

# At Your Service

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## For a safe, warm, happy holiday

The holidays are a joyous and happy time. Ogden City Fire Department offers these suggestions to keep your holiday celebrations fire-safe:

### Live Christmas Trees

- Make sure it's fresh.
- Needles should be hard to pull from branches.
- Cut two inches from trunk bottom for better water absorption.
- Water generously and continually through the season.
- Keep tree away from heat sources.
- Inspect lights for cracked or frayed wiring.

### Candles

- Do not leave candles unattended.
- Keep flame 12 inches from any combustible object.
- Do not place in traffic areas.
- Keep out of reach of children.

### Alarms and Detectors

- Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Check all fuel burning appliances to ensure carbon monoxide is exiting your home properly.
- Carbon monoxide is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in America. It is odorless and invisible; you can't see it, taste it, or smell it.
- Be aware of carbon monoxide poisoning especially if flu like symptoms develop.

## Economic Development in Ogden Recognized

The International Economic Development Council has recognized Ogden City's Community and Economic Development department for creating innovative and successful strategies to promote positive change in a period of global recovery. The Gold Excellence Award honors Ogden City's public-private partnership with the Boyer Company and commends Ogden City for being at the forefront of the economic development profession and using cutting-edge, effective practices that can be replicated to promote positive change in other communities.



## Jumpstart the Holiday Season November 24 in Downtown Ogden

Santa will arrive in Ogden on Saturday, November 24, to flip the magic switch that turns on the lights of Christmas Village and kicks off a season-long celebration at Municipal Gardens.

**4:30pm Santa Run:** Hundreds of runners dressed in Santa suits will make their way up and down the parade route on Washington Blvd. Anyone can participate. Registration includes Santa suit and beard. 801-335-4940 or [www.runsanta.com](http://www.runsanta.com).

**5:30pm Holiday Electric Light Parade:** Watch as fifty lit up parade floats travel south on Washington Blvd from 22nd Street to 26th Street.

**6:30pm Gala and Fireworks:** When the parade is finished at approximately 6:30, enjoy the official Christmas Village opening gala at the amphitheater featuring live entertainment, parade awards, and a firework show.

## Residents Encouraged to do their Holiday Shopping in Ogden

This year the Ogden City Council and Mayor Caldwell encourage residents to focus their holiday shopping and dining within Ogden City limits. There are many great reasons to shop locally, which include: the availability of quality products, convenience, reducing environmental impacts, and stimulating our local economy.

This is a great opportunity to contribute to our community and well-being. Shopping locally keeps sales tax dollars in Ogden providing a direct benefit for Ogden City residents. These tax dollars afford Ogden City with the means to not only continue existing services but to help improve the areas where we live, work, and play.

## Automated Water Meters Provide Accuracy and Leak Detection

A common question from residents to the water utility staff is, "Did I really use this much water?" In a time when every penny counts, this is a very valid question. Ogden City Water Utility has invested large amounts of capital to ensure residents' meters are reading accurately.

Old water meters throughout the city are being replaced with new automated meters that are capable of providing the user with detailed water usage. This is helpful for residents trying to conserve water and money, and can be effective in detecting leaks between the meter and the home or within the home itself.

Ogden City Council has approved additional funding for this program, and as part of the recently adopted rate study roughly \$1.5 million dollars have been set aside for both FY2013 and FY2014 to upgrade residential water meters. Manual read meters will be upgraded to radio read meters which will lessen the likelihood that human error will result in an incorrect bill.

Of the 24,587 open water accounts in Ogden, roughly 56% have been converted to radio read meters. The Water Utility anticipates installing 6,200 meters by next summer and hopes to install radio read meters for all open accounts by the end of next year.

For more information regarding the automated meter installation program contact Ogden City Water Utility at 801-629-8321.



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## Ogden City Recreation offers Youth Basketball Programs

**Jr. Jazz Basketball Registration, Boys grades 3 through 12:** Registration for boys in grades 3 through 12 is open through December 17. Season begins mid-January. Games are Saturdays, and team practices are weekday evenings. A Jr. Jazz jersey is included in the registration fee. A Utah Jazz player will make an appearance at Weber State University's Dee Events Center to interact with Jr. Jazz players.

**Mighty Mites Basketball Registration:** Registration for children 3 to 5 years old is open through December 31, or until the class is filled. This program introduces children and their parent or guardian to the sport of basketball and teach the skills and fundamentals of the game. Parents or guardians and children participate together in fun activities and drills. Class meets Tuesday evenings beginning January 14, 2013, for six weeks.

Fee reduction available for Ogden City residents who qualify with proof of current income.

For more information on these and other programs contact Ogden City Recreation at 1875 Monroe Blvd or 801-629-8253. Register online at [www.ogdencity.com](http://www.ogdencity.com).

## Waterline Rehabilitation to Begin in Ogden Canyon

A 100-year-old water pipeline in Ogden Canyon is being rehabilitated. Because the pipeline follows the path of SR-39 through much of the canyon, some roadwork will accompany the repair.

Construction is expected from early November through April 2013, and motorists can expect minimal delays of 5 to 10 minutes. For more information about the project, visit [www.ogdencanyonh2o.com](http://www.ogdencanyonh2o.com) or call the project hotline at 801-675-8189.

