

PSE Conducts  
Sewer Line Safety  
Inspections in  
Maple Valley

Are you  
ready? Before  
the Winter  
Storms and  
Extreme Cold.

King County  
Solid Waste  
Disposal Fees  
Increase  
January 1, 2017

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## Snow Plow Routes and Winter Preparedness Tips

**Snow Plow Routes and Winter Preparedness Tips**  
The impacts of winter weather conditions – wind, rain, and freezing temperatures – can leave your family isolated or in the dark for hours or days at a time. It's important to plan ahead so you are ready to take winter by storm. Take these simple steps:

- **Make a plan.** Know how you are your loved ones will communicate when communication systems are down, and where you will meet if separated.
- **Build a kit.** Include food, water, medications, toiletries, a first aid kit, flashlight and extra batteries, warm blankets and clothing, and other essential supplies for every member of your household (including pets). Keep a kit at home and one in your car.
- **Stay informed.** Monitor local radio stations for important safety, information and updates. Be sure to have a battery-operated radio and extra batteries on hand.

**Maple Valley Snow Plowing & Sanding Routes Map** (pdf): <http://bit.ly/1E2rM1U>

**Winter Preparedness Tips - Stay safe this winter by following these tips:**

- Winterize Your Home: <http://bit.ly/1sFrW6I>



- Staying Warm Indoors: <http://bit.ly/1zfyFwZ>
- Protecting Water Pipes: <http://bit.ly/1wdf0n>
- If The Lights Go Out: <http://bit.ly/1tNM9hm>
- Generator Safety: <http://bit.ly/1thG77y>
- Carbon Monoxide Poisoning: <http://bit.ly/1tDrCe9>
- Fire Safety: <http://bit.ly/1FW1xpf>
- Kerosene Heaters: <http://bit.ly/1thGiQd>
- Clearing Your Roof: <http://bit.ly/1vh4kr6>
- Neighborhood Safety: <http://bit.ly/1u82Uoe>
- Road Safety: <http://bit.ly/13dnRfE>
- Outdoor Safety: <http://bit.ly/1rSMwBB>

### Related Links for Winter Preparedness:

- Washington Military Department: <http://bit.ly/1BnEOK8>
- King County: <http://bit.ly/2fLMPns>

# The City Needs Your Expertise!

The City of Maple Valley depends on residents who volunteer their time and expertise to serve as members of boards, commissions and committees. Citizen involvement is important to setting the direction for Maple Valley's future.

To find out the times and locations for the commission and committee meetings check the City's Meeting & Events Calendar at:  
<http://www.maplevalleywa.gov/what-s-happening/calendar>

Find out about volunteer opportunities by calling 425-413-8800, or by contacting the following:

Lake Wilderness Citizen Advisory Committee.....Diana Pistoll, [diana.pistoll@maplevalleywa.gov](mailto:diana.pistoll@maplevalleywa.gov)  
Library Advisory Board.....Shaunna Lee-Rice, [shaunna.leerice@maplevalleywa.gov](mailto:shaunna.leerice@maplevalleywa.gov)  
Parks & Recreation Commission.....Deanna Parsons, [deanna.parsons@maplevalleywa.gov](mailto:deanna.parsons@maplevalleywa.gov)  
Planning Commission.....Jennifer Cusmir, [jennifer.cusmir@maplevalleywa.gov](mailto:jennifer.cusmir@maplevalleywa.gov)  
Public Arts Commission.....Dorothy Stickney, [dorothy.stickney@maplevalleywa.gov](mailto:dorothy.stickney@maplevalleywa.gov)



## Community Development

The City of Maple Valley's Department of Community Development is committed to promoting the health, welfare, safety and quality of life of all citizens through the fair and consistent application of building and land use regulations. For a list of services provided by the Community Development Department and to view the City's zoning and land use information go to:  
<http://www.maplevalleywa.gov/departments-services/community-development>



Visit the Lake Wilderness Arboretum  
Learn more online at: [www.lakewildernessarboretum.org](http://www.lakewildernessarboretum.org)

## PSE Conducts Sewer Line Safety Inspections in Maple Valley

A PSE is service partner, Hydromax USA, is conducting sewer inspections in some parts of Maple Valley. Hydromax USA is looking for "cross bores," which are cases where a gas pipeline was inadvertently installed through a sewer or septic line. If the sewer backs up and a plumber clears it with a cutting tool, the tool could break the gas line and allow gas to enter the house.

