

## At Your Service

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## Holiday Safety

The Fire Department wants you to stay safe and enjoy this holiday season. A little extra time and some common sense can go a long way in preventing disasters.

- Keep Christmas trees away from heat sources like fireplaces or vents and out of the way of traffic and exits.
- If you have a live tree, water it daily. Dry trees burn very hot and very rapidly, and they provide a quick mechanism to ignite the entire room.
- Extension cords should be UL listed and plugged directly into a wall outlet. Do not piggyback cords together and do not overload electrical circuits with too many lights or appliances.
- Tree decorations should be non-combustible or flame retardant.
- Tree candles are an absolute no-no.
- Always turn off Christmas lights before leaving. Never leave lights on when no one is home.
- Take extra care when using candles.
- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from any combustible surface or material. Make sure the heater is turned off when no one is home.

**OGDEN  
WINTER  
FEST**  
where cold is cool

**January 27 & 28**

You can play in the snow,  
and we'll bring the mountains to you.  
You can ski down in downtown  
or race a horse down the avenue.  
Where the park is in the city  
come show us your best;  
Where cold is cool...  
at Ogden's Winterfest!

**Find out more and sign up for  
events at [ogdenwinterfest.com](http://ogdenwinterfest.com)**



## Results of 2011 Ogden City Municipal Election

A sincere thank you to the residents of Ogden for a successful municipal election. With a great turnout at the polls, citizens made their choice for Ogden's next leadership. Congratulations to the new elected officials; they will take office in January.

**Mayor** – Mike Caldwell

**Councilmember: Municipal Ward 2** – Richard Hyer

**Councilmember: Municipal Ward 4** – Caitlin K. Gochnour

**Councilmember: At Large Seat C** – Amy L. Wicks



## Ordinance of the Month: Snow Removal

With each snow storm that blows into our city comes the need for snow removal. Please follow these common snow removal practices to help keep all of us a little safer this winter.

**Do not blow or shovel snow onto streets.** It can freeze and cause accidents making a bad situation worse – and it is against the law Ordinance 7-2-8A. Be sure your snow blower spout is aimed to blow snow back onto your property instead of out into the street. We understand that the snowplows push snow from the road into driveways. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but it cannot be helped.

**Move vehicles off of the street during snowstorms** – Ordinance 10-5-21A. If a vehicle is left on the street, snowplows cannot clear the street properly. Keeping your vehicle off the street also helps eliminate accidental damage from other cars that may lose control on slick roads.

**Keep a safe distance between your car and the snowplow.** Snowplows can slide on ice and snow too; it is very smart to keep a safe distance between them and your vehicle. Snowplow drivers are concerned with your safety, and they follow many procedures to keep you, and them, safe.

**Clear the snow around fire hydrants** – International Fire Code Section 508.5.5. Be aware of the fire hydrant in front of your home and be sure to clear the snow around it so it is accessible to the fire department at all times. If you are unable to get the hydrant cleared, you may request assistance at 801-629-8074.

## Enjoy Christmas Village all Season Long



Ogden celebrates its 50th year of Christmas magic at Municipal Gardens, 343 Historic 25th Street. Cottages and displays are lit from 5pm to midnight through Jan 1, 2012. Santa will greet children in his castle Mon – Fri, 6 to 9pm, and Saturdays, 5 to 9pm through Dec 23. Pictures with Santa are just \$5. Enjoy free live entertainment in the Amphitheater Tues – Sat, 6:30 to 8pm. Hot chocolate sales will benefit the Shoes for Tots program. Christmas Village souvenir sweatshirts are \$18 to \$25 at the Christmas Village Store. Proceeds fund new displays and lights for future years of Christmas Village. Like Ogden's Christmas Village on [www.facebook.com/Holiday Electric Light Parade Christmas Village](http://www.facebook.com/HolidayElectricLightParadeChristmasVillage). More info at 801-629-8284, [www.ogdencity.com](http://www.ogdencity.com), or [specialevents@ogdencity.com](mailto:specialevents@ogdencity.com).



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at this code for **free** download



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## License Your Pet online at Ogden City's Website

Licensing your pet just got easier with online services now available through Ogden City.

Because a license is your pet's best ticket home if he or she is ever lost or stolen, Ogden's animal control officers are finding innovative ways to help more citizens register their pets.

Nearly 80% of dogs and 95% of cats in Ogden are not licensed. This is unfortunate because in addition to providing identification tags for your pet, the licensing process also ensures pets get the vaccines they need to stay healthy and prevents an outbreak of the rabies virus.

