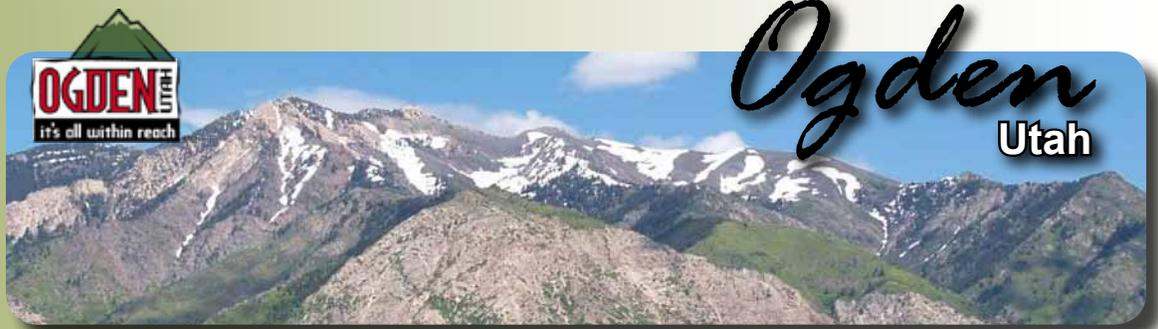


At Your Service

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Winterfest

You can play in the snow, and we'll bring the mountains to you.

You can ski down in downtown or race your horse down the avenue.

Where the park is in the city come show us your best;

Where cold is cool

At Ogden's first Winterfest!



February 12-14, 2010

Candle Safety

The Fire Department asks citizens, please be careful with candles this holiday season.

Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn. Use sturdy, safe candleholders. Never leave a burning candle unattended. Extinguish candles when you leave a room. Be careful not to splatter wax when extinguishing a candle. Consider using battery-operated flameless candles. Avoid using candles in bedrooms and sleeping areas. And always use a flashlight, instead of a candle, for emergency lighting.

Downtown Shopping for Every Season

Ogden has a legendary history of independently-owned unique retail shops downtown, and Ogden City has made substantial progress in revitalizing the downtown area with a commitment to continue the trend. So come downtown and bring your shopping list! There are a number of retail shops within the district between Washington Boulevard and Wall Avenue from 20th Street to 26th Street who are ready for your patronage. With so many options, why shop anywhere else?

Apparel

25th Street Boutique	127 Historic 25th Street
A & E Clothing.....	2220 Washington Blvd
Clifton's Ladies Apparel	2254 Washington Blvd
Dancer's Closet	2216 Washington Blvd
Dawn's Bridal	2342 Washington Blvd
Janet's Fashion.....	210 24th Street
Little Cherry Blossoms	184 Historic 25th Street
Ofellas Fashion.....	548 26th Street
Slavy Ageless Fashion Boutique	163 Historic 25th Street
Tookiloo	2242 Washington Blvd
Ume' Design	186 Historic 25th Street

Antiques

25th Street Emporium & Antiques.....	107 Historic 25th Street
Artists & Heirlooms Gallery.....	115 Historic 25th Street
Timeless Attic.....	167 Historic 25th Street

Gifts

Austin Accents	139 Historic 25th Street
Olive and Dahlia.....	215 Historic 25th Street
Trends and Traditions	201 Historic 25th Street

Cyclery

Bingham's Cyclery Inc.....	3259 Washington Blvd
Ye Olde Bike Shoppe.....	105 Historic 25th Street

Craft

Color Me Mine.....	188 Historic 25th Street
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Music and Books

Deseret Book	339 E 2250 S, Ste 100
Solid Rock Café	2208 Washington Blvd
The Music Shop	158 Historic 25th Street

Jewelry

Farrs Jewelry	2466 Washington Blvd
R. Goldworks.....	103 Historic 25th Street

Fine Arts

Fine Arts Gallery	290 Historic 25th Street, Ste 101
Gallery 25 Fine Art.....	286 Historic 25th Street

Kitchenware

G3.....	2340 Washington Blvd
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Comics

Hee Bee Gee Beez	2574 Washington Blvd
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Furniture

Indigo Sage Furniture	195 Historic 25th Street
Timberlodge Collection	2214 Washington Blvd

Kitchen Cabinetry

InStile & Rail.....	110 Historic 25th Street
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Needlepoint/Cross Stitch

Needlepoint Joint	241 Historic 25th Street
Shepherd's Bush	220 24th Street

Art & Office Supplies

Ogden Blue	175 Historic 25th Street
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Office Supplies

Ogden Stamp	214 24th Street
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Prevent Frozen Water Pipes

Dealing with frozen water pipes in your home is costly and inconvenient. Fortunately there are preventive steps you can take to help avoid frozen water pipes at your house.

Tips to avoid frozen pipes:

- During freezing weather keep thermostat at 55 degrees or higher, even when you're not at home.
- Insulate pipes and faucets on the outside walls of your home or in unheated areas.
- When the outside temperature is below freezing, open cabinet doors inside your house under the sinks to allow warm air to circulate near water pipes.
- During extreme outside weather, allow inside faucets to drip slowly. But keep this caution in mind: allowing water to run through any faucet will increase water usage on your utility bill.
- Know exactly where to locate your water shut-off valve in case you need to immediately shut off water to the home.