Cross bores can occur in neighborhoods where natural gas lines were installed by boring underground rather than digging trenches. For years, utilities across the country have been using this approach to avoid tearing up gardens and driveways when installing pipe, electric conduit and telecommunications cable. Existing gas pipes and wires were marked, but home sewer lines escaped detection because they are generally not mapped and they are made of materials that aren't detectable with above-ground sensors. Hence, gas lines were occasionally installed through sewer and septic lines. When PSE recognized this, the company changed its construction practices, began inspecting old installations and launched a public awareness campaign.

Maple Valley residents may be contacted by Hydromax USA staff who may need to access private property to conduct the inspection. Hydromax USA may leave door hangers or mail letters asking residents to call them at 1-800-371-3886 for an appointment. Hydromax USA staff drive white trucks with Hydromax USA and PSE logos, and their employees carry PSE badges.

When customers suspect they have a sewer line blockage, PSE asks you determine whether the blockage is within your home. Only outside blockages pose a risk. If you think the blockage is outside, call PSE at 1-888-225-5773 at least one hour before attempting to clear it. PSE will immediately dispatch a technician, who can usually arrive within 60 minutes, to work with your plumber to confirm the line does not have a cross bore so your plumber can proceed safely. There is no charge for this service.

2 To learn more about cross bores, visit [www.pse.com/sewersafety](http://www.pse.com/sewersafety).

## eNotification

The Maple Valley City Council currently meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are held at the Tahoma School District Central Services Center, 25720 Maple Valley-Black Diamond Road SE. For more information you may sign up for eNotification on our website at [www.maplevalleywa.gov](http://www.maplevalleywa.gov). Once you are there you may sign up for notices about City events, Council meetings, special committee meetings, road projects, employment opportunities, and emergency notifications.

## Water, Sewer, Power, Phone, Cable

Whom Do I Contact?  
Agencies Serving Maple Valley:

### Sewer Purveyor

- Soos Creek Water & Sewer District  
[www.sooscreek.com](http://www.sooscreek.com)  
(253) 630-9900

### Water Purveyors

- Covington Water District  
[www.covingtonwater.com](http://www.covingtonwater.com)  
(253) 631-0565
- Cedar River Water & Sewer District  
[www.crwdsd.com](http://www.crwdsd.com)  
(425) 255-6370

### Wells & Septic Systems

- King County Department of Environmental Health  
(206) 296-4932

### Recycling, Food & Yard Waste, Garbage

- Recology CleanScapes  
[www.recologycleanscapes.com/maplevalley](http://www.recologycleanscapes.com/maplevalley)  
(425) 413-1555

### Electric and Gas Services

- Puget Sound Energy  
[www.pse.com](http://www.pse.com)  
(888) 225-5773  
Report street light outages:  
[www.intolight.com/lightsout.html](http://www.intolight.com/lightsout.html)

### Telephone Service

- CenturyLink; [www.centurylink.com](http://www.centurylink.com)  
(800) 244-1111

### Cable Service

- Comcast Cable; [www.comcast.com](http://www.comcast.com)  
(800) 266-2278

# ARE YOU READY?

## What to do before the Winter Storms and Extreme Cold

To prepare for a winter storm you should do the following:

- Before winter approaches, add the following supplies to your emergency kit: [www.ready.gov/build-a-kit](http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit)
  - Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways. Visit the [Environmental Protection Agency](http://www.epa.gov) <http://bit.ly/2fiqYE> for a complete list of recommended products.
  - Sand to improve traction.
  - Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
  - Sufficient heating fuel. You may become isolated in your home and regular fuel sources may be cut off. Store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove.
  - Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.
- Make a [Family Communications Plan](http://bit.ly/1QQ7K4Z) <http://bit.ly/1QQ7K4Z>. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.
- Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio or other local news channels for critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS). Be alert to changing weather conditions.
- Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle.
- Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.

