

WEST JORDAN GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

How are you preparing for spring? Now is a good time to get our yards back to a clean, useable condition to enjoy this summer. Would you believe having a beautiful yard doesn't require that much water?

WHY CONSERVE WATER?

We just experienced the 9th driest February in over the past 128 years. While the Division of Natural Resources downgraded the state from exceptional drought to extreme drought status – we're still far below the snowpack needed to refill our reservoirs. Because we conserved water so well last year, we did not have to mandate restrictions. We can do that again this year by paying attention to our watering procedures.

HOW THE CITY IS CONSERVING WATER:

Once again, West Jordan is prioritizing wise water use this Spring, Summer, and Fall. Last year, the city passed a new landscaping ordinance that encourages the use of water-wise landscapes, smart meters, and no longer requires grass in park strips. The city is also teaming up with Jordan Valley Conservation Garden Park who offers classes and rebates to residents.

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN SAVE WATER AND MONEY:

- Wait to water – wait to begin landscape watering until temperatures reach the mid-70s for several consecutive days.
- Fix leaks – leaky pipes and fixtures waste water and money.
- Get a rebate – there are plenty of offers and rebates for residents to take advantage of to conserve and save money from flipping your strip to replacing old toilets. Learn more at UtahWaterSavers.com

Making efforts today saves water for tomorrow. I look forward to seeing you all outside!

Sincerely,

Mayor Dirk Burton

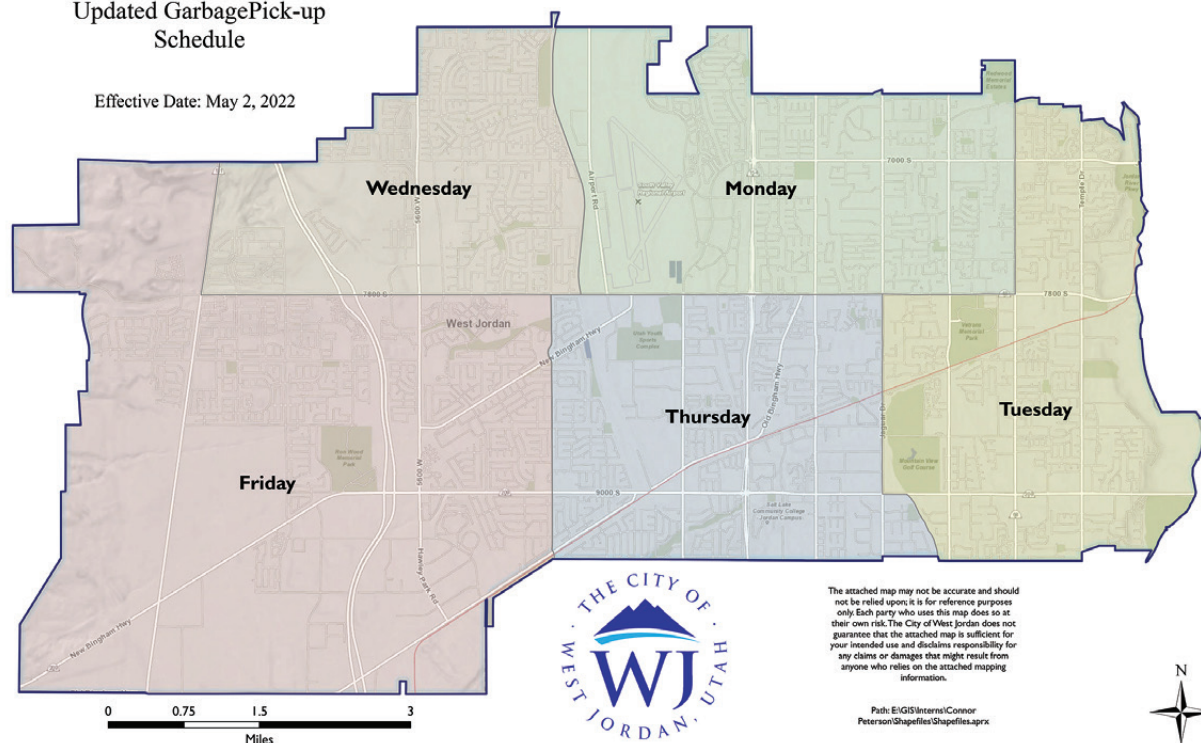
Garbage Day is Changing for SOME Residents

West Jordan has experienced rapid growth over the last several years, causing uneven garbage pick-up distribution days. Pick-up day is shifting for some neighborhoods to help even out the number of dumpsters picked up every weekday.

