

Your Neighbors and U

Tips for getting along and staying safe in university neighborhoods

- Know your rights and responsibilities as a renter
- Get to know your neighbors
- Protect yourself and your belongings
- Manage your party responsibly
- Know the law
- Know how you are going to go
- Know your resources



Dear UO students living off campus,

Welcome back for the 2015–16 academic year. You are an important part of our campus community and the larger Eugene-Springfield area. Your success is our university's and community's success. Please make us proud and represent the University of Oregon with pride and integrity. We encourage you to

- **Meet your neighbors and be a good neighbor.** By communicating and developing relationships with your neighbors, you may develop positive relationships and prevent future problems. Get tips on pages 4–5.
- **Keep yourself and your belongings safe.** Areas with a high density of student-renter-occupied housing may be targeted by criminals. Read pages 6–7 for tips on protecting yourself and your items of value.
- **Know the law and party responsibly.** The City of Eugene's unruly ordinance holds individuals criminally and civilly responsible for hosting or allowing an unruly gathering at which alcohol is consumed and at least two or more violations occur. Tips for keeping your party under control are on pages 8–9. Pages 11–13 list municipal laws regarding noise, alcohol, marijuana, and other behaviors.
- **The UO Student Code of Conduct may be applied to off-campus behaviors.** Students are simultaneously members of the UO community and the broader community. For more information, see page 10.
- **Know your transportation options.** Walking, using public transit and bicycling are all great and sustainable ways to get around and out of town (see more information on page 14). If you have a car see page 15 for tips on permits and parking.

This booklet contains many resources to help you have a successful year living off campus. We wish you the very best in the year ahead.

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City of Eugene

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Know Your Rights and Responsibilities as a Renter



Eugene’s rental housing standards

The City of Eugene’s rental housing code aims to safeguard the health, property, and well-being of renters. It has established some *minimum housing standards* to protect you from living in unsafe or unkempt rental properties:

- **Structural integrity:** The roof, floors, and walls must support the loads prescribed by the applicable building code.
- **Plumbing:** Must be safe, sanitary, and free of defects, leaks, and obstructions.
- **Heating:** Must be able to maintain 68° F in all habitable rooms.
- **Weatherproofing:** Roof, exterior walls, and doors must prevent water leakage into living areas.
- **Mold:** If significant visible mold results from faulty weatherproofing or plumbing, repairs must include removing the mold.
- **Security:** Exterior doors and windows must be equipped with locks, and be in good enough condition to restrict access inside if desired.
- **Smoke detection:** Every dwelling must be equipped with an approved and functioning smoke detector.

For more information:

Eugene Rental Housing Code Office, eugene-or.gov/rentalhousing, 541-682-8282
ASUO Legal Services, blogs.uoregon.edu/legalservices, 541-346-4273

Maximum of five unrelated people per dwelling

City of Eugene code prohibits more than five unrelated people from living in a single unit or dwelling. It’s not illegal for landlords to rent apartments or houses with more than five bedrooms; it’s only illegal for more than five unrelated people to live in the dwelling. Keep this important fact in mind *before* you sign your lease!

Hello thunder. Glad to hear you.

Behold the sound of a Thundercan. We hear it roll through our neighborhood each week when our neighbors walk their empty garbage and recycling bins in from the street.



Did you know garbage and recycling bins can remain on the curb for no more than 24 hours? It is a city ordinance, but it is also who we are. We are residents of Eugene who contribute to more livable, less cluttered streets, and enjoy making a little thunder along the way.

Spread the word. Encourage your neighbors. Roll thunder.