Citizens simply visit the Ogden City website (<http://petlicense.ogdencity.com>) and provide basic information about their pet. After City personnel confirm with the pet owner's veterinarian that the rabies vaccinations are current, they prepare identification tags and call the resident to accept payment over the phone; then the license and tags are mailed to the resident's home.

Licensing fees are the same online as they are in person. Lifetime licenses are available, otherwise licenses are renewable each year. Sterile animals are licensed at a discounted rate. Pet owners age 60 and older receive a 20% discount when licensing their pets.

### Annual License – rabies vaccination required

- Dogs: \$30 or \$10 if sterile
- Cats: \$20 or \$5 if sterile
- Ferrets: \$5 microchip required
- Dangerous dogs: \$50 must be sterile

### Lifetime License – must be sterile and requires current rabies vaccination

- Dogs: \$75
- Cats: \$35
- Ferrets: \$35 microchip required

### Microchip – implanted in neck or shoulder

- Dogs: \$15
- Cats and Ferrets: must be implanted by veterinarian



## Furnace Safety Tips from the Fire Department

It is important to change your furnace filter regularly. The filter is usually found just inside the front cover of the furnace or it may have its own access door on the front of the furnace.

A clean filter will help your furnace burn more efficiently, and will help keep dust from being circulated through your home. Follow these safety tips to keep your furnace running its best through the winter.

- Keep the area around your furnace clean and unobstructed.
- Keep the burner area of your furnace clean.
- Furnaces that require lubrication on the motors and bearings should be attended to by a qualified heating technician once a year.
- Do not allow anything combustible within six inches of the vent pipe.
- Do not close off more than 20% of the registers in your house. This can cause high resistance and unnecessary heat build up in your furnace.
- Do not store combustible material such as paint thinners or gasoline near your furnace.



## Resolve to be Ready in 2012: Get CERT Trained

As the New Year approaches, Ogden's Citizen Corps reminds everyone that while making New Year's Resolutions, resolve to be prepared for emergencies. To help, Citizen Corps announces a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course to begin in January. This is an excellent opportunity to become trained and learn skills to take care of yourself or others in an extreme emergency or disaster.

This CERT course begins Thursday, January 19, 2012, and continues each Thursday through March 1 from 6:30 to 9:30pm at the Ogden-Weber ATC, 200 North Washington Boulevard, in the Business Building Lecture Hall.

Skills taught include personal and family preparedness, fire suppression and utilities control, light search and rescue, team organization and management, disaster medical triage, and disaster medical treatment and patient care, among others.

The course fee of \$30 pays for CERT personal safety gear and training material. Because of high interest for this training, preregister early at 801-778-6686 or email [citizencorps@ogdencity.com](mailto:citizencorps@ogdencity.com).

## Carbon Monoxide Detectors Required in All Homes

Carbon monoxide detectors save lives. Ogden City ordinance 12-17-3 requires carbon monoxide detectors in every residential dwelling. Discounted CO detectors are available to residents for \$10, about half the regular cost, at Ogden City's Cashier's office (2549 Washington Blvd, Ste 240). Bring a current utility bill to prove residency. Contact Ogden City Fire Department for more information, 801-629-8074.

## 2012 Trash & Recycle Pickup Schedule

Only four holidays in 2012 will cause a delay in trash and recycle pickup service: 4th of July, Pioneer Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Please note service is not delayed for the entire week, only for the day of the holiday and each day thereafter within the week. Take note of the holidays below that will, and will not, experience a delay in trash collection so you can adjust accordingly the day you put your bins at the curb for pickup.

- Jan 1, New Years Day: No Delay
  - Jan 16, Human Rights Day: No Delay
  - Feb 20, Presidents Day: No Delay
  - May 28, Memorial Day: No Delay
  - **Jul 4, Independence Day:** No pickup service on Wednesday. Wednesday's pickup will be on Thursday; Thursday's will be moved to Friday, and Friday's to Saturday.
  - **Jul 24, Pioneer Day:** 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.
  - Sep 3, Labor Day: No Delay
  - Oct 8, Columbus Day: No Delay
  - 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.
- Call 801-629-8271 with any curbside trash and recycle collection questions.

Useful Ogden City Contacts

- 801-629-8000 Ogden City Corp main line
- 801-629-8752 Graffiti Task Force

- 801-399-HELP Ogden City answers hotline
- 801-629-8159 City Council agenda information line