What to do if your pipes freeze:

- Open the cold water faucet nearest the freeze to reduce pressure in the pipes and lessen the risk of breakage.
- Locate the frozen pipe and use a hair dryer on low setting to distribute heat evenly along the pipe. Heating the pipe too rapidly could cause the pipe to burst. Caution: Never use an electrical appliance near water due to the risk of electrocution.
- Never use an open flame to unthaw pipes. It could cause a fire and may also heat the pipe too rapidly causing the pipe to burst.
- If you cannot locate a frozen pipe, contact Ogden City Public Utilities at 801-629-8325 to help determine if the line is frozen in your service line or meter box.
- If the line is frozen on your side of the meter box, a plumber may be needed.

Snow Removal Ordinances

Are you wishing for a white Christmas? We are too, but with each snow storm 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 sometimes 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 to 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, so it is very smart to keep a safe distance between them and your vehicle. Ogden City 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.

Stay Safe by Being Aware of Carbon Monoxide Dangers

With cold weather upon us, Fire Chief Mike Mathieu would like to remind residents of the dangers of carbon monoxide (CO), also known as the “silent killer.”

CO is an odorless, colorless, and tasteless gas. It is very dangerous because it can go undetected until those exposed to it experience ill symptoms.

Over the last five years, Ogden City has made a significant effort to prevent accidental deaths due to CO poisoning and has been able to place over 5,800 CO detectors in Ogden homes thanks to a Federal grant and local match from the Swanson Foundation. This was in response to unfortunate accidental deaths that had occurred in Ogden; two in 2003, one in 2005, and one in 2006. Happily, zero CO related accidental deaths have occurred in Ogden since the 2006 incident.

The 2006 incident brought focus to the development of a City ordinance which was adopted

in February 2007 requiring CO detectors in all city residences by November 1, 2007. However last year House Bill 402 was passed and signed into law which limits local government’s ability to enforce CO ordinances only to the occupants and tenants of a residence and not necessarily the owners of the dwellings, and therefore Mayor Godfrey and Ogden City Council will be addressing necessary ordinance modifications in the near future to comply with the State Law.

In the meantime Fire Chief Mathieu would like to remind residents of safety precautions and City programs available to address the dangers of CO poisoning. One-third of all CO incidents occur between October and December. Early symptoms include nausea, headache, fatigue, and cramping; and it can interfere with cognitive functions causing patients to be unaware of what may be happening to them.

Ogden City problem areas with CO incidents in 2008:

- Gas stoves – improper venting of CO gas.
- Gas furnaces – none or poor maintenance of flue vents, cracked heat exchangers allowing CO to escape into the home.
- Gas water heaters – none or poor maintenance of flue vents.
- Garages – vehicles left running in garages or other motorized tools; seepage into the home occurs.
- Fireplaces – Chimney flue needs cleaning and is not opened or properly adjusted.
- Gas dryers – Flue vents not properly maintained.
- One major incident last year involved 32 patients who were exposed to CO poisoning while enjoying a holiday meal that was being prepared in the garage on a propane barbeque device.

Help Ogden Fire Department continue meeting the goal of no more deaths by CO poisoning by following these simple steps:

- Perform regular maintenance on all fuel burning appliances.
- When operating generators, place them where their exhaust cannot enter the home.
- Don’t run vehicles inside garages for significant periods of time.
- Place a carbon monoxide detector near bedroom areas to ensure you are monitoring for the presence of this dangerous gas.

The City is currently providing discounted CO detectors to residents for placement in their own homes. Residents may purchase detectors at Ogden City’s Cashier’s office (2549 Washington Blvd, Ste 240) for \$10 each which is almost *half* the regular cost. Contact the Ogden City Fire Department at (801)629-8074 with questions or for more information.

Keep Pets Safe through the Holiday Season

Glass ornaments and tinsel can be dangerous to your four-legged friend if ingested. Holiday candy can be tempting but fatal. Chocolate contains theobromine which is poisonous to dogs if consumed in large amounts. The cold weather can be unbearable and fatal to your pet so be kind and offer a warm place to stay. Always make sure your pet has fresh water and plenty of food; it provides the energy your pet needs to stay warm. For more information call Ogden City’s Animal Shelter at 801-629-8832.

Home Ownership

Own in Ogden program offers down payment assistance for low and moderate income households. For more information call 801-629-8940.

Sea Propietario: Sea Propietario en Ogden ofrece ayuda para los costos de enganche para familias de moderados y bajos ingresos. Para recibir más información llame al 801-629-8940.

Trash and Recycle Collection

Please make note of the upcoming delay in curbside collection of household refuse:

- **Christmas Day 2009:** There will be no collection on Friday, December 25. Friday’s collection will move to Saturday.

2010 Schedule

The trash and recyclables curbside collection schedule for 2010 will be delayed only twice during the year.

- **New Years Day 2010:** There will be no collection on Friday, January 1. Friday’s collection will move to Saturday.
- **Thanksgiving 2010:** There will be no collection Thursday, November 25. Thursday’s collection will move to Friday, and Friday’s collection will move to Saturday.

All other holidays during 2010 will *not* see a delay in curbside pickup of household refuse.

Any questions may be directed to Ogden City at 801-629-8271.