## During Winter Storms and Extreme Cold

- Stay indoors during the storm.
- Walk carefully on snowy, icy, walkways.
- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack—a major cause of death in the winter. If you must shovel snow, stretch before going outside.
- Keep dry. Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.
- Watch for signs of frostbite. These include loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately.
- Watch for signs of hypothermia. These include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion. If symptoms of hypothermia are detected, get the victim to a warm location, remove wet clothing, warm the center of the body first and give warm, non-alcoholic beverages if the victim is conscious. Get medical help as soon as possible.
- Drive only if it is absolutely necessary. If you must drive: travel in the day; don't travel alone; keep others informed of your schedule; stay on main roads and avoid back road shortcuts.
- Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive. If your car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent along your predetermined route.
- If the pipes freeze, remove any insulation or layers of newspapers and wrap pipes in rags. Completely open all faucets and pour hot water over the pipes, starting where they were most exposed to the cold (or where the cold was most likely to penetrate).
- Maintain ventilation when using kerosene heaters to avoid build-up of toxic fumes. Refuel kerosene heaters outside and keep them at least three feet from flammable objects.
- Conserve fuel, if necessary, by keeping your residence cooler than normal. Temporarily close off heat to some rooms.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55°F.

## After Winter Storms and Extreme Cold

- Go to a designated public shelter if your home loses power or heat during periods of extreme cold. Text **SHELTER** + your ZIP code to **43362** (4FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in your area (example: shelter 12345).
- Continue to protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia by wearing warm, loose-fitting, lightweight clothing in several layers. Stay indoors, if possible. ❄️

## City offices will be closed on the following dates:

- Friday, November 11, 2016  
in observance of Veterans' Day
- Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, 2016,  
in observance of Thanksgiving
- Monday, December 26, 2016,  
in observance of Christmas
- Monday, January 2, 2017,  
in observance of New Year's Day
- Monday, January 16, 2017,  
in observance of Martin Luther King's Day
- Monday, February 20, 2017,  
in observance of Presidents' Day

## Your City Council is working for you!

Ordinances 2016 - <http://bit.ly/1XoYofO>  
Resolutions 2016 - <http://bit.ly/1OMUT1r>

If you have any questions, or would like copies of the Ordinances and Resolutions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (425) 413-8800.



## Follow the City on Facebook

Keep up with the City of Maple Valley's latest news and events on Facebook.

[www.facebook.com/maplevalleywa](http://www.facebook.com/maplevalleywa)

## CITY HALL DIRECTORY

Mailing Address for all Departments:  
PO Box 320  
Maple Valley, WA 98038  
Website: [www.maplevalleywa.gov](http://www.maplevalleywa.gov)

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION  
22017 SE Wax Road, Suite 200  
Phone: 425-413-8800; Fax: 425-413-4282  
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL  
Sean P. Kelly, Mayor  
Dana Parnello, Deputy Mayor  
Bill Allison, Councilmember  
Les Burberry, Councilmember  
Erin Weaver, Councilmember  
Megan Sheridan, Councilmember  
Linda Johnson, Councilmember

The City Council conducts regular business meetings the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Tahoma School District Central Services Facility, 25720 Maple Valley – Black Diamond Road S.E. The public is welcome at all City Council meetings.

