

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City often receives calls concerning rules governing tree removal. Brier Municipal Code contains a tree ordinance that describes these rules. This ordinance can be summed up in a few sentences. Tree removal is allowed without permits on any lot that is not large enough to be subdivided. This means, if your lots is less than 25,000 square feet, you may remove trees on your property without a permit. If your lot is large enough to be subdivided, 25,000 square feet or larger, you need to apply for a tree removal permit before you remove a tree, or trees, from your property.

There are a few exceptions to these rules. Certain trees, labeled by the code as non-significant trees, can be removed no matter what size your property is. These trees include Black Locust, Cottonwood, Native Alder, and Lombardy Poplar.

No trees may be removed if they are located in a sensitive area such as a wetland or wetland buffer, a stream buffer, or a steep slope or steep slope buffer, no matter the size of your property or a trees non-significant status. Trees located in sensitive areas provide important functions such as wildlife habitat, shading of water, water retention, and erosion prevention. Trees located anywhere on your property can provide wildlife habitat, and water retention which reduces urban flooding. If it is necessary to remove a tree or

trees on your property, you may consider replanting an appropriate tree in an appropriate spot in your yard to provide these benefits. An appropriately placed tree in your yard can also provide shade from the summer sun thereby reducing cooling costs and keeping your family more comfortable on hot summer days.

If a tree is posing a hazard to life or property, let Brier City staff know. There are procedures written into the code for the removal of a hazard tree, even if the tree ordinance would otherwise prevent its removal. City staff will perform a preliminary evaluation and help guide you through the procedure.

If you have a supply of tools for maintaining your yard, you may need a little extra space to store these items. You may build accessory buildings, such as storage sheds and detached garages, as long as they do not occupy more than 10 percent of your lot. Accessory buildings that are 120 square feet or smaller, and are no more than one story in height, may be built without a building permit. However, these unpermitted buildings must still meet building code criteria, property line setback requirements, sensitive area buffers and setbacks, and steep slope setbacks. Call the City at 425.775.5440 for assistance in determining the appropriate buffer and setbacks.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

With winter behind us, it's time to welcome the warmth of spring and summer. With more people walking, please make sure all limbs and bushes are cut back from the sidewalks and away from traffic signs. Public Works has noticed that some residents, when doing their spring yard work, have been blowing or sweeping debris out into the roadway or sidewalks. This is a violation of the Brier Municipal Code.

Help Save Puget Sound What we do here, at our homes, is having a serious impact on our local waterways and ultimately on Puget Sound. Throughout the 12 counties that border Puget Sound there are thousands of storm drains and streams pouring polluted water into the Sound's delicate ecosystem.

Our actions on land pollute the Sound with yard chemicals, oil, grease, soap, and bacteria from pet waste and failing septic systems. Approximately 75% of all pollution in Puget Sound comes from storm water runoff that starts in our neighborhoods. This untreated storm water flows over roads and yards and into storm drains and ditches. It empties directly into streams, rivers and lakes and winds its way into Puget Sound - where it stays.

But together, we can fix it. By changing a few of the things we do in our yards, with our cars, around our dogs and in our homes, we can help save Puget Sound at its source. Visit www.pugetsoundstartshere.org for more information.

Reporting Spills

Department of Ecology spill hotlines
 - DOE Spill Line: (360) 407-6300
 - Oil Spills: 1-800-OILS-911
 - City of Brier: (425) 775-5440 - During

Normal Business Hours
 - Dial 911 - After Hours and on
 Weekends and Holidays

Final Note: It is a violation of Brier Municipal Code to attach any type of signage (yard sale, home for rent, etc) on any traffic sign posts or utility poles.

The Department of Ecology and the City of Brier recommend washing all vehicles on the grass in your yard, so the pollutants filter out thru the soil, or the best solution of all is to use the local car wash. Washing vehicles, boats and motor homes/campers on driveways or other "hard" surfaces lead to the wash water flowing down the street and into the nearest storm drain. This practice increases the amount of pollutants that enter our storm system, all of which flow into our local streams, which are Lyon, Scriber, Locust and Lost Lake by the Cemetery. Please do your part to help take care of our streams and waterways.

