



City of Ketchum

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## **What's Allowed in Right of Way?**

*Ketchum Plans May 28 Meeting*

KETCHUM, IDAHO—A city workshop will be held on Thursday, May 28, to discuss standards and regulations on working in city rights of way and the riparian zone near the river, as well as requirements for working on trees.

The city will no longer allow improvements such as irrigation, landscaping, fencing and pavers in the right of way, Ketchum Public Works Director/City Engineer Robyn Mattison said. However, improvements currently in the right of way will be allowed to remain unless they are creating issues such as reducing parking or limiting visibility at intersections. Property owners may be required to remove them if major work is done.

Permits are required for work in the right of way other than minor repairs and maintenance, work within 25 feet of a stream or river, and work on trees in the right of way.

The city is studying whether additional changes may be necessary, Mattison added, and will ask for comments at the meeting.

Senior Planner/Building and Development Manager Rebecca Bundy will discuss riparian zone regulations and required permits.

Director of Parks & Recreation Jennifer L. Smith will describe the city's responsibility for trees in the right of way and the permitting process for city tree trimming and removal.

The meeting will be held in City Council chambers at Ketchum City Hall, 480 East Ave. N, at 9 a.m.

Reservations are requested but not required for the free workshop. Call 726-7801 or email [participate@ketchumidaho.org](mailto:participate@ketchumidaho.org). Although the meeting is intended primarily for landscaping companies and contractors, it is open to anyone.

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## **About the City of Ketchum**

The city of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hiking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. The city of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the city of Ketchum, visit [www.ketchumidaho.org](http://www.ketchumidaho.org).

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