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Tuesday September 8th, 2020 :: 11:28 a.m. PDT



Alert

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There is a grass fire near Alameda Drive in Quiet Village. Those in the area and should consider evacuating and avoid the area.

Instructions:

Please avoid the area.

Address/Location

[City of Ashland](#)

20 E Main St

Ashland, OR 97520

Contact

Emergency: 9-1-1

Non-emergencies: 541-552-2490

TEXT-A-TIP - Text **TIP ASHLAND** followed by your message, to **888777**

[Submit an anonymous web tip](#)

Alert Details

Severity:

Moderate - Possible threat to life or property

Urgency:

Expected - Responsive action SHOULD be taken soon (within next hour)

Certainty:

Observed - Determined to have occurred or to be ongoing

Category:

Fire suppression and rescue

Event:

Wildfire

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Wildfire Evacuation

Message Expired

Wildfire near Bear Creek, evacuate all homes near fire from Michelle St west to lower Cambridge St

Instructions:

Evacuate now

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Tuesday September 8th, 2020 :: 12:16 p.m. PDT

Alert

**I5 through exit 14 (south Ashland) and 21 (Talent) and
OR Hwy 99 southbound lanes are closed due to the
wildfire. Message Expired**

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Instructions:

Avoid travel north.

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Tuesday September 8th, 2020 :: 12:43 p.m. PDT

Alert

No evacuations within city limits are necessary at this time. For travel please avoid Valley View Road and I5 Exit 19. **Message Expired**

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Instructions:

Avoid travel North.

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Tuesday September 8th, 2020 :: 05:58 p.m. PDT

Alert**9/8 6 p.m. Quiet Village Fire Update****Message Expired**

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Current Status:

- Evacuation advisories have been lifted for the Quiet Village area.
- Various local road closures may remain in place overnight so take caution on returning to your home. For updates on road closures and traffic go to tripcheck.com or call 511.
- Very little active fire remains within the City of Ashland on the Quiet Village fire that began in late morning, but ongoing monitoring and spot fire maintenance will be occurring tonight and into tomorrow.

Be Ready!

The extreme red flag weather conditions will continue through Wednesday night so please Be Ready! by preparing yourself and your family, neighbors and friends to remain ready to react and take action if needed. www.ashland.or.us/evacuate is a great information resource to prepare for fire evacuation.

Get Emergency Alerts

Sign up for text and phone alerts from the City using the Nixle emergency communications system. Go to www.ashland.or.us/nixle to sign up.

Background:

Late Tuesday morning, a grass fire started in the Quiet Village area of Ashland adjacent to the City's wastewater treatment plant. With extreme fire conditions and a red flag alert in place, the winds and lack of moisture caused the fire to spread quickly.

Ashland Fire and Rescue and the Ashland Police Department, along with Jackson County Fire District 5 were immediately dispatched and worked to protect lives and structures. The fire quickly spread along the Bear Creek greenway and created significant spotting at Billings Ranch and to the property around exit 19.

Evacuation advisories were issued early in the afternoon for the Quiet Village area and continued on to parts of Talent, Phoenix and beyond as the fire continued to spread in the afternoon.

Oregon Department of Transportation controlled Highway 99 and I-5 closures throughout the day, expanding the closures and exit routes as the fire jumped back and forth across the freeway. For updates on road closures and traffic go to tripcheck.com or call 511.

Instructions:

Go to: <http://www.ashland.or.us/news.asp?newsID=4772>

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Wednesday September 9th, 2020 :: 10:29 a.m. PDT

Advisory

Avoid Driving - congested roads

Message Expired

All roadways leading from Ashland and Talent are experiencing heavy traffic. First responders encourage those who are not evacuating to stay safe at home to prevent further congestion.

Highway 99 is closed from Valley View Rd. to Garfield St. in Medford. Avoid this area.
-- Ashland Fire & Rescue

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Wednesday September 9th, 2020 :: 10:59 a.m. PDT

Alert

Ashland Water Safe; Curtailment Requested

Message Expired

Ashland water is safe to drink, but please consider reducing non-essential water use.

