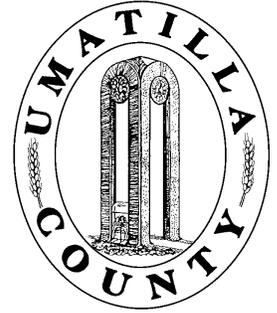


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## WATER ON COUNTY ROADWAYS IS PROHIBITED

Umatilla County Code Enforcement Program is taking new steps to address water on roadways. Many irrigators (residential and farm) are not aware of a state law that prohibits water on roadways. Under ORS 386.256, the discharge of water onto a public roadway by a landowner or occupant of land is illegal. This includes water discharged from an irrigation sprinkler or other irrigation method.

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

County Code Enforcement Officers will be placing WARNING TAGS on 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, call the Umatilla County Planning Department at (541)278-6252.

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