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Community Members,

One of the most asked questions I have been getting lately is around the issue of yard waste. Now, you think that would not get me too excited. But, to tell you the truth, to have people concerned with what they are going to do with their yard waste since the City's recycling center shut down is a refreshing change of pace! I find some comfort in knowing that I am not the only one using some of his "stay home / stay safe" time to do some much-needed yard work. And I know that there is nothing a do-it-yourselfer likes less than not being able to get rid of all that collected "stuff".

I know it is not a good time to close the dumpster for yard waste. One thing we did, to try to compensate a bit, was to expand the weeks we will be doing yard waste pick up. We are doing it for the whole month of April. Hopefully that helps. And please understand that we are doing this while operating with a bare-bones public works crew. So, they will get around to it, but it might have to sit out for a time until they can make it to your home. But it will get done! Thank you for your patience!

But now there is some real exciting news around that very issue. Chelan County is opening up their yard waste dump site out off of Icicle Road on East Leavenworth Road. It will be open to all people living within the apple maggot quarantine area (and if you are reading this, it probably means you are). If you want to confirm whether you are residing in the quarantine area, you can check at this website: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/InformationLookup/index.html?appid=5754ccc895ff4530b9a3258a169a7802> At any rate, the County will open its site for one day only! **This Friday, April 17th, between the hours of 8AM and 3PM.** So, load up that truck, trailer, or van and head out to rid yourself of some accumulated yard waste! A big thank you to our friends at Chelan County Solid Waste for helping out.

I'm sure that won't end the comments or questions I will get around the whole issue of yard waste. But as I said above, that is OK. Makes things seem a bit more normal. In the meantime, happy raking! Stay home and stay safe!



Carl J. Florea, Mayor

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