- **September Plant Water Needs Are Lower** – Over-watering is common in late summer and early fall, especially September. Even though we still have high temperatures during this time, plant water needs decrease significantly because daylight hours have become shorter and the sun's intensity has decreased. Follow the example [watering guide](#) or visit www.ashland.or.us/weather for more updated watering information. To schedule a sprinkler evaluation please email Julie.smitherman@ashland.or.us.
- **Water Only When Needed** – Overwatering results in shallow roots and encourages weeds, disease and fungus growth. Check soil moisture before watering. Use a moisture meter to detect if soil is still moist from previous watering. You can pick one up for free by calling 541-488-5587.
- **Best Time to Water** – Water between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. to avoid losing water to wind and evaporation.
- **Inspect Your Irrigation System** – Check for leaks, broken or clogged heads and make adjustments to sprinklers to reduce runoff and be sure you're watering plants and not sidewalks, fences or buildings. Adjust your water pressure; too much pressure on sprinklers uses more water than needed.
- **Pools** – Keep pools covered when not in use so you won't lose water to evaporation.
- **Take Shorter Showers** – Or replace your showerhead with one that has a lower flow. The City is giving away free showerheads and bathroom and kitchen aerators, that work well and reduce water use. Please call 541-488-5587 to arrange a time to pick them up.
- **Change Out that Old Toilet** – Toilets are typically the highest use of water in a home. I know it's surprising, but they can use a lot of water, especially older toilets pre 1994. The City is offering rebates for replacing these toilets. You can find the rebate form and instructions on the city's website at www.ashland.or.us/rebates.
- **Car Washing** – Reduce vehicle washing and use facilities that recycle water. Manual car washing should include use of a bucket and hose equipped with a shutoff nozzle for brief wetting and rinsing.
- **Reduce Water Use on Paved Surfaces** – Exterior paved surfaces should be swept, rather than washed. If washing is necessary for such reasons as public health or safety, use of water brooms that provide maximum cleaning with minimum water usage is encouraged.
- **Known Leaks** – Repair leaks promptly. If you suspect you may have a leak, contact a plumber or a landscape professional to investigate.

Our community has taken mindful steps to use water wisely this summer and we want to thank you for all your efforts. However, with the recent weather conditions, fire activity and now that TID is no longer operating, we need to be even more vigilant in how we use our water for the remainder of the summer. Please consider voluntarily reducing water use where you can in and around your home.

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Wednesday September 9th, 2020 :: 12:07 p.m. PDT

Alert**No Current Fire Threat to Ashland; Stay Connected****Message Expired**

Ashland is not currently under threat of the Almeda Fire. Because it is an ongoing situation please refer to the following ways to stay updated:

- Text and Voice Alerts

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- General Fire and Recovery Updates:

Jackson County Emergency Management – The website jacksoncountyor.org/emergency/ and Facebook page [@jacksoncountyorregonem](https://www.facebook.com/jacksoncountyorregonem) are giving regular updates on wildfires in the Rogue Valley. A live evacuation map, shelter information, and general fire status are updated here.

Rogue Valley Emergency Management – This includes emergency updates and fire status for both Jackson and Josephine Counties. Go to www.rvem.org/ for more information.

Ashland Emergency Broadcast Station – Tune into 1700 AM for updates on the wildfire.

Wildfire Information Hotline – Call (541) 552-2490 for updates on the wildfire.



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Wednesday September 9th, 2020 :: 12:15 p.m. PDT

Alert

Continued Update on General Information

Message Expired

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Alert**Travel Alerts: Please Avoid Travelling North****Message Expired**

All roadways leading from Ashland and Talent are experiencing heavy traffic. First responders are encouraging those who do not have evacuation orders to stay safe at home to prevent further congestion.

Highway 99 traffic is closed from Colver to North Phoenix Road Medford. Please avoid Highway 99 at this time.

I5 is currently open with limited exits between Ashland and Medford. Travel delays are being experienced there as well. Please avoid travelling North at this time.

RVTD has suspended bus service from Medford to Phoenix, Talent, and Ashland.