For more information:

Waste Prevention and Green Building Program, eugenerecycles.org

Be a Good Neighbor

Neighborly tips for students living off campus

- 1 Introduce yourself** to your neighbors who own and rent in the neighborhood. Exchange contact information, and learn a little about each other. Let your neighbors know you care about the neighborhood in which you live.
- 2 Communicate.** Ask for assistance when you need it. Discuss concerns with your neighbors as soon as they arise and before they escalate into larger issues.
- 3 Keep the noise down.** You're probably being too loud if neighbors can hear your conversation or music inside their homes. Respect requests from your neighbors, and know that they have the right to call the police if you are being too noisy.
- 4 Park your car in appropriate places.** If you need to keep a car in the neighborhood, park only in driveways or parking spaces that are assigned to you, or in legal spaces on the street. Do not park across the sidewalk or on the grass, bark dust, or other landscaping.
*Watch the **UO Good Neighbor Video** on the **UO YouTube Channel.***
- 5 Be responsible when throwing a party.** See party management tips on page 8–9.
- 6 Read the off-campus student newsletter,** sent to you by e-mail. Can't find the latest newsletter? Go to uodos.uoregon.edu and click on "Off-Campus Living."
- 7 Seek help if a conflict arises.** If you want to explore how a facilitator or mediator might help with a situation, contact UO Conflict Resolution Services.
- 8 Get to know your neighborhood.** You and every other Eugene resident belong to a neighborhood association. Find out more at eugene-or.gov/neighborhoods.



For more information:

UO Off-Campus Resources: uodos.uoregon.edu, 541-346-3216

UO Conflict Resolution Services: crs.uoregon.edu, 541-346-0617

City of Eugene Human Rights and Neighborhood Involvement: 541-682-6243

Tips for homeowners who have student neighbors

- 1 Introduce yourself.** Welcome new student neighbors in person or with a note, invite new neighbors to a gathering, or exchange phone numbers. Letting students know you care and you are aware they are part of the neighborhood personalizes their role in it.
- 2 Share your expectations and experiences** by letting student neighbors know when you need sleep or quiet, and let them know what type of activity or noise could trigger a call from you to the police.
- 3 Show students what it means to be neighborly,** and they will return the goodwill. Let students know that you are willing to share resources and provide support, whether it's a hammer, a cup of sugar, or advice.
- 4 Seek help if a conflict arises.** If you want to explore how a facilitator or mediator might help with a situation, contact UO Conflict Resolution Services.

For more information:

UO Community Relations: gcr.uoregon.edu/community-relations,

gcr@uoregon.edu, 541-346-5351

UO Conflict Resolution Services: crs.uoregon.edu, 541-346-0617

Tips for dealing with incidents that affect your neighborhood livability

- 1 If at all possible, first discuss your concerns and expectations with your neighbors.** They may or may not know that their behavior affects you.
- 2 If illegal activity is occurring** (see “Know the Law” on pages 10–11), **call the Eugene Police Department** at 541-682-5111. If it's an emergency, call 911.
- 3 Report the incident** by e-mailing goodneighbor@uoregon.edu. See “Steps to report off-campus incidents involving inappropriate student behavior” at gcr.uoregon.edu/community-relations.



Be Safe

Protect yourself and your belongings

Neighborhoods near campus have the highest rates of property crime in Eugene. Why? Because criminals know that students have items they want and think they are more vulnerable! *Learn what steps you can take **now** to help protect yourself!*

Protect yourself

- Know your surroundings and use the buddy system.
- Use lighted paths after dark, and avoid bushes or dense shrubbery.
- If going out alone, let someone know where and when you will return.
- Call 911 immediately if you see something suspicious or someone is in danger.

Help for students who have experienced sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, or dating/domestic violence

The University of Oregon is committed to ensuring that all students have access to a high-quality learning experience and the opportunity to pursue their academic goals in a safe, supportive learning environment. Any form of sexual harassment or sexual assault that interferes with a student's ability to learn is contrary to the community values of the institution. The UO does not tolerate sexual harassment, including sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, gender-based harassment or bullying, or stalking on or off campus.

There are many campus and community resources for students who have been hurt, including comprehensive supports, services, and accommodations to ensure that students can continue their academic programs. Students may call the university's 24-hour hotline at 541-346-SAFE (7233) to receive support and get connected to resources. This service is free to UO students and confidential, consistent with state and federal law.

For more information: safe.uoregon.edu



Protect your property

Theft-of-bicycle prevention

All bikes at the UO must be registered to deter thieves and aid in returning lost or stolen bikes to owners. Registration is free and easy through the UO Department of Parking and Transportation at <https://project529.com/oregon>. In addition to registering bikes with the UO, owners should also use a good quality U-shaped lock, and always lock up their bikes properly on campus. Cable and chain locks can be easily cut by thieves. U-shaped locks are available at any bike store, department store, or from UO parking and transportation for \$15. For help with bike issues on campus, contact the UO Department of Parking and Transportation at 541-346-5444, parking.uoregon.edu.

