

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June

1—Lyle First Saturday Breakfast, 7 to 10 a.m., Lyle Community Center
 1—Goldendale Farmers Market, 9 a.m.
 7-8—13 Miles of Yard Sale, Goldendale, Wishram, Lyle, Bingen, White Salmon, Klickitat
 7-9—Alder Creek Pioneer Picnic & Rodeo, Cleveland
 8—Goldendale Farmers Market, 9 a.m.
 8—Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade, 10 a.m., Portland
 11—Klickitat PUD commission meeting, 2 p.m.
 14-16—Father's Day weekend BBQ at Mt. Hood Winery, Hood River
 15—Senior Center Breakfast, 9 to 10 a.m., Goldendale
 15—White Salmon Backyard Half trail run/hike, Rhinegarten Park
 15—Goldendale Farmers Market, 9 a.m.
 15-16—Glenwood Ketchum Kalf Rodeo
 15-16—Ranch Sorting & Team Penning Clinics, www.hoodriverfair.org/events.htm
 16—Father's Day
 16—Beacon Rock 25K and 50K, N. Bonneville. For more info, call (509) 846-5019
 19-22—Fiddlin' Under the Stars Bluegrass Wine & Art Festival, Ekone Park, Goldendale; call (509) 773-3400
 22—Goldendale Farmers Market, 9 a.m.
 25—Klickitat PUD commission meeting, 2 p.m.
 26-30—Festival of Speed, Goldendale, www.maryhillmuseum.org
 29—Goldendale Farmers Market, 9 a.m.
 29-30—Windfest Weekend, Hood River, www.gorgewindsurfing.org/events/windfest

July

4—Jaycees' Demolition Derby, noon, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
 4—Parade and Band Concert, 1 to 6 p.m., downtown White Salmon
 4—Fireworks in Cascade Locks, Thunder Island
 4—Fourth of July Fireworks at Arlington, Oregon
 4—Parade & Band Concert, 1 to 6 p.m., Downtown White Salmon and Rheingarten Park

Keep Water—and Money— From Going Down the Drain

We never know the worth of water till the well is dry. —Thomas Fuller, 1732

On average, Americans use 40 billion gallons of water every day. Around the house, up to 70 percent of that is used on landscapes. Saving water outside the home is as important as saving water inside the home.

- **Garden hose nozzles.** The spray from a garden hose nozzle can be directed to the plants or shrubs that need more water. When you wash your car, use a hose nozzle to turn off the water and save more than 100 gallons.

- **Brooms.** Clean your driveway or sidewalk between rain showers with a broom. Sweep the dirt and spread it over your lawn or put it in the garbage to keep it from entering the storm sewer catch basins.

- **Sprinkler timers.** A sprinkler timer can be set to shut off your sprinkler after a set period.

- **Screwdriver.** Use a long screwdriver as a soil probe to test soil moisture. If you can push it easily into your lawn for several inches, don't water. Proper lawn watering can save thousands of dollars annually.

- **Sprinklers.** Use sprinklers that throw big drops of water close to the ground. Smaller drops and mist often evaporate before they hit the ground.

- **Rain gauge.** Let Mother Nature water for you. A rain gauge is a low-cost, reliable device that measures the water your lawn gets from rainfall. If you receive an inch or more within a week, skip your next watering.

- **Shut-off device.** Nothing wastes water like sprinklers in the rain. Install a rain shut-off device on your automatic sprinklers to eliminate unnecessary watering.

- **Soil aerator.** This inexpensive tool punches holes in your lawn about 6 inches apart. Water reaches the roots rather than running off the surface.

- **Rain barrels.** Put the water from your

downspout to good use by catching it in a mosquito-proof rain barrel. Plants love rainwater because it doesn't contain chlorine and is warmer than tap water. Plus, using rainwater can help you save water and money on your water bill.

- **Gutter diverters.** A gutter diverter is designed to work with a rain gutter down spout. It has a switch that diverts the water to the landscape or to the rain barrel.

- **Rain chains.** Rain chains replace a downspout, and channel water into a specific location, such as a basin or a rain barrel. They are pleasing to look at and slow down water, reducing splashing and erosion.

- **Wind.** Don't water your lawn on windy days. Sidewalks and driveways don't need water.

- **Compost.** Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost fruit and vegetable scraps instead and save gallons every time.

- **Hose bibs.** Hose bibs are the faucets on the outside of your home where you connect your garden hoses. Don't forget to check outdoor faucets, pipes and hoses for leaks.

- **Hose washers.** Replacing a hose washer often can fix your leaking garden-hose connection.

- **Toilet flappers.** Flappers deteriorate, so they need to be checked every year to make sure they fit tightly over the flush tube. Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl, you have a leak. It is easy to fix, and can save more than 600 gallons a month.

- **Faucets.** Grab a wrench and fix that leaky faucet. It's simple, inexpensive and can save 140 gallons a week.

For more water conservation tips, check out www.wateruseitwisely.com. ■