

OurRenton

Community News, Programs, and Events



Preparing for winter

City crews started their work in early October

IT'S AS NATURAL AS BIRDS FLYING SOUTH FOR THE WINTER.

Each year during the first week in October, the men and women in the city's Public Works Street Maintenance Division start their preparations for winter weather. Their meticulous preparation is vital as they respond to ice and snow at a moment's notice, working around the clock to keep your streets passable and safe.

Their preparation covers all aspects of their response:

- Sand, salt, and anti-icer supplies are checked and replenished.
- Meetings are held to explain procedures to new hires; veteran drivers share experiences.
- Plows and sanders are attached to the city's 11 dump trucks. Anti-icer tanks are loaded on three other trucks.
- Drivers take their plow trucks on their assigned routes to identify potential hazards that could be hidden by snow.

When the forecast calls for snow, the crews will treat major routes with anti-icer

to keep ice and snow from bonding to the pavement. This greatly aids when plowing.

Once snow hits, the plows are on our roads around the clock, in overlapping shifts. Plows are distributed across the city as evenly as possible based on hills, major arterials, priority locations, and routes.

We prioritize main streets, secondary arterials and collectors, bridges, schools, hospitals, fire stations, and bus routes. The city will also put down sand, salt, or a sand/salt mixture on roads to aid traction and melt snow.

Winter weather will also affect Republic Services' collection schedules.

Weather and road conditions may prevent the safe collection of garbage, recyclables, and organics. If your scheduled collection day is missed, garbage and recyclables will be collected the Saturday immediately following the missed days, weather permitting. Organics will be collected on your next regular collection day. Extra materials are collected at no additional charge. Please move your carts away from the street and off the sidewalk so our plows do not push snow onto them.

Our city website has winter-ready tips to help you prepare your family, home, and vehicles for snowstorms and cold weather at rentonwa.gov/wintertips.

If a Republic Services pick up is missed, prepare materials as follows

Extra Garbage: Place securely tied plastic bags labeled "Garbage" (max 60 lb. weight limit) next to the cart or a 32 gal. lidded can. Extra garbage shall not exceed twice your cart size.



Extra Recycling: Box, bundle, or put in paper bags, label "Recycling," and place next to recycling cart. DO NOT place items in plastic bags. Extra recycling is unlimited.



Extra Organics: Place in Kraft paper bags, 32-gal. lidded can (60 lb. limit), or bundles tied with twine (4'x2' limit). NO food scraps outside of cart. Extra organics is unlimited.





Community Calendar

Fall Harvest Food Drive

NOV 12, Saturday, 9am-1pm

Renton Comm Ctr, 1715 Maple Valley Hwy Bring non-perishable, unopened food items to support local food banks. rentonwa.gov/events

Holiday Bazaar

NOV 18-19, Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 9am-5pm

Renton Comm Ctr, 1715 Maple Valley Hwy Get a start on your holiday shopping and support local artists and crafters. rentonwa.gov/events

Gobble Wobble Wine Walk NOV 19, Saturday, 2-5pm

Check-in: Rain City Market, 700 S 3rd St Sample from nine wineries as you stroll through downtown businesses. \$30 in advance, \$40 at the event [if not sold out]. rentondowntown.com/winewalk

Small Business Saturday, Tree Lighting & Santa's Arrival

NOV 26, Downtown & Piazza Park

All-day celebration of Renton's wonderful collection of shops and restaurants including a Vendor Market (12–7pm inside the pavilion at Piazza Park) and Tree Lighting & Santa's Arrival (5pm at Piazza Park, 3rd & Logan). rentondowntown.com

Holiday Farmers Market NOV 26, Saturday, 12-4pm

Piazza Park, S 3rd & Logan Shop for fresh produce, artisan

foods and locally crafted gifts.

rentonfarmersmarket.com

Holiday Lights Opening Night DEC 2, Friday, 6-8:30pm

Coulon Park, 1201 Lk Washington Blvd N 6pm Santa & Lighting; 6:15-8:15pm Photos with Santa; 7:30-8pm Rainier Yacht Club's "Parade of Boats"; 8:10-8:30pm Argosy Christmas Ship. (Due to park restoration, the north water walk will be closed.) rentonwa.gov/events

Lusio Renton Lights

DEC 3 & 4, Sat & Sun, 5-7:30pm

Piazza Park, S 3rd & Logan

Two nights of interactive light exhibit, live video mapping, DJs, and general winter merriment! rentondowntown.com

Santa House

DEC 3, 10, 17, Saturdays, 1-4pm

Renton Civic Theatre, 507 S 3rd St Bring your children and four-legged

friends to capture holiday moments with Santa. rentondowntown.com

K9 Candy Cane 5K

DEC 4, Sunday, 9:15am

Renton Comm Ctr, 1715 Maple Valley Hwy Competitive runners, fun runners, walkers, junior athletes, and families (with or without dogs) are invited. rentonwa.gov/k9register

Battle of the Badges Holiday Lights

DEC 9, Friday, 6-8pm

Renton Comm Ctr, 1715 Maple Valley Hwy Public safety personnel from around the region will get festive and decorate their vehicle or tent, then YOU get to drive through and vote for your favorite. rentonwa.gov/events

Winter Concert

DEC 11, Sunday, 2pm

Renton IKEA Perf Arts Ctr, 400 S 2nd St

Enjoy the sounds of the season with the Renton City Concert Band. Conducted by Michael Simpson. rentonwa.gov/events

Polar Bear Plunge

JAN 1, Saturday, 10am

Coulon Park, 1201 Lk Washington Blvd N

Save the Date! Start your New Year by running into the icy waters of Lake Washington from Coulon Beach.

rentonwa.gov/events

City Hall Hours

Municipal Court & Passports

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and 12:30-4 p.m.

Passports: Tuesday mornings. Call 425-430-6550 to schedule.

Finance Counter, Utility Bills, **License & Tax Counter**

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Building & Permit Counter

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

Police Counter

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

City Contacts

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Mayor 425-430-6500
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City Council 425-430-6501
City Clerk 425-430-6510
Code Enforcement 425-430-7373
Parks & Recreation 425-430-6600
Licensing & Taxes 425-430-6851
Municipal Court
& Passports 425-430-6550
Police (business line) 425-430-7500
Regional Fire Authority 425-271-7900
Utility Billing 425-430-6852

EMERGENCY.....911 Non-Emergency......425-235-2121

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