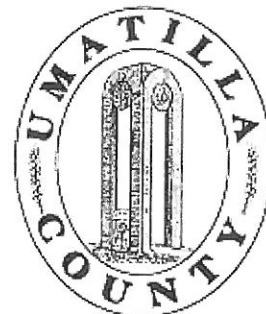


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WATER ON COUNTY ROADWAYS IS PROHIBITED

Umatilla County Code Enforcement would like to remind residents of Umatilla County that the discharge of water onto a public roadway is prohibited under ORS 368.256. This includes water discharged from an irrigation sprinkler or any other irrigation method.

Each year, County Road Department, Sheriff's Office and Code Enforcement receive numerous complaints from area residents. The primary concern is for safety, but citizens also have grievances about the nuisance created by water on roadways and the wasting of valuable water resources.

As the county moves into the irrigation season, County Code Enforcement Officers will be noting irrigation equipment that is in violation. Property owners will be asked to take steps to prevent further discharge of water onto roadways. Failure to comply with the statute may result in enforcement action, including but not limited to, the issuance of a citation to Circuit Court that may result in substantial penalties if found in violation.

For more information or to file a complaint about water on the roadway, call the Umatilla County Planning Department at (541)278-6252.