Theft-from-vehicle prevention

Recent theft-from-vehicle data indicate laptops, clothes, and stereo equipment are among the most commonly stolen property.

- Lock your vehicle every time you leave it.
- Never leave valuables in plain view even when your car is locked; if you must carry valuables, use your trunk or put valuables out of sight before you arrive at your destination.
- Never keep your vehicle title, credit cards, wallet, purse, cash, or other important documents inside your vehicle.

Burglary prevention

- Always lock doors and windows (including garage door), even when you're home.
- Record serial numbers and mark your valuable property with your driver's license number (i.e., OR1234567DL).
- Don't leave valuables visible through windows.
- Be aware of and report suspicious persons and circumstances to police at 541-682-5111.
- Contact a Eugene Police Department (EPD) crime prevention specialist at 541-682-5178 for a free home safety inspection.
- Consider all means of entry, including your garage door remote; if you have one, treat these openers as if they were keys to your home!

Theft-of-vehicle prevention

- Roll up windows, lock your vehicle doors, and take your key!
- Never leave your vehicle unattended while it is running.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Use your alarm or invest in an antitheft device such as a steering wheel lock. EPD is offering these for sale at the wholesale price of \$13. You may buy one at the Eugene police substation at East 13th Avenue and Alder Street.
- Car steering locks are also available for sale from the UO Department of Parking and Transportation for \$15.

For more information:

On campus:

UO Police Department;
police.uoregon.edu;
emergencies, 911;
nonemergencies,
541-346-2919

Off campus:

Eugene Police
Department;
emergencies, 911;
nonemergencies,
541-682-5111;
crime prevention,
541-682-5178

Party Responsibly

Ordinance of unruly gatherings

What is it?

A law that holds individuals criminally and civilly responsible for hosting or allowing an unruly event or social gathering where alcohol is served or consumed, and where any two or more violations occur. There is no minimum on the number of guests who have to be at a party for the hosts to be subject to the ordinance.

What could it cost you?

Violators will be issued citations of up to \$1,000, and repeat offenders will also have to pay for police, fire, and emergency response costs, as well as the cost of repairing damage to public property.

How to stay in control

- 1 Keep the party small.** Avoid advertising parties on social media.
- 2 Be courteous**—keep the noise down.
- 3 Refuse entrance** to uninvited guests.
- 4 Get to know your neighbors.** Exchange phone numbers and communicate before you have a party.
- 5 Verify** the age of the guests.
- 6 Control** quantity and access to alcohol.
- 7** The new ordinance includes an “affirmative defense” to those who ask for police help in shutting down a party. **Ask for help** and lower your chances of getting a fine.

For more information:

uodos.uoregon.edu/aod.aspx

eugene-or.gov/index.aspx?NID+2373

YOU DON'T LIVE AT AUTZEN STADIUM

Your party doesn't have to sound like a football game to be fun

Call the Eugene Police for assistance with uninvited guests or if the party becomes unruly
541-682-5111

Know how to throw a responsible party

- 1 Control the guest list.** Don't let random people who are walking around looking for a party into your house.
- 2 No minors.** If you choose to serve alcohol, ensure that you only serve to persons 21 years of age or older.
- 3 Plan ahead.** Notify your neighbors in advance of the date, times, and location of the party, and a contact name and number in case problems arise.
- 4 Monitor noise levels.** Keep doors and windows closed.

- 5 Discourage drinking games.
- 6 Clean up debris from your yard or the street.
- 7 Prevent drunk driving.
- 8 Safety first. If you are concerned for a friend’s medical safety, such as alcohol poisoning, call 911 immediately.

- 9 Cooperate with police. If contacted by police or other authorities, be respectful and be compliant. *Never* interfere with police; use common sense.

Source:
 Eugene Police Department, “Partying in Eugene: Be Safe. Be Legal.”
 See link at gcr.uoregon.edu/community-relations.

Oregon’s New Marijuana Law and UO Students: What’s Legal and What’s Not Legal?

