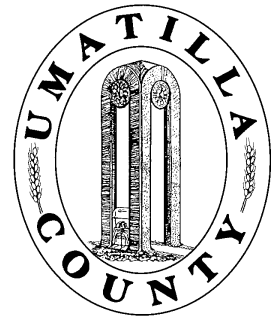


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Department of Land Use Planning



PRESS RELEASE

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**Land Use
Planning
Division:**
541-278-6252

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(541) 278-6300

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT**
541-278-6300

**Emergency
Management
Division:**

Keep Irrigation Over-Spray Off Public Roads

**EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT**
541-966-3700

Pendleton, Ore. - With warmer weather on its way, farmers in Umatilla County are reminded to keep irrigation over-spray off county and public roadways when watering fields.

**CHEMICAL
STOCKPILE
EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS
PROGRAM
(CSEPP)**
541-567-2084
541-966-3700
1-877-367-2737

Oregon Revised Statutes, 368.256 (1) states, "Except as authorized by the county governing body, an owner or lawful occupant of land shall not allow: (a) Any water to overflow, seep or otherwise discharge from that land onto a public road under county jurisdiction including, but not limited to, water that is passing over the land, diverted from the land by an obstruction on the land, flowing from the land because of rainfall or discharged from an irrigation sprinkler or other device."

"The county receives many complaints from residents each year about irrigation sprinklers spraying on public roadways", said Dennis Doherty, Chairman, Umatilla County Board of Commissioners. "We want farmers to be aware that it is a violation of the State law."

Violations can be reported directly to Land Use Planning by calling (541) 278-6300. Umatilla County webpage also has an online complaint form residents can access by going to www.umatillacounty.net, under the Land Use Planning page, then under Code Enforcement on the right side of the page.

For more information, contact Gina Miller, Code Enforcement Assistant, at (541) 278-6300.