If you live in an HOA, your garbage may be managed by a private provider, please check with your HOA board to find out if your garbage day is changing. This goes into effect on May 2, 2022.

Updated Garbage Pick-up Schedule

Effective Date: May 2, 2022



You can view a larger image of the map above, and find more information on the change, on our website: westjordan.utah.gov/garbage-day.

THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16th 2022
Utah Youth Soccer Complex
7965 S. 4000 W.
Free Egg Hunt, ages 2-15 welcome,
bring your own basket.

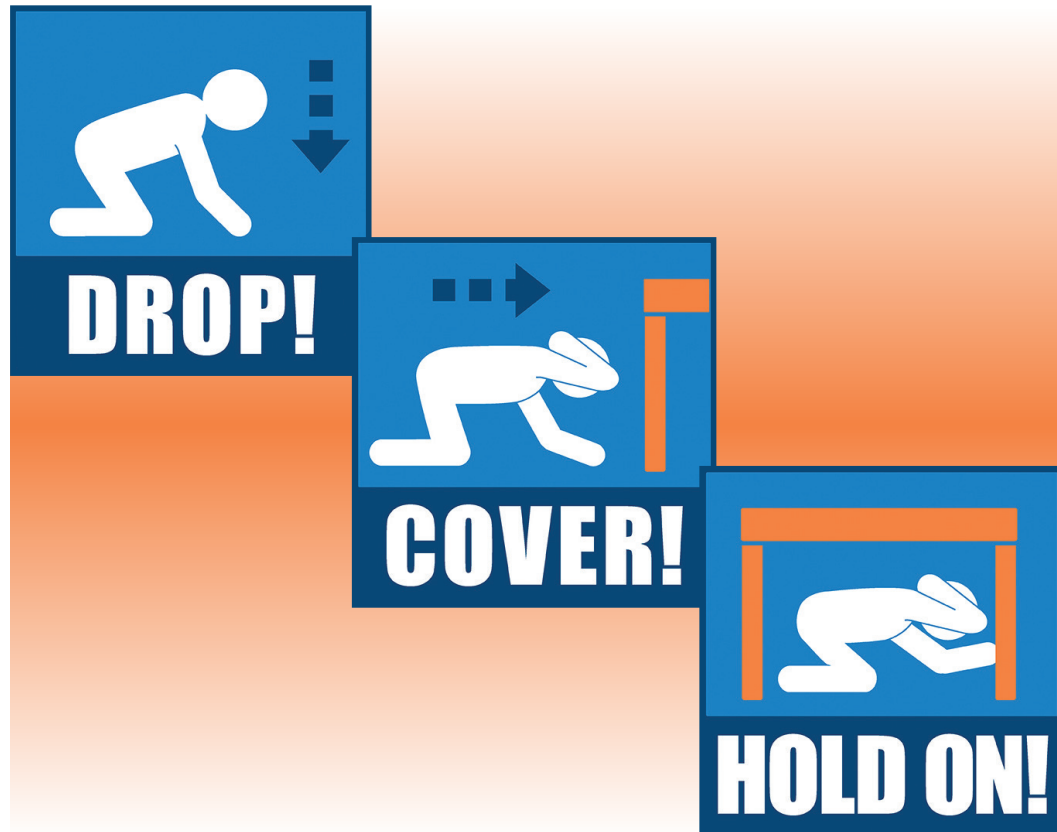


The Great Utah Shakeout — Drop, Cover, Hold On

Have you ever thought about what you would do during an earthquake here in the Salt Lake valley? Where your safe place would be?

Each year the Utah Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Management invites Utahans to participate in The Great Utah Shakeout. This year's event is Thursday, April 21, at 10:15 am. Last year, more than 1,000,000 Utahns participated.

Just what is the shakeout? It is an opportunity for individuals, families, and organizations that they work for, or belong to, to practice how they would protect themselves when an earthquake happens along the Wasatch front, or as we learned in 2020, anywhere in the Salt Lake Valley. So what can people do?



WHEN INDOORS, YOU CAN DROP, COVER AND HOLD ON:

- First, DROP to the floor
- Next, take COVER under a sturdy desk or table
- Then, HOLD ON until the shaking stops

It is important for your safety to stay indoors until the shaking stops. Stay under cover until you are sure it is safe to come out.

If you are **outside** when the earthquake occurs, find a clear area away from buildings, power lines, streetlights, and trees, then, just like inside, Drop, Cover, and Hold On. Remain there until there is no more shaking.

If you are **driving**, stop at a clear area, stay there until the shaking stops, with your seatbelt fastened. Once the shaking stops, continue on your way, but use caution and avoid any damaged infrastructure.

