialist John Fannin at 249-6858 or John.Fannin@yakimawa.gov

City services by phone and online

Yakima City Hall remains closed to the public to help stem the spread of COVID-19.

The City continues to provide services to the community.

Visit

<https://www.yakimawa.gov/media/points-of-interest/online-city-services/> to connect with City departments.

See www.yakimawa.gov/covid19/ for information on the City's response to the pandemic. The link also provides helpful precautions and links related to COVID-19 and the Yakima community.