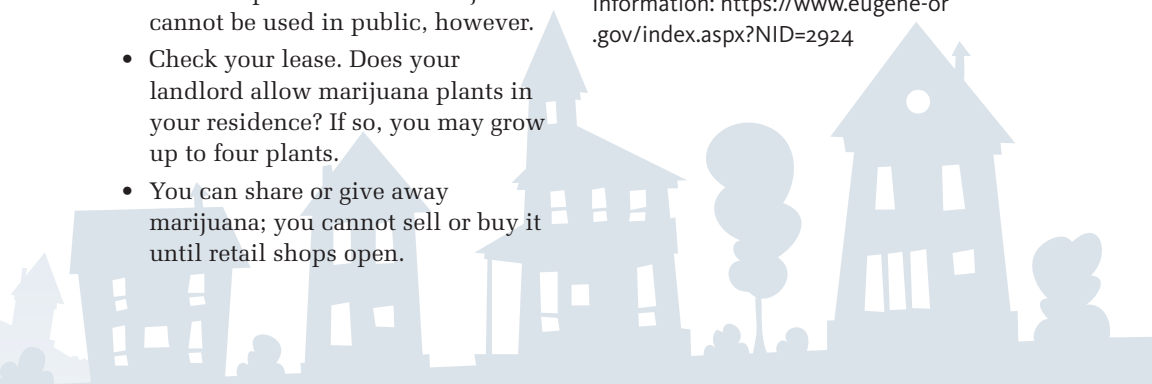
Legal

- In your own home off campus, you may use marijuana if
 - you are 21 or older
 - your landlord permits it. Don’t assume you have permission—check to make sure!
- While it may be legal to use marijuana on your property, be considerate of your neighbors. Not everyone likes smoke.
- If you’re 21 and older, and not on campus, you can possess as much as eight ounces of usable marijuana (dried marijuana flowers or leaves that are ready to smoke) in your home and carry as much as one ounce in public. Lawful marijuana cannot be used in public, however.
- Check your lease. Does your landlord allow marijuana plants in your residence? If so, you may grow up to four plants.
- You can share or give away marijuana; you cannot sell or buy it until retail shops open.

Not legal

- It’s **not** legal for students, faculty or staff members to possess or use marijuana on UO–owned or –controlled property. Students are subject to the Student Code of Conduct, which prohibits use, possession, sale, distribution, or cultivation of marijuana.
- It’s not legal to use marijuana in public places (on the street, in parks). Think of it like an open container of alcohol.
- You can’t take marijuana in or out of the state, including Washington.

For more information: whatslegaloregon.com
 Eugene Police Department marijuana Information: <https://www.eugene-or.gov/index.aspx?NID=2924>



Student Conduct Code: Off-Campus Accountability

The primary mission of the Student Conduct Code is to establish the community standards and procedures necessary to maintain and protect an environment conducive to learning and in keeping with the educational objectives of the University of Oregon. Founded upon the principle of freedom of thought and expression, an environment conducive to learning is one that preserves the freedom to learn—and where the rights, safety, dignity, and worth of every individual are respected.

- **Students are simultaneously members of the university community and the broader community** (e.g., city, state, nation, and world). The Student Conduct Code is directed specifically toward maintaining the standards of the University community. Within its jurisdiction, the university may hold students accountable and apply disciplinary sanctions against students or student organizations when their conduct adversely and significantly affects the learning or living environment or involves violence or produces a reasonable fear of physical harm.
- **Students may be held accountable for their behavior off campus, including occasions where students are warned or cited by a law enforcement agency.** Examples of when the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards may follow up with a student regarding an interaction with law enforcement include but are not limited to unlawful use of alcohol or other substances, interpersonal violence, excessive noise, traffic infractions, and disorderly conduct.
- **Sanctions vary and are focused on education and prevention.** Situations involving repeat violations or egregious conduct or danger to the community may result in suspension or expulsion.
- **Restorative justice**, a collaborative and educational process that acknowledges the harm and impact caused and builds a sense of community, may be an option for some student conduct cases.
- **The student conduct process is confidential** and associated records are considered “education records” pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974.