During an earthquake, injuries are rarely caused by the ground shaking. Most injuries and deaths related to earthquakes are the result of walls and roofs collapsing, and flying debris such as glass and other objects.

For more information on being safe during an earthquake, go to The Great Utah Shakeout at www.shakeout.org/utah/dropcoverholdon/ or call Jeff Mulcahy, City of West Jordan Emergency Manager, 801-834-8502 or jeff.mulcahy@westjordan.utah.gov.

Tell us about life in West Jordan.

Your participation in this survey will inform the city's planning processes and give us a better understanding of wellbeing across Utah.



UtahStateUniversity



TELL US ABOUT LIFE IN WEST JORDAN

Utah State University's Utah Wellbeing Project has partnered with many cities and towns throughout Utah to conduct a public wellbeing survey. West Jordan City encourages you to take 10 minutes to provide your feedback. You must be age 18+. Disponible en Español. Please share with others in your household and the West Jordan City community. For more information you can contact Dr. Flint at courtney.flint@usu.edu

TAKE THE SURVEY: West Jordan's link is:

<https://tinyurl.com/WestJordan2022>



Utah Red Cross and City of West Jordan
Quarterly Blood Drive
May 9th

9:00AM to 3:00PM
Located at Pioneer Hall
1137 West 7800 South

By appointment only
redcrossblood.org



Tips for Avoiding Social Media Scams and Fraud

The FTC recently reported that they've seen a huge spike in people losing money from social media scams in recent years, and the citizens of West Jordan are not exempt from these scams. Data from 2021 suggests that 95,000 people—more than twice the number in 2020—reported losing money to social media fraud in 2021 with scammers and fraudsters profiting a total of \$770 million. Most of the reports involved someone who ordered a product from social media that never arrived.



HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO AVOID FALLING VICTIM TO A SCAM:

- The FTC says many scammers can use the same tools as advertisers on social media platforms to target their victims. One way consumers can avoid this is by opting out of targeted ads.
- Social media users should also consider changing their privacy settings to limit who can see their information. Scammers rely on any information users share, so they can be more convincing.
- Social media users should also consider how a seller is asking them to pay. Never agree to pay for an item, or even make a deposit, before receiving the item. This is one of the easiest ways to get scammed. A scammer may ask you to place a deposit or advance payment to secure the item. Odds are, you will never receive the item, and the scammer will disappear with your money.
- Scam artists will often try to get you to pay in advance by money order, gift card, cash, or wire transfer. Avoid these methods of payment because if the seller runs off with your money, you won't have any way to trace it or get it back. Pay with a credit card if you're ordering the item online. If purchasing it from a local seller, pay for it at the time you pick it up.
- Exchanging the money and the item at the same time, preferably in a well-lit, public location is always best. When meeting a seller in person, bring another person with you as an added precaution. West Jordan City offers a safe, monitored "Exchange Zone" located on the west side of the police department, just south of the main entrance where transactions may be made any time.
- Criminal prosecution is very difficult with regards to scams. They will normally end up as a civil problem, but police department investigators would still like to hear about the incident. If you are a victim or think you may be a victim of a scam, please call the police department at (801) 840-4000.

COUNCIL CORNER

April showers may bring May flowers, but that doesn't mean we can be careless about our water use this Spring and Summer. Did you know it takes approximately 3,000 gallons of water each time you water the average quarter-acre yard? This can add up quickly during a drought like the one Utah is currently facing.

"A great resource to use to help decide how often you should be watering your yard is the 'Weekly Lawn Watering Guide' from the Utah Department of Natural Resources," said Council Member Kelvin Green. "For now, it indicates that we should wait to water until the temperatures are in the mid-70s for several consecutive days. You can find this guide on the Department of Natural Resources website. We all need to reduce our usage this year by 5 percent."

