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## Keeping Cottonwood Heights Affordable and Clean: Updates on Our Waste Management

Council Member Matt Holton



*The statements in this article are the author's views and not necessarily of the entire city council.*

As your District 1 Councilman, my daily focus is doing everything I can to keep life affordable and enjoyable for all

families here in Cottonwood Heights.

### The Value of Our Waste and Recycling Services

In this update, I want to focus on my work as a board member for the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD). As residents, we tend not to think about our trash and recycling collection unless there's a disruption in service or a rate increase. Because of this, providing regular, reliable, and efficient collection—

including traditional recycling, green waste, and glass—remains one of my top priorities.

### Recent Legislative Changes

Action taken during the 2026 state legislative session has put additional pressure on WFWRD to evaluate every aspect of our services. Historically, special districts like WFWRD are governed by representatives from each member city, and for a member city to leave, the governing board had to vote to allow the exit.

However, the passage of HB 429 (Special District Amendments) changed this dynamic. Now, a city council can vote to leave a district and establish its own individual collection without needing the district's approval. This legislative shift was spurred by Herriman City's desire to manage its own collection—a transition expected this year. As a result, WFWRD must ensure it offers an appropriate level of service and stays competitive with the various private-sector options deployed across the Salt

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- APRIL 2 : LOCALSCAPES COMMUNITY CLASS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH JWCD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM FROM 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- APRIL 4 : EASTER EGG HUNT AT BUTLER PARK
- APRIL 25 : SAPLING SALE AT CITY HALL PARKING LOT FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM
- MAY 20 : SENIOR SOCIAL BINGO FROM 1:30 PM TO 2:30 PM
- JUNE 1: SHRED EVENT AT HILLSIDE PLAZA FROM 9 AM TO NOON
- JUNE 6 : HARD-TO-RECYCLE EVENT (CHARM) AT HILLSIDE PLAZA
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FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [CH.UTAH.GOV](http://CH.UTAH.GOV) AND CLICK COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Cottonwood Heights Parks & Recreation

# EASTER EGG HUNT!

SAT. April 4, 2026  
**FREE community event!**

**Egg hunt begins @ 10 AM!**  
 For ages 12 & under

**Butler Park**  
 7500 S 2700 E

<b>Balloon Artist</b> 9:30-11:00	<b>Meet the Easter Bunny</b> 9:30-11:00	<b>Food Truck</b> 9:00-10:00
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For more information, contact [events@ch.utah.gov](mailto:events@ch.utah.gov)

## MAKE ART HAPPEN IN Cottonwood Heights

The Cottonwood Heights Arts Council is seeking passionate, creative, and community-minded residents to join our volunteer advisory board. Help us cultivate the arts in Cottonwood Heights!

- ✓ Support local artists and performers
- ✓ Help plan community arts events
- ✓ Promote creativity throughout Cottonwood Heights
- ✓ Connect with other passionate community members

**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!**

Scan the QR code or visit [cottonwoodheights.utah.gov/arts](http://cottonwoodheights.utah.gov/arts)

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS

## SENIOR SOCIAL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026  
 STARTS AT 1:30 PM  
 WHILE PRIZES LAST (AROUND 2:30 PM)  
 WHERE: COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY HALL  
 2277 E. BENGAL BLVD

**FREE BINGO FOR ADULTS 55+**

**BINGO**

Questions? Email [EVENTS@ch.utah.gov](mailto:EVENTS@ch.utah.gov)

## Art Exhibit

Cottonwood Heights Arts Council

Utah Division of Arts & Museums

*UWS Utah Watercolor Society*

March 20 - April 24  
 Mon-Thurs - 7 am to 5 pm  
 Cottonwood Heights City Hall  
 2277 E. Bengal Blvd.

[CHCityArts.com](http://CHCityArts.com)

## BUTLERVILLE DAYS

July 16-18, 2026

### Support Butlerville Days - Sponsor Today!

Sponsors are essential to the success of this family-friendly event!

By sponsoring Butlerville Days, you'll enjoy the following benefits:

- Gain recognition as a valued community partner
- Increase your visibility within the local community
- Offer exclusive event deals to attendees.

For more information on how to sponsor, visit [ButlervilleDays.com](http://ButlervilleDays.com)

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Lake Valley. Otherwise, we may see more member cities leave the district, making it increasingly unaffordable for those that remain.

**Upcoming Planning & Cost-Cutting Initiatives**

In the coming months, the WFWRD Board of Trustees will hold an in-depth planning session to face these new pressures head-on. Our goal is to evaluate all options to stay competitive, keep fees low for residents, and give the district the best chance for success before additional member cities consider leaving.