Instructions:

Stay Home If Not Ordered to Evacuate

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Wednesday September 9th, 2020 :: 09:26 p.m. PDT

Alert**No Current Fire Threat to Ashland****Message Expired**

The Alameda Fire continues to move through the Rogue Valley but is not a threat to Ashland at this time. Ashland crews are assisting Jackson County and other cities response to various wildfires that are occurring throughout the County. Even though there is no current threat, please Be Ready for changing conditions by having emergency supplies and important items so your family is ready to leave.

Prepare further for evacuation by visiting [ashland.or.us/evacuate](https://www.ashland.or.us/evacuate). Please avoid travelling North at this time as Highway 99 between Ashland and Medford continues to be closed and parts of I5 continue to be severely backed up. We will release additional updates as we receive them.

Instructions:

Be Ready to evacuate if conditions change, and stay home if not ordered to evacuate

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Thursday September 10th, 2020 :: 12:06 p.m. PDT

Alert**Dense Smoke Advisory: Prepare Clean Air Space****Message Expired**

Smoke from regional wildfires is predicted to move into our area this evening. Hazardous smoke levels are predicted through the evening and night. We recommend the following precautions:

- Keeps windows and doors closed. Minimize opening doors to the outside and avoid using doors into your main living space.
- Use a HEPA-grade air purifier if you have one. If you have central air conditioning or home fan systems, use a high-grade MERV filter (MERV 13 or higher if possible).
- Avoid outdoor activity and trips out of the home. When you have to go out, wear an N95, P100, or KN95 rated mask if you already have one.
- If you can't purify air throughout your home, designate a room away from outside doors as a clean air space and prioritize sleeping areas. Stand-alone air purifiers can be moved from room to room.
- Visit www.smokewiseashland.org to learn more about smoke and health.

Instructions:

Prepare for Hazardous air quality. Filter your air, and create clean air space if possible

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Friday September 11th, 2020 :: 03:42 p.m. PDT

Advisory

Helping Our Neighbors Recover: What Can You Do?

Message Expired

The devastation experienced by our friends, family, and extended community is almost impossible to comprehend. Our hearts are broken and given Ashland's character; we want to help. And we will help over the coming days and years of recovery as we navigate this complex situation. It's important to realize that there are still fires being extinguished, utilities are heavily damaged, and the emotional impact and physical recovery is just beginning. Yet, people are displaced with few resources and clearly in need of aid right now. Knowing our City government's role in the immediate and longer-term response to this fire is sometimes conflicting and often difficult to understand, but we will find the best ways to provide help to our neighboring governments of Phoenix and Talent. We are feeling the effects as City employees who live in Talent and Phoenix have been displaced by evacuations or loss of their homes.

"Our hearts are broken over the losses experienced as a result of this fire, and we're just at the beginning of a long and difficult journey together," said John Stromberg, Mayor of Ashland.

Ashland residents wishing to donate items, money, or time have many options. In partnership with the Ashland Parks & Recreation Commission we are hosting the website ashland.or.us/ashlandresponse to direct people on how to help. There are many options with mobilized and established organizations operating aid centers in the county area. They do get overwhelmed with volunteers so please make contact before showing up or delivering goods to make sure it's needed. Often, a gift card or other financial donation are the most effective show of support.

The City of Ashland has set up a resource and referral line at 541-552-2500, which will be staffed from 8 am – 8 pm daily during the crisis. You can also email ashlandresponse@ashland.or.us. We can tell you about shelters, resources and donation locations in Ashland as they become available and direct you to other resources in the Rogue Valley.

The impact to Ashland has been relatively slight in comparison to Talent and Phoenix and therefore our city government response may seem inadequate to some. Our Ashland firefighters worked to exhaustion over the last few days, as have various departments in support of street closures, law enforcement investigations, and fielding calls for information. We will continue offering our help to Talent and Phoenix as we have capacity and the need arises.

Fire season is not over, and we must stay vigilant and prepared. See www.fireadaptedashland.org for fire safety information and sign up for emergency alerts at www.ashland.or.us/nixle for future evacuation notifications. Find trusted fire and smoke information [at these sources](#) and an archive of updates from the City at ashland.or.us/almedafire.