



# THE FLASH

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An update from City Administration, Planning, Public Works and Police Departments

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## NOXIOUS VEGETATION ABATEMENT NOTICE

Not a fan of that all-too familiar smoke and haze brought on by wildfire season? We can keep wildfires out of our backyard by doing a little preventive work to keep noxious vegetation at bay.

Just what IS noxious vegetation? Talent Municipal Code (TMC) 8.05 defines Noxious Vegetation as: weeds or grass more than six inches high on/after May 15th, poison oak or poison ivy, blackberry bushes that extend into a public thoroughfare or across a property line, vegetation listed on the noxious weed list promulgated by the Oregon Dept of Agriculture's Plant Division, and vegetation that is: (a) a health hazard, (b) fire hazard, or (c) traffic hazard because it impairs the view of a public thoroughfare or otherwise makes use of the thoroughfare hazardous.

Simply put, during Summer Season, weeds must be maintained no taller than 6 inches above the ground. The season begins May 15th and lasts to September 30th or the end of fire season as determined by Oregon Dept of Forestry, whichever is later.

Adhering to these important regulations will protect our community and benefit air quality. Please continually assess your property and take action if necessary. Violating TMC Ch. 8.05 could result in a 48-hour compliance notice and if not abated, a fine of up to \$500.

For more information on the City's Noxious Vegetation requirements, please visit [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org) and click Departments, then Community Development.

## TALENT POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Local Grocery and Pharmacy Delivery Available in City of Talent

#### Grocery Services

In order to assist the City of Talent's more vulnerable population and promote social distancing, the Talent Police Department in conjunction with Ray's Food Place is offering a grocery pick-up and delivery service for individuals known to be vulnerable to the effects of Covid-19 for the duration of the governor's executive order. (65 years of age and older, disabled and/or those with a life threatening pre-existing medical condition.)

To participate, City of Talent residents must do the following:

- Contact Ray's Food Place (Talent) at 541-535-2613 during normal business hours to request delivery service.
- Order your groceries and arrange payment with business.
- Ray's Food Place will make arrangements to deliver your groceries to your doorstep with the assistance of the Talent Police Department.
- This service is being provided to City of Talent residents as time permits.

#### Pharmacy Services

The Talent Medicap Pharmacy offers free delivery service within a 10-mile radius every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoon. The delivery service is free, but they must collect any payment for the item(s) upon delivery. They only accept exact cash change or checks for deliveries, no cards.

Talent Medicap Pharmacy – 541-535-5843

Please stay safe and healthy following the recommendations of local, state and national health authorities!

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## Energy News: Reduce Your May Energy Bill

Amidst the changes with COVID-19 pandemic, residents are spending more time at home which can lead to an increase in energy bills. During this stay-at-home order, I will focus my articles on some simple ways for Talent residents to reduce their energy costs.

With that said, May's article will focus on how to make laundry more efficient! A typical American household uses 6% of their household's energy drying clothes and with a couple of simple tricks and changes, you can dramatically reduce the amount of energy you use! Here is a list of some changes you can make:

Wash Only Full Loads: Most machines use the same amount of water with half load and full load

Dry Clothes Outside in Good Weather: Use the free solar energy! This can reduce energy used for laundry by 60%

Set Your Machine to Most Efficient Setting: Prevent over washing or over drying which drives up energy cost

Clean the Dryer Lint Filter Before Each Load: This allows the dryer to operate more efficiently

Wash on Cold Cycle: 90% of the energy used in washing machine is for heating hot water

Buy an ENERGY STAR-Certified Washer: Uses 25% less energy & 33% less water (Energy Trust of Oregon has incentives available—you can find them on their website)

If anyone would like more information about these activities, please contact me via email (below). If you make some changes to your laundry habits, let me know by sending me a picture or email!

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