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Do You Have A Plan?

Decks, Fences & Sheds FAQ:

Now that Spring has sprung, it's time to plan for that new shed in the backyard, maybe a new fence for the dog, or that deck that you've been dreaming of all winter. Before you embark on your spring plans, stop by and visit us in the Planning and Building departments. Depending on what you want to build, you will *at a minimum* need a Zoning Permit. A fence permit from Planning is needed to ensure that it is placed upon your property, not in an easement and with no more than the allowed height depending on its location in your front or side yard. It is particularly important that any screening in your front yard does not exceed four feet in height to ensure the public's safety.

When you are ready to put a deck on, you will need *both* a zoning and building permit. These permits ensure that your new deck is designed for your safety and does not encroach into easements or setbacks. If you are adding a shed to your property that is less than 120 square feet you will only need a zoning permit; however if it is larger than that you will need a permit from both Building and Planning departments. If you are looking to hire a contractor to help with your home improvement projects, you can find a list of licensed contractors on the City website at:

http://www.ci.gillette.wy.us/EN/BI/BI.html.

So that we may expedite the process for you, please bring a drawing of your property showing measurements and dimensions of your proposed project. Our departments are located on the second floor of City Hall. Feel free to call with your questions before you visit at 686-5281. Zoning permits are free and Building permits have a minimal charge. Stop by and visit us soon. We look forward to helping you make your projects a reality!

We Need Your Participation – 33rd Annual Citizen Survey:

It's that time of year again for the annual Citizen Survey. Once again we will be offering the survey online and need your input. The annual survey is a tool used by the City Council to gather your feedback as to what you think about City services and amenities and where you would like to see the City focus its attention. We are interested in hearing what *you* think the issues are facing the community. Please share your thoughts and ideas by visiting the City website at http://ci.gillette.wy.us and select the link for the "Annual Citizen Survey". We will randomly select five citizens who complete the survey in its entirety to win a $50 Gold Bucks Card. The deadline for completing the survey is July 13, 2009.

DID YOU KNOW ...

... the City of Gillette has a Code Compliance Program that deals with nuisance complaints and issues such as tall weeds and grass or furniture? The Code Compliance Program operates year round and has been very successful in keeping with the City's beautification plan.

With summer approaching, it is important for every person or business to maintain their property in a clean, sanitary and orderly condition at all times. The following are considered nuisances: litter, weeds, tall or dried grass, stagnant or standing water, abandoned vehicles and parts, furniture, stoves, and other like material or objects.

Water Harborage:

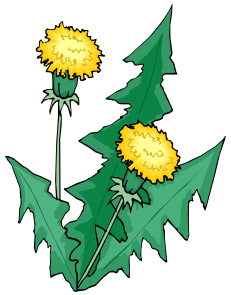
Due to the threat of West Nile Virus, items that will catch and maintain water such as tires, buckets, bottles, pans, etc., may not be stored outside for longer than 72 hours unless in an enclosed building.

Weeds, Grass, Trees, and Shrubs:

Once grass and weeds reach a height of 12 inches, they are considered a nuisance and must be cut. Areas of responsibility shall include any adjacent publicly owned right-of-way to include easements.

The City has a procedure to abate weeds and grass on a property if compliance is not met within the established timeline of 14 days from the date of notification and will charge the cost of abatement to the property owner or the person in charge of maintaining the property, which may include tenants.

Property owners must also maintain trees/shrubs on their property and the public way abutting their property so they do not protrude onto sidewalks or in any way interfere with the free passage of any person along streets and sidewalks in the City. Additionally, any trees/shrubs which may block visibility at an intersection need to be maintained in a manner which does not restrict the view of motorists.



The City of Gillette would appreciate your cooperation and assistance in keeping the town clean, safe, and beautiful. Together, we can make Gillette a great place to live! If you have any questions or concerns, or to report a complaint, please call the Code Compliance Program at (307) 686-5309.

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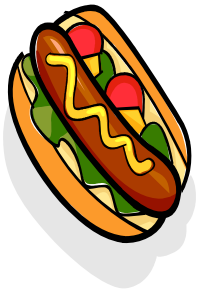

The public is invited to the Annual City-wide picnic Thursday, July 23rd, at the City Hall Parking Lot 5:30 p.m.

Hope to see you there!