CITY MANAGER  
City Manager ..... Laura Philpot  
Executive Assistant ..... Dorothy Stickney  
City Clerk ..... Shaunna Lee-Rice  
Deputy City Clerk ..... Jennifer Cusmir  
Administrative Assistant ..... Becky Munson  
Human Resources Manager ..... Julie Hunsaker  
Administrative Assistant II ..... Carol Blevens

FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
Finance Director ..... Sandy Garrett  
Senior Financial Analyst ..... Marissa Flynn  
Accountant ..... Debi Yankeh  
Accountant ..... Julie Stutzke  
IT Manager ..... Viveka Lazor  
Computer Support Specialist ..... Michael Dunning  
GIS Analyst ..... Steve Kincade

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
Parks & Recreation Director ..... Greg Brown  
Event & Facility Coordinator ..... Rachiah Boxley  
Recreation Manager ..... Mark Ratcliffe  
Operations Manager ..... Al Frank  
Recreation Coordinator ..... Bobby Quick  
Administrative Assistant II ..... Deanna Parsons  
Administrative Assistant ..... Sierra Southworth  
Recreation Specialist ..... Allison Scott  
Custodian ..... Roy Wells  
Park Maintenance Worker  
Supervisor ..... Brian Wargo  
Park Maintenance Worker II ..... Chris Fontana

POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Phone: 425-413-5158 ..... Fax: 425-413-5085  
Police Chief ..... DJ Nesel  
Sergeant ..... Diana Neff  
Detective ..... Jeff Johnson  
Officer ..... Jeff Harmon  
Officer ..... Corey Baldwin  
Officer ..... Fred Didway  
Officer ..... Sam Hooper  
Officer ..... Rob Kearney  
Officer ..... Starla Martin  
Officer ..... Henry Pacey  
Officer ..... Cory Stanton  
Officer ..... Greg Victor  
Officer ..... Steve Jordan  
Police Civilian Assistant ..... Robin Larsen

PUBLIC WORKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
Director of Public Works & Community Development Department ..... Laura Philpot

Public Works:  
City Engineer ..... David Casey  
SWM/NPDES Program Mgr ..... Ken Srilofung  
Capital Projects Manager ..... Kim Scattarella  
Infrastructure Maint. Mgr. .... Gary Kennison  
Construction Inspector ..... Tom Bowen  
PW Programs Project Manager ..... Diana Pistoll  
Maintenance Worker ..... Marco King  
Maintenance Worker ..... Desmond Weaver  
Maintenance Worker ..... Johnathon Upshaw  
SWM Maintenance Worker ..... Brandon Sauve

Community Development:  
Building, Planning, and Land Use  
Community Development Manager ..... Matt Torpey  
Senior Planner ..... Jeff Johnson  
Associate Planner ..... Lance Ferrell  
Building Official ..... vacant  
Building Inspector ..... Mike Bailey  
Building Inspector ..... Bruce King  
Permit Technician ..... Sally Wilson

# King County Solid Waste Disposal Fees Increase January 1, 2017

In September 2016 the Metropolitan King County Council approved an increase to the solid waste disposal fees that will take effect on January 1, 2017. The disposal fee will increase from \$120.17 per ton to \$134.59 per ton; a 12% increase. The fee increase will impact everyone who lives in King County who generates garbage and pays for curbside collection or uses the transfer stations (excludes cities of Milton and Seattle that use a separate system). The last disposal rate increase was implemented in 2013. The fees increase covers, to name a few; increased costs of waste transfer, disposal, waste prevention and recycling programs, debt service, system upgrades, equipment and labor costs, the landfill reserve fund, landfill closure maintenance and others.

Recology CleanScapes customers 2017 rates will include the 12% disposal fee increase as well as a 1.595% increase to the collection portion of the service rate. The collection rate adjustment is an annual Consumer Price Index adjustment often used in long-term contracts. It allows the rates to adjust annual upward or downward depending on the index. New service guides will be mailed out to Recology CleanScapes customers in early November.

Republic Services customers 2017 rates will include the 12% disposal fee and they may also have a general rate increase sometime in the first quarter of the new year. ☺



## Vote on Maple Valley Parks Bond



### Activities for everyone

- Basketball Court
- Skate Park
- Multi-purpose Fields
- Off-leash Dog Park
- Playground
- Plaza Area
- Picnic Area
- Trail Connection



### The new parks will:

- Enhance quality of life
- Create year-round enjoyment
- Delivery long-term value
- Build economic development

**February 14, 2017**

Full details & maps online:  
[www.maplevalleywa.gov](http://www.maplevalleywa.gov)