## Don't waste one of the greatest fall harvests: leaves!

One of the very best ways to improve garden and flower bed soil is to add organic matter, and that is just what nature has provided with fallen leaves. Organic matter improves water retention in sandy soils and improves air and water flow in Utah's heavy clay soils; leaves are also rich in trace minerals and can help feed beneficial soil microbes, earthworms, and fungi. Leaves can do a lot for you if you let them.

One of the best ways to use this amazing resource is to shred your leaves in a chipper or shredder, or simply pile them up and run them over a few times with the lawn mower. When mulched, the volume of the leaves is reduced down by about 10 to 1 and they are much easier to manage and store. Place shredded leaves directly onto the soil and till or fork into your growing beds. Place a thick layer around tender perennials as an attractive mulch to protect plants from winter cold, or store them in bags in the shed until needed for mulching beds in the spring.

If this has not used up all the leaves in your yard, think about holding some over for next year's composting as additional carbon to balance out the high nitrogen kitchen scraps and grass clippings.

Don't have enough leaves? Ask your neighbors; they'll be happy to share and may even have them already bagged up for you.

If all this feels overwhelming, then Ogden City's Green Waste site located at 1845 Monroe Blvd is the next best place to take your leaves. At the Green Waste site your leaves will be turned into a rich compost which is then sold back to the community at very reasonable prices. Green Waste Site is open Monday through Saturday, 8:30am to 5pm, closed holidays. Call 801-629-8271 for more info.

## Citizen Corps: Prepare Your Car for Winter



With winter on the horizon, Ogden's Citizen Corps reminds automobile owners to make sure their vehicles are in good mechanical condition and prepared for winter driving conditions. This should include roadworthy tires and good windshield wiper blades.

Also, be sure to have an emergency kit in each vehicle, including items such as a blanket, flashlight, first-aid kit, drinking water, high-energy food bars, weather appropriate clothing, a collapsible shovel, and jumper cables. It is also a good practice to keep each fuel tank above the half-full level.

For information regarding Ogden's Citizen Corps, for help with neighborhood safety, to receive emergency preparedness training, or to volunteer with Citizen Corps, phone 801-629-8948 or email [citizencorps@ogdencity.com](mailto:citizencorps@ogdencity.com).

## Animal Services has moved to the Police Department

Ogden City Animal Services is now located within the Public Safety Building at 2186 Lincoln Avenue. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm excluding holidays. Patrols are in force from 8am to 10pm daily, and Animal Control Officers respond 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for emergencies.

Contact Animal Services (801-629-8244) with concerns of animal bites, stray aggressive dogs, roaming dogs, and for information on pet licensing and micro chipping.

After-hours emergency calls (801-395-8221) will be responded to concerning bites and aggressive or injured animals.

Pet licensing is now offered at the Public Safety Building until 6pm on weekdays. For pet owners' convenience licensing is still offered at the Municipal Building (2549 Washington Blvd, Second floor) and Recreation Building (1875 Monroe) until 5pm, or online anytime (<http://petlicense.ogdencity.com>).

## Fly from Ogden Airport

Ogden area residents are enjoying the convenience of flying from Ogden-Hinckley Airport. Commercial passenger service connects Ogden to Mesa, Arizona. And the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport is a great connecting point to reach at least 40 other US destinations.

With snowy weather on its way, now is a great time to plan a vacation to warm Mesa, Arizona, to escape the winter chill. Book your flight with Allegiant Air at [www.allegiantair.com](http://www.allegiantair.com) for a great deal and the convenience of flying right out of Ogden-Hinckley Airport.

Save money by booking at the Ogden airport ticket counter at 3909 Airport Road. The ticket counter is open for one hour after each flight departure from Ogden.



## Is my trash day delayed due to the holiday?

- Nov 11, Veterans Day: No Delay
- Nov 22, Thanksgiving: No pickup service on Thursday. Thursday's pickup will take place on Friday and Friday's pickup is moved to Saturday.
- Dec 25, Christmas: No pickup service on Tuesday. Tuesday's pickup will be on Wednesday, and each day for the remainder of the week will be delayed one day.
- Jan 1, 2013, New Years Day: No pickup service on Tuesday. Each day for the remainder of the week will be delayed one day.

Questions about your curbside pickup of trash and recyclables? Call 801-629-8271.

## Down Payment Assistance

The Own in Ogden program offers down payment assistance for low to moderate income home buyers in targeted areas. Call 801-629-8940 for more information.

## Home Sweet Ogden

Ogden City refurbishes homes and sells them at a great bargain. Visit [homesweetogden.ogdencity.com](http://homesweetogden.ogdencity.com) for a listing of homes for sale within the program or call 801-629-8940 for more info.



### Useful Ogden City Contacts

• 801-629-8000 Ogden City Corp main line  
• 801-629-8159 City Council agenda

• 801-629-8961 Code Enforcement  
• 801-629-8752 Graffiti Task Force

• 801-629-8284 Christmas Village  
• 801-629-8251 Ogden-Hinckley Airport

• 801-395-8221 Non-Emergency Police & Fire  
• 801-629-8244 Animal Services