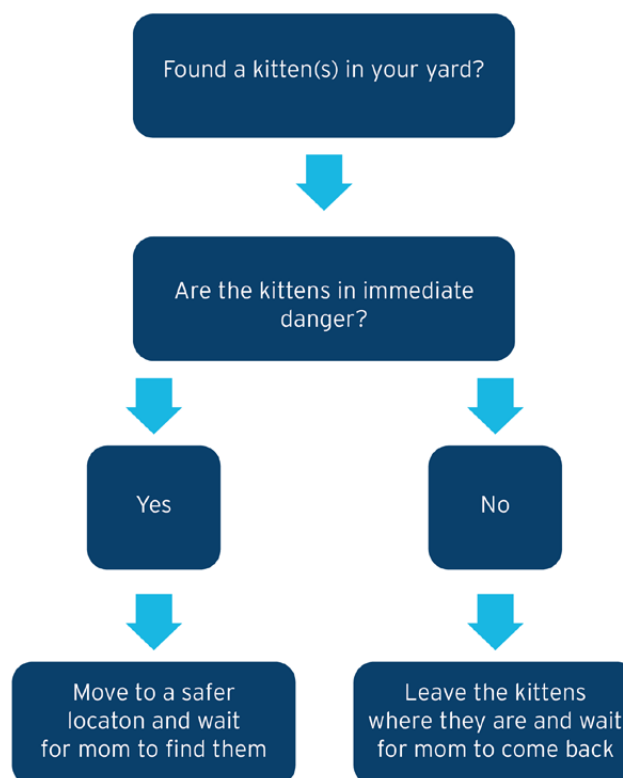
To help ensure that everyone in the City can receive an appropriate amount of water during extreme droughts, the City Council is working with Public Works to

adopt an updated drought management plan. (The last plan was adopted in 2003.) These types of plans are important, as they create a framework for residents and their city to follow when water usage needs to be restricted.

"Something that's important to me within the new drought management plan is that residents receive adequate warnings before they are fined when any implemented water restrictions are violated," said Council Member Melissa Worthen. "I also think once the plan is adopted, it will be essential to communicate what is expected of the residents and to keep residents updated as to whether restrictions are in place. We want to give residents a chance to conserve water and to follow the new structures."

The City Council will discuss the drought management plan in this month and will likely adopt a final plan by the end of spring, so be sure to look for this item on future City Council Meeting Agendas.

Kitten season is here — Tips from the West Jordan Animal Shelter



-Don't kit-nap: a kitten's best chance of survival is with mom until they are at least 6 weeks old. **Leave the kittens where they are.** If the kittens are fat, clean, and quiet it means they are being taken care of.

Tip: If you are unsure if mom is coming back, leave a ring of flour around the kittens. Check in a few hours to see if mom's footprints are in the flour. If there are footprints, the mom is taking care of her kittens.

If you would like to help, West Jordan offers the TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) program through the animal shelter. West Jordan residents may get a humane cat trap at the West Jordan Animal Shelter to trap community cats.

Unsure if you should intervene? Call the West Jordan Animal Shelter at 801-282-3951.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>APRIL 4</p> <p>GREEN WASTE PROGRAM BEGINS on regular garbage day through November</p>	<p>APRIL 5</p> <p>PLANNING COMMISSION</p> <p>View the agenda at westjordan.utah.gov or watch at: bit.ly/WestJordan 6 – 9 p.m.</p>	<p>APRIL 13</p> <p>CITY COUNCIL MEETING</p> <p>View the agenda at westjordan.utah.gov or watch at: bit.ly/WestJordan 7 – 10:30 p.m.</p>
<p>APRIL 16</p> <p>EASTER EGG HUNT Utah Youth Soccer Complex 7965 South 4000 West 9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>For more information: westjordan.utah.gov/calendar</p> 	
<p>APRIL 19</p> <p>PLANNING COMMISSION</p> <p>View the agenda at westjordan.utah.gov or watch at: bit.ly/WestJordan 6 – 9 p.m.</p>	<p>APRIL 27</p> <p>CITY COUNCIL MEETING</p> <p>View the agenda at westjordan.utah.gov or watch at: bit.ly/WestJordan 7 – 10:30 p.m.</p>	<p>APRIL 22</p> <p>BABYSITTING CLASS</p> <p>To register, visit Westjordan.utah.gov/fire 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</p>
		<p>APRIL 23</p> <p>CPR CLASS</p> <p>To register visit Westjordan.utah.gov/fire 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.</p>




NOW HIRING – Crossing Guards

The West Jordan Police Department is looking for two permanent crossing guards for Jim Bridger Elementary School in the Oquirrh Shadows neighborhood.

This would be an afternoon shift from 2:55 - 3:35 PM Monday through Thursday, and 12:50 - 1:30 PM on Fridays. The pay is \$15 a shift. A high school diploma or GED is required.

We are looking for community members that have a strong desire to help children get to and from school safely. Applicants can apply through the West Jordan City Website – westjordan.utah.gov.



WEST JORDAN UTAH

Crossing Guards Needed

Jim Bridger Elementary School

\$15/shift

NEW LOCATION

City E-Waste & Shred Event

May 7th, 2022
10AM - 12PM

West Jordan Public Works
(South Parking Lot)
Located at 7960 S 4000 W
westjordan.utah.gov/garbage




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