For more information, visit conduct.uoregon.edu.



Know the Law

You'll avoid getting to know police officers and judges for the wrong reasons

Prohibited Noise

It is unlawful for any person to intentionally or recklessly create or continue any noise disturbance. Noise disturbance means any sound which injures or endangers the safety or health of a human; annoys or disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities; or endangers or injures personal or real property. Exemptions between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. include, but are not limited to, sounds made by leaf blowers, lawn mowers, and construction. No exemption exists for sounds created by music or voices unless a variance has been granted by the City of Eugene.

Offense: crime

Fine: up to \$500 (jailable); up to \$1,500 (jailable) for failure to cease within 30 minutes, after notification or citation, or for a similar noise disturbance within six months of receiving a citation.

Minor Falsely Representing Age

A person less than a certain age who knowingly purports to be older with the intent of securing a right, benefit, or privilege that by law is denied under that certain age.

Offense: crime

Fine: up to \$500 (jailing offense)

Giving False Information to a Police Officer

Knowingly uses or gives a false name, address, or birth date to an officer issuing a citation.

Offense: crime

Fine: up to \$2,500 (jailing offense)

Disorderly Conduct

With intent to cause public inconvenience or annoyance or recklessly creating a risk thereof: a) engages in fighting or violent behavior; b) makes unreasonable noise; c) disturbs any lawful assembly; d) obstructs any vehicular or pedestrian traffic; e) refuses to disperse when ordered to do so; f) initiates or circulates a report known to be false regarding fire, crime, or other emergency; g) creates a hazardous or physically offensive condition. Note: "Public" means three or more people disturbed or inconvenienced.

Offense: crime

Fine: up to \$1,000 (jailing offense)

Interfering with a Police Officer

Intentionally acts in a manner that prevents or attempts to prevent a police officer from performing the lawful duties of the police officer with regard to another person; or refuses to obey a lawful order by the police officer.

Offense: class A misdemeanor

Fine: up to \$6,250 (jailing offense)

Rioting

A person commits the crime of riot if while participating with five or more persons the person engages in tumultuous and violent conduct and thereby intentionally and recklessly creates a grave risk of causing public alarm.

Offense: class C felony

Fine: up to \$125,000 (jailing offense)

Alcohol

Unruly Gathering

Holds individuals and property owners accountable for unruly events or social gatherings where alcohol is served or consumed, and where any two or more of the following behaviors occur on the property where the gathering takes place or on adjacent property: violations that involve laws relating to the sale, service, possession, or consumption of alcohol; assault, menacing, harassment, intimidation, disorderly conduct, noise disturbance, criminal mischief, public urination or defecation, littering, and the use of illegal fireworks.

Offense: violation

Fine: up to \$1,000

Minor in Possession

No person under the age of 21 shall attempt to purchase, acquire, or have in their possession any alcoholic liquor nor have in their system any alcoholic liquor.

Offense: violation

Fine: up to \$360

Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor

No one shall sell, give, or otherwise make available any alcoholic liquor to a person under the age of 21 years.

Offense: class A misdemeanor

Fine: up to \$6,260 (jailing offense)

Allowing Alcohol Consumption by Minors

No person who exercises control of private real property shall knowingly allow a minor to drink alcohol on the property or remain on the property after consuming alcohol.

Offense: violation

Fine: up to \$1,000

Open Container or Consumption in Public

Consumption of alcoholic liquor or possession of an open alcoholic beverage container is prohibited in all public places and all private property extended to the public for use.

Offense: crime

Fine: up to \$500 (jailing offense)



Marijuana

Use of Marijuana in Public Place

It is unlawful for any person to engage in the use of marijuana items in a public place.

Offense: class B violation

Fine: up to \$260

Marijuana Minor in Possession

A person under 21 years of age may not attempt to purchase, purchase, or acquire a marijuana item (which includes accepting or consuming within 24 hours before the determination that the minor consumed the marijuana item).

Offense: class B violation

Fine: up to \$260

Please note the following:

- Even if you are 21, your landlord has the right to prohibit manufacture and possession of marijuana at your rental property. Ask, don't assume!
- These are just a few of many new laws regarding marijuana.

For more information:

<http://www.oregon.gov/olcc/marijuana/pages/default.aspx>

<http://www.eugene-or.gov/index.aspx?NID=2924>

Getting charged with one of these crimes can hurt your career. Even after a crime is removed from your record, future employers may find information about your past indiscretions on the Internet. Want to avoid this possibility? Don't commit the crime!

Know How You Are Going to Go . . .



Walk!

It's free!

- Takes only 20 minutes to walk from campus to downtown—or campus to Autzen Stadium—or campus to Safeway.



Ride the bus!

It's free with your UO ID!

- Takes only nine minutes between campus and downtown.
- Show your student ID and ride all over Eugene, Springfield, and beyond.
- EmX goes every 10 to 15 minutes from campus to downtown Eugene and downtown Springfield.



Bike!

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- Eugene's award-winning bicycle network includes 158 miles of paths, bike lanes, and bikeways and seven bicycle-pedestrian bridges.
- UO Bike Program provides low-cost bikes for students.



Car share

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Pick up a car in nine locations in Eugene. Car Share gives you access to a car without the expense of owning one. For more information, visit enterprisecarshare.com/us/en/program/university/uoregon.



Must bring a car?

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Remember . . .

- Street permits cost money and may not be available.
- If parking is provided, get it in writing in the lease-rental agreement.
- Learn more about city parking options at www.eparkeugene.com.

Leaving town doesn't have to mean you need your own car

- Amtrak and Bolt Bus have frequent service between Eugene and Seattle.
- LTD's Drive Less Connect targets ridesharing and carpooling opportunities.
- UO Outdoor Program organizes outdoor trips and group adventures.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

PARKING.UOREGON.EDU/CONTENT/TRANSPORTATION-OPTIONS



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF PARKING
AND TRANSPORTATION



City of Eugene Parking

eparkeugene.com

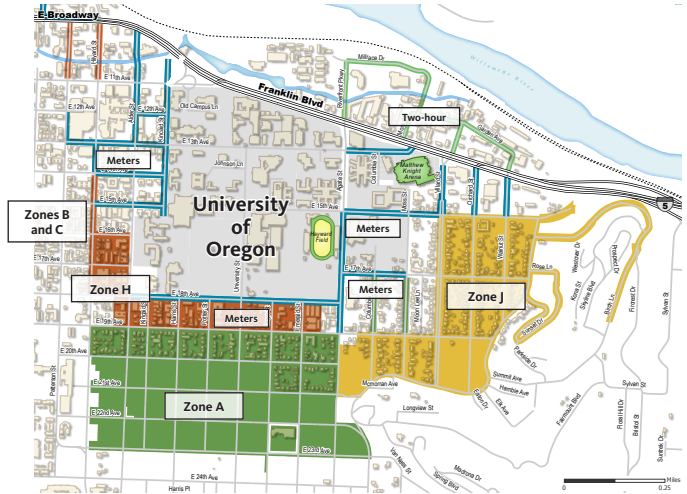
The City of Eugene manages the on-street parking around the campus area, including meters, two-hour parking zones, citations, and residential parking permits. If you have a question, please visit www.eparkeugene.com.

2015–16

Residential Parking Permit Zones (RPZ) renewals information

The City's RPZ program permit renewals begin on August 24, 2015, as 2014–15 permits expire on August 31, 2015. Permits can be purchased at the Atrium Building Suite 119, 99 West 10th Avenue. Please visit www.eparkeugene.com for more information on permit requirements, such as proof of residency, driver's license, and vehicle title or registration.

For residents in zones A, E, F, G, and J, the number of permits is limited to the number of vehicles that can legally park adjacent to your property. In most locations, it is about two permits. If there are more than two vehicles that you want permitted at your address, then the permits are issued on a first-come, first-served basis for the year. It is not the city's responsibility to provide on-street parking for apartment complexes. Please check with your landlord prior to signing the lease.



For residents in zones H and D, the city manages parking demand by issuing a higher-priced and quarterly bumper permit in this zone (\$180 per quarter).

For residents in zones B and C, the city is in the process of changing the permit program from a limited number of permits (two) per property to a quarterly permit of \$150 with no property limitations. Please visit www.eparkeugene.com for an update.



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