PASSPORT SERVICES

The City of Brier provides full Passport Services. You may apply for your passport at Brier City Hall, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM. Passport Photo Service is also available making the endeavor a one stop service. For further information please contact Brier City Hall at 425-775-5440 or 425-775-5452.

SNO-ISLE / BRIER LIBRARY

Can't make it to the library? Check out our virtual library at www.sno-isle.org where you will find information ranging in topics from genealogy to car repair, plus a growing collection of downloadable audio books. We offer Live Homework Help for grades 3-12.

One-to-one online tutors are available from 1-10 pm, seven days per week.

This summer at the Library!

- The Summer Reading Kickoff Party, Yo Ho! A Pirate's Concert, will be Wednesday, June 30th at 11AM. Climb aboard! We're settin' sail for high seas adventure! Join award-winning songwriter Eric Ode and his first mate, Anthony Rat, for a musical tale of sharks, storms, and hidden treasure.
- Teens Summer Reading, Make Waves @ the Library, opens with a Game Night Challenge on June 23rd at 6PM.
- Preschoolers are invited to special story times just for them on Fridays at 11AM throughout the year.
- The third annual KidScare will happen August 6th at 12PM. This year we will be decorating book bags. The Brier Knit-Wits meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month to knit and chat about books. Knitters of all skill level are invited to join them from 6 -8 pm.
- The Brier Reading Club meets the 2nd Tuesday of September through June to discuss a selected book. Call the Brier Library (425-483-0888) for titles.
- Want to give back to the community and the library? Be a Friend! The Friends of the Brier Library is a non-profit organization that fundraises to support programs at your library.

PARKS

When you are out and about walking, look for our Park Link signs. They will

direct you down safe walking roads and paths from one park to another.

This year with the help of Cameron Forbis, earning his Eagle Scout, the Bobcat Park old play area and parking were renovated.

Do you want to use the Gazebo in Brier Park for a special event - reserve it in advance. For Brier residences, it is only \$40.00 for 4 hours - Call 425 775-5440.

Mark these days for upcoming events:

Skate Park event with BC Sports – August 7th from noon to 3 pm.

SeaScare - Brier Road - August 11th - 7:00 pm - this year featuring the movie The Bride of Frankenstein.

Complete details are available at ci.brier.wa.us.

POLICE DEPARTMENT **VACATION CHECKS**

The Brier Police Department offers Security House Checks to residents while away for prolonged periods. The Security House Check forms can be found online at ci.brier.wa.us or at the police department office. Please submit the completed form to the Brier Police Department.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The 26th Annual National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, 2010. National Night Out is a symbolic, nation wide crime prevention event that reflects the day in and day out cooperation of our citizens and police.

We invite the community to be part of our Night Out team and celebrate with us at the Brier Park from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Block BBQ's are traditionally held the night before, Monday, August 2, 2010. Please notify the police department if you are planning a block BBQ and they will do their best to attend.

**FIREWORKS RULES FOR THE
4TH OF JULY**

Only safe and sane fireworks can be discharged within the city limits. Remember: It is illegal to discharge or possess bottle rockets, salutes, m-80's, m-100's, firecrackers and sky rockets.

These illegal devices cause 90% of all fireworks related fires in Washington State. **The use or discharge of consumer fireworks is restricted to the fourth (4th) day of July each year during the hours of nine a.m. through eleven-fifty-nine (11:59) p.m.**

ANIMALS

Animals routinely become frightened by the noise of fireworks during the holiday celebrations and flee from their residences. To report lost or found pets please contact the Brier Police Department during business hours at 425-775-4552 and PAWS at 425-743-PAWS (7297).

FOUND PROPERTY

Numerous found property items are released to the Brier Police Department on a daily basis such as bicycles, jewelry, wallets, sporting equipment left at the local parks, clothing, etc...If you have lost an item in Brier, please contact the Brier Police Department at 425-775-5452 to report your lost or stolen property as the item may have been located and awaiting owner identification. Found property items are held at the Police Department for 60 days prior to disposal or auction.