



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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IMPORTANT NOTICE: SUMMER SEWER

For all Kalama water users connected to sewer: **summer sewer does not go into effect until the middle of May (week of the 17th)**. Remember, any extra water consumption before that water meter reading will be billed at the regular rate. To keep your bill from skyrocketing, please minimize activities like pressure washing, turning on sprinklers, filling pools, and/or any of the other extra water consumption until the middle of May 2021. For questions contact the utility department at 360-673-4554.



RENT & UTILITY ASSISTANCE

There's additional funding available to help households with rent and utility assistance that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. See below for a list of local programs that may be able to extend assistance:



Residential:

Lower Columbia CAP- 1526 Commerce, Longview, WA
Call: 360-425-3430 or visit <https://www.lowercolumbiacap.org/>
Please call to get on the waitlist today!

Business:

Cowlitz Economic Development Council- PO Box 1278, 1452 Hudson St, Suite 208, Longview, WA 98632
Contact: Ted Sprague or Lindsey Cope @ 360-423-9921
www.cowlitzedc.com or www.facebook.com/ColwitzEDC

If you would like to set up a payment plan for past due balances, please contact the utility clerk at 360-673-4554.

LIBRARY HOURS

The library is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 12p.m.–3p.m. When the COVID restrictions are lifted, the library will expand days and hours of operation. Outside City limits? You can pay for your Kalama library card online at: www.cityofkalama.com.



Contact Us
EMERGENCY/AFTER HOURS

Police – 911

Public Works
360-703-0168 or 911

CITY HALL HOURS-
Monday-Friday:
9AM-5PM

Utility Billing-
Payments
360- 673-4554

Building & Planning
360-673-5211

Finance – Accounts Payable
360-673- 4908

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
Current Hours of Op:
Mon, Wed, Fri 12pm-3pm

Kalama Community Building
360-673-4562


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www.cityofkalama.com

Police Website
www.kalamapolice.com

Library Website
www.kalamalibrary.com

CITY MEETINGS

City Council meetings will continue to be hybrid meetings with a Zoom component. Staff has continued to work to improve the hybrid meeting experience. May Council meetings are: May 6th & May 20th.

BUILDING or RENOVATIONS INSIDE CITY LIMITS?



Check with the building department to confirm if a permit is required for your project. This may include fences, decks, etc. Call the building department at 360-673-5211 or email building@cityofkalama.com.

PARKS & RECREATION CLASSES

The City is excited to be looking at restarting the Yoga classes and to offer a Zumba Gold class beginning in May or June. Yoga classes with Ann will be so much fun! She is so excited to reconnect with students! Local Zumba instructor Ginger Roberts plans to restart her regular Zumba classes in May at the community building (check her out on Facebook @ Kalama Zumba). Look for more information on the City webpage and Kalama Parks & Recreation Facebook Group page.



TALL GRASS?

Do you have a vacant lot near you with tall grass? As a reminder, please make sure not to allow your grass to get too tall—it can present a potential fire hazard during hot days. If you have concerns about lots with tall grass, call the City @ 360-673-5211.

<p>WHEN DO WE MEET?</p> <p><u>Kalama City Council</u> 1st and 3rd Thursdays - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Kalama Planning Commission</u> 2nd Thursday - 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Civil Service Commission</u> 4th Thursday - 5:30 p.m. – As needed</p> <p><u>Kalama Library Board</u> Bimonthly beginning in January on the 20th Wednesday - 5:15 p.m.</p> <p><u>MEETING LOCATION</u> *Hybrid meetings, physical location: 320 N 1st St, Kalama</p>	<p>POLICE OR FIRE EMERGENCIES – CALL 911</p> <p>PUBLIC WORKS - AFTER-HOURS EMERGENCY NUMBER (360) 703-0168 – OR CALL 911</p> <p>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</p>
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