Here are several cost-cutting and efficiency strategies we will be exploring:

- **Reducing Administrative Costs:** Transitioning to postcard mailers and incentivizing customers to sign up for paperless billing to reduce mailing expenses.
- **Payment Processing:** Identifying a vendor that streamlines payments and reduces processing fees. For 2027, we are considering passing on credit card processing fees, while ensuring completely free payment alternatives remain

available to residents.

- **Service Adjustments:** Exploring more efficient alternatives to the Seasonal Container Reservation Program (SCRAP), such as offering a curbside pickup option during the spring or fall for seasonal cleaning.
- **Resident Preferences:** Surveying residents to determine whether weekly or bi-weekly recycling pickup is preferred, and reviewing various service offerings to see if certain programs are no longer necessary.
- **Revenue Growth:** Adding commercial customers to help supplement the overall budget and increase collection efficiencies.
- **Distance-Based Zoning:** Evaluating zoning options so communities located further away (like those up our canyons) pay a rate reflective of their distance. Cottonwood Heights is much closer to the district's garage and landfill, meaning it costs the district comparatively less to service our city than various other communities.



**My Commitment to You**

These are just a few ideas on the table, and I would appreciate any and all feedback that you, as members of our community, would like to share.

Over the next year, if the district cannot meet the needs of our residents at a level of service and cost comparable to what communities outside the district receive, Cottonwood Heights will have an obligation to look at alternative options. I am committed to making sure you are getting the best available services for your hard-earned dollars. ■

April at the County Library | Whitmore

Cottonwood Heights Senior Corner

Teens	Family	Adults
<p><b>Teen Monthly Origami:</b> Cactus Planter Monday, April 13, All day Includes folding instructions and paper. This month's origami is a cactus planter. Packets are first come, first served.</p> <p><b>Teen Take &amp; Make:</b> Teen Bird of the Month - Gardening Chick Monday, April 27, All day Come in the 4th Monday of each month in 2026 to make a different seasonal bird! Packets are first come, first served, while supplies last. *Sewing needle not included*</p>	<p><b>Art Explorers</b> Saturday, April 4, 10:30 am Have fun exploring your creative side! Each month we will feature an assortment of materials and tools for everyone to explore. Suitable for all ages (young children may require adult assistance).</p> <p><b>Springtime in the Rockies:</b> A Concert by The Jeannie Luke Choir Thursday, April 9, 5 pm Come enjoy a celebration of spring with fun and lively songs and old favorites. Performed by The Jeannie Luke Choir of the Murray Senior Recreation Center.</p> <p><b>Utah Puppet Theater</b> Friday, April 10, 11 am Come watch a fun and funny puppet performance from the Utah Puppet Theater!</p> <p><b>Babcock Performing Readers:</b> Voices from RMS Titanic Thursday, April 16, 7 pm A tribute in poetry and prose to those who lost their lives on April 14, 1912 and to those who survived the maiden voyage of the "unsinkable" luxury liner to tell their own stories.</p> <p><b>Dia de los Niños Party</b> Saturday, April 25, 10:15 am - 1 pm Celebrate Dia de los Niños with storytime at 10:15, followed by face painting, crafts, a scavenger hunt, and prize fishing in our fish pond! All will take place in the children's section. <i>*No actual fish are involved in this activity.*</i></p>	<p><b>All Ability Activity Kits available</b> Wednesday, April 1 Pick up a fun activity kit designed for ADULTS and TEENS with intellectual disabilities while supplies last!</p> <p><b>Sound Bath Experience</b> Tuesday, April 7, 7 pm During this time, you will experience a variety of vibrations and frequencies to help calm the mind, regulate the nervous system and stimulate deep relaxation. Be prepared to lay down, rest and enjoy. Bring a mat, blanket, pillow, or anything else to help you get nice and cozy.</p> <p><b>Prevent Type 2 Diabetes</b> Presented by Utah's Department of Health and Human Services Mondays April 13, 20, 27, 6 pm The National Diabetes Prevention Program is a year-long evidence-based lifestyle change program for people diagnosed with pre-diabetes or who are at risk of developing diabetes. Participants learn how to eat healthy, add physical activity to your routine, manage stress, stay motivated, and solve problems that can get in the way of meeting goals. <b>Registration is required.</b></p> <p><b>Nonfiction Book Club</b> Wednesday, April 15, 7 pm Join us for a discussion of new and noteworthy nonfiction books. This month's book is <i>The Escape Artist</i> by Jonathan Freedland. New readers are always welcome!</p> <p><b>Adult (and Teen!) DIY: Bedazzled Books</b> Tuesday, April 21, 7 pm B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Book) to create your own personalized, bedazzled masterpiece! We'll provide the gems and glue, you bring the reading material. Arrive on time - space is limited!</p> <p><b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b> Wednesday, April 22, 11 pm - 7 pm Give blood to help others. Schedule your appointment at <a href="http://redcrossblood.org">redcrossblood.org</a> or 1.800.RED.CROSS, or just drop in.</p> <p><b>Finding the Law</b> Thursday, April 30, 6:30 pm This program introduces free law and related resources to self-represented individuals and anyone interested in learning more about finding the law.</p>
<p><b>Early Learners</b></p> <p><b>Family Storytime</b> Mondays April 6, 13, 20, 27 Tuesdays April 7, 14, 21, 28 10:15 am Storytime fun for the whole family. We'll be talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing.</p> <p><b>Ready, Set, Move!</b> Thursdays April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10:15 am Can you "head, shoulders, knees and toes" with the best? Music and movement for little ones and their grown-ups.</p> <p><b>Play &amp; Learn</b> Thursdays April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 11 am Interactive play and early learning activities for children ages 0-5 and their caring adult(s).</p> <p><b>Saturday Morning Stories</b> Saturday, April 18, 10:15 am Too busy for weekday storytimes? This storytime is for you! Children and a caring adult will have fun listening to stories, singing songs, and more in the upstairs storytime room.</p> <p><b>Pajama Storytime</b> Monday, April 20, 7 pm Wrap up your day with stories, songs, and movement in the upstairs storytime room. Pajamas optional.</p>	<p><b>Kids</b></p> <p><b>LEGO Club</b> Wednesday, April 1, 4 pm Build and create with tons of our LEGO® bricks in the upstairs storytime room.</p> <p><b>STEAM Club</b> Wednesday, April 15, 4 pm Fun activities and crafts based around STEAM principles. Held in the upstairs storytime room.</p>	
	<p><b>Whitmore Gallery</b></p> <p><b>Bella Vista Elementary School:</b> A Love Letter to Bella Vista April 13 - May 15</p>	

## COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS SENIOR CORNER

**Color, Connect, and Care: Community Opportunities at Mt. Olympus Senior Center**

*Looking for a simple way to relax, connect, and boost your well-being? Join the Coloring Club at the Mt. Olympus Senior Center every Wednesday from 12:30-2:30 PM. Coloring is a creative outlet that can help reduce stress, improve focus, support motor skills, and provide comfort for those coping with memory loss or grief. Come for the creativity, and stay for the great conversations and sense of community!*

**Looking to make a meaningful impact in someone's life?**  
Make a difference in just 60-90 minutes a week by volunteering with the Meals on Wheels program through Salt Lake County Aging and Adult Services. Help support an isolated senior in your community while giving back in a meaningful way. **Call (385) 468-3283 to get started.**

**Mt. Olympus Senior Center**  
1635 E. Murray Holladay Rd.  
Holladay, UT  
Call (385) 468-3130 for more information.

**Contact Us!**



**The County Library | Whitmore**  
2197 E Fort Union Blvd  
Cottonwood Heights, Utah 84121 | 801.943.4636  
[thecountylibrary.org](http://thecountylibrary.org)

## Smoke Alarms & Carbon Monoxide - Your Home's Early Warning System

Assistant Fire Chief Riley Pilgrim



We spend many hours indoors using heaters, fireplaces, and other appliances to stay comfortable. While these conveniences make daily life easier, they also increase the risk of house fires and

carbon monoxide (CO) exposure. The good news is that working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors provide early warnings that save lives.

### Early Warnings Make All the Difference

Smoke from a fire and carbon monoxide gas pose very different dangers and both can be deadly if they go undetected. Smoke alarms alert you to fire, while carbon monoxide detectors warn you about a colorless, odorless gas that can quickly overwhelm occupants without warning. These alarms buy you precious time, sometimes just minutes, to safely get outside and call for help.

### Test Today, Stay Protected Tomorrow

Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors only work if they are properly maintained. Residents are encouraged to test all alarms monthly and replace



batteries as needed. If an alarm chirps, it is a sign the battery needs attention and should not be ignored. Devices that are more than ten years old should be replaced entirely to ensure reliable protection.

### Part of a Bigger Safety Plan

Alarms are most effective when they are part of a complete home safety strategy. Every household should have:

- A home escape plan with at least two ways out of each room
- A designated meeting place outside
- Regular practice drills, especially with children
- A shared understanding of what to do when an alarm sounds

Taking these steps helps ensure that everyone, both young and old, knows how to respond quickly and calmly in an emergency.

This month, please take a few minutes to check your alarms and talk with your family about home safety. These small actions can make a life-saving difference. ■



## Protecting Our Waterways

As spring arrives in Cottonwood Heights, it's the perfect time to refresh not only our homes and yards, but also our shared environment. One simple way residents can make a big impact is by helping protect our local waterways.

### Spring Clean-Up Matters

Take a few moments this season to clear leaves, dirt, and debris from storm drains in your neighborhood. When drains become blocked, they can cause street flooding and carry pollutants into our rivers, lakes, and reservoirs. While the City's Public Works team regularly inspects and maintains storm drain grates, resident support is invaluable. If you notice a clogged or damaged drain, please report it so it can be addressed promptly.

### Stop Waterway Crime

Stormwater—rain and snow runoff—flows through gutters and into storm drains,

emptying untreated into Big and Little Cottonwood Creek and ultimately the Great Salt Lake. This means anything that enters a storm drain goes straight into our natural waterways.

Dumping pollutants such as chemicals, trash, or yard waste into gutters, storm drains, or creeks harms aquatic life and is against the law. If you witness illegal dumping, please report it immediately by calling City Hall at 801-944-7002 or by submitting a report online <https://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov/city-services/public-works/storm-water>

Our stormwater team responds quickly to protect our creeks from harmful contamination. By staying vigilant and



working together as a community, we can help keep our waterways clean, safe, and healthy for everyone.

Let's do our part this spring to protect the environment we all share. ■

## Storm-water Tip of the Month

Duck. Duck. Goose. Cute as they may be, do not feed waterfowl. It's up to you to prevent the spread of E. coli in our creeks and waterways. ■

## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The City Council previously adopted Proclamation 2020-04, designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month—a time to recognize the importance of strengthening families and preventing child abuse in our community.

Throughout April, we are reminded that every child deserves a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment. By working together and supporting families, we can build a community where children thrive.

### Wear Blue Day

Join us on **Friday, April 10, 2026**, for Wear Blue Day! Show your support for

children and families by wearing blue.

Blue represents possibility, strength, and the bright future every child deserves. When we center families and invest in their well-being, the possibilities are endless.

Together, we can raise awareness, inspire action, and create a safer, stronger community for all children. ■



## Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet for National Take Back Day

Join Cottonwood Heights' public health coalition, Health in the Heights, for **National Prescription Drug Take Back Day**—a simple and important way to help keep your household and community safe.

Unused or expired prescription medications can pose serious risks if left at home. Holding onto them increases the chance of misuse or accidental harm. Take this opportunity to safely dispose of them and reduce that risk.

### Event Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, April 25, 2026
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Cottonwood Heights City Hall (2277 E. Bengal Blvd.)

### What You Can Bring:

- Unused or expired prescription medications

E-cigarettes and vape devices (batteries must be removed)

### Please Note:

- No over-the-counter medications accepted
- Prescription liquids must remain in original bottles

This free event is quick, safe, and anonymous. Help protect your loved ones and contribute to a healthier community by participating

*Please note: No over-the-counter medications will be accepted. Prescription liquids must remain in their original bottles. E-cigarettes and vape devices are accepted only if batteries are removed.* ■



## Stay Connected with Cottonwood Heights!

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[cottonwoodheights.utah.gov/subscribe](https://cottonwoodheights.utah.gov/subscribe)

**Be informed. Be involved. Stay connected.**



# From Mountain Snow to City Taps: A Century of Water in Cottonwood Heights

As snowmelt rushes down the Wasatch canyons each spring, it's easy to forget that the water sustaining our desert home results from over a century of bold engineering, complex legal battles, and a few close calls with Mother Nature.

In the early 1900s, Salt Lake City faced a crisis: it was growing faster than its water supply. To solve this, engineers looked to the water that flows annually from Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons. Between 1905 and 1907, a massive conduit was constructed at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon to carry culinary water directly to city reservoirs.

By 1924, a clever exchange system had been perfected. Lower-elevation farmers traded their pure canyon water for irrigation water pumped from Utah Lake via the East Jordan Canal. This allowed the higher benches of what is now Cottonwood Heights to access the reliable canyon flow that continues to support our taps today.

This chapter of our local canyon water use is part of a much larger story. Through both the Colorado River Compact of 1922 and the Colorado River Storage Project Act of 1956, Utah secured its share of the Colorado River, which flows through seven western states

before emptying into the Gulf of California in Mexico. This led to the Central Utah Project (CUP), a massive system of tunnels and aqueducts that moves water from the Uinta Basin to the Wasatch Front. Without this complex "Law of the River," the rapid growth of our city and surrounding areas would have been impossible.

But while the water systems that sustain Utah rely on consistent snowpack every year, the winter of 1982–1983 reminded us of the risks. After receiving 26 inches of Snow Water Equivalent (SWE)—a record that stood until the historic winter of 2023—the spring runoff became a deluge. In May