



Our Town

Kalama honors its legacy of community pride, rich heritage and natural beauty while embracing growth and economic prosperity

City of Kalama

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**Contact Us
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Police – 911

**Public Works
360-703-0168 or 911**

**CITY HALL HOURS-
Monday-Friday-9-5**

**Utility Billing-
Payments
360- 673-4554**

**Building & Planning
360-673-5211**

**Finance – Accts
Payable
360-673- 4908**

CORONAVIRUS – (COVID-19)

EMERGENCY DECLARED

GOVERNOR ORDERS “STAY HOME – STAY HEALTHY”

As of March 26, 2020, Washingtonians have been ordered to stay home unless they work in an essential occupation, such as health care, first responders, grocery clerks, and public utilities or have to go out for an essential need such as groceries or a medical appointment. This order is in place for at least two weeks until April 9th, but may be extended if the virus continues to spread. It is vitally important that all citizens adhere to the order to curb the spread of the virus, so we can stay healthy. The sooner the virus begins to decline, the sooner the end of shutdowns and restrictions can be lifted. You can go outside, the restriction is not to your home, but to avoid contact with others to avoid possible contamination. Social distancing of at least 6 feet is necessary even during outside activities such as walking or riding bikes. So, let's all do our part and STAY HOME – STAY HEALTHY!!



While COVID-19 may be interrupting your regular routine, it is important to:

- Get fresh air and daylight—open up your blinds, curtains, and/or windows.
- Keep some of your same routine elements—make your bed, get up at your regular time, shower and get dressed.
- Eat your regular meals.

Clerk/Treasurer
360-673-4561

City Administrator
360-673-3265

Kalama Police Office
360-673-2165
Hours M-F 9am-
4:30pm

Kalama Public Works
360-673-3706

Kalama Library
360-673-4568
Hours – M-F Noon-5
Sat – 9-2

Kalama Community
Building
360-673-4565



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Website
www.cityofkalama.com

Police Website
www.kalamapolice.com

Library Website
www.kalamalibrary.com

- Contact your family and friends—use the telephone, video chat, email, social media platforms, or even write letters to keep in contact with people outside of your home while practicing social distancing.
- Take care of yourself!

Ideas for Your “Social Distancing” Time at Home:

- Get creative- paint, color (yes- they have adult coloring books), tackle a large puzzle, or draw. Try using different mediums, colors, and textures.
- Learn a new language or instrument- there are many online apps, YouTube channels, etc. where you can teach yourself something new.
- Clean—deep clean your refrigerator, freezer, detail the interior and/or exterior of your car; get to those things you don’t normally have time for.
- Glam up your garden—yardwork can also be therapeutic, whether it’s pulling weeds, planting flowers, spreading new bark chips, or pruning your current plants.
- Check in with an elderly neighbor—a friendly phone call or letter can go a long way, if you have young children, have them draw pictures or write letters to those neighbors.
- Crochet, knit, sew, quilt, etc. Again, the internet has a variety of avenues for a multitude of self-taught activities.
- Adventure in the kitchen—if you like to cook or bake, experiment with new recipes and ingredients.
- Get moving! Even if your gym is closed, there are many workouts you can do in your own home with simply your body weight—crunches, sit-ups, squats, yoga, stretching, meditation, and much more.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

These simple measures will help stop the spread of COVID-19!

- ❖ **WASH HANDS**
- ❖ **SOCIAL DISTANCING – 6-feet from others**
- ❖ **STAY HOME – Especially if feeling ill**
- ❖ **COVER COUGH OR SNEEZE**
- ❖ **AVOID TOUCHING FACE**
- ❖ **CLEAN OBJECTS AND SURFACES**



CORONAVIRUS – OPEN/CLOSED?

In response to the outbreak, all schools have been closed until April 24th and restaurants are closed except for takeout and drive through services by order of the Governor. Grocery stores, pharmacies and other retailers are open. Banks and other service-oriented businesses are providing limited services while some retail/service businesses have closed temporarily. Gym and indoor recreation facilities are closed. Service providers such as beauticians, barbers, and nail technicians have been closed, while many health care facilities such as dentists or eye doctors are open for emergency services only. City water and sewer services are operating as normal, even though offices are closed to the public. Waste Control is continuing services on the regular schedule. Any changes will be announced and posted as soon as possible. Police are operating on the normal 24/7 schedule. Kalama Public Library is closed. All Parks and Recreation activities at the Community Building have been suspended.



Schools are providing breakfast and sack lunches for children (0-18) during this time which are available for pickup weekdays between 11 am and 12:30 pm in the covered area in the parking lot. There are no charges for these lunches, only that a child be present.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS - Restaurants are offering call-in, pick-up, take-out, drive up, and drive through services so give them a call. A list of Kalama restaurants with phone numbers and menus is posted on the City Website at <https://www.cityofkalama.com/business/kalama-restaurants>.



Business closures have created layoffs and loss of income for many workers. While there may be supplemental benefits available to displaced workers, the City recognizes this may create financial hardships for some families. Please contact the City utility department at (360) 673-4554 if you believe you will have difficulty paying your bill on time to set up payment arrangements and discuss the options available. Communication with the City allows us to work with the customer to ensure the continuity of services during this difficult period.

DON'T FLUSH!!!!



During this crisis, we are all using more cleaning supplies including sanitizing wipes and paper towels, but these items including wipes labeled as “flushable” should **NOT!!!** be flushed down your toilets. These items create clogs and backups to the sewer lines, pump stations and the sewer plant. **Please, if it isn't #1 or #2 or toilet paper, don't flush it.** Thank you.

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

Cowlitz County Health & Human Services 360-577-3052
Website - <http://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/COVID-19>

WA State Department of Health – 1-800-525-0127 (6am-10pm)
Website <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>

Cowlitz County Department of Emergency Management
Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/CowlitzCountyDEM>

Cowlitz County Fire District #5
Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Cowlitz-County-Fire-District-5>

City of Kalama – 360-673-4562
Website - <https://www.cityofkalama.com/>
Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/cityofkalama/>

Kalama Helping Hand – 360-673-2814

The Kalama Helping Hand is continuing to supply weekly food bags to those in need every Tuesday from 11am to 2 pm. We are located at 191 Cloverdale Road in Kalama. For everyone's safety we are currently giving out pre-packaged food boxes in a drive through format. We ask only that you bring your personal ID and/or proof of residence within the Kalama School District.

If you or someone you know has an emergency food situation or special food needs, please call 360-673-2814 for further information. We may be able to help.

WHEN DO WE MEET?

Kalama City Council
1st and 3rd Thursdays - 7:00 p.m.

Kalama Planning Commission
2nd Thursday - 6:00 p.m.

Civil Service Commission
4th Thursday - 5:30 p.m. – As needed

Kalama Library Board
Bimonthly beginning in January on the
3rd Wednesday - 5:15 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION
Kalama City Council Chambers
at 320 N. First – Kalama Library Building

POLICE OR FIRE EMERGENCIES – CALL 911

PUBLIC WORKS - AFTER-HOURS EMERGENCY NUMBER (360) 703-0168 – OR CALL 911

Kalama Police Office Non-Emergency... (360)-673-2165
Kalama City Offices..... (360)-673-4562
City of Kalama Fax..... (360) 673-4560
Comcast..... (888) 226-2278
Cowlitz County Assessor..... (360) 577-3010
Cowlitz County Bldg. & Planning..... (360) 577-3052
Cowlitz Public Utilities District..... (360) 423-2210
Fire District #5 Office Non-Emergency... (360) 673-2222
Kalama Post Office..... (360) 673-3567
Kalama Telephone Company..... (360) 673-2755
Labor & Industries..... (360) 575-6923
Utilities Locate (Call Before You Dig!) 811 or (800) 424-5555
Waste Control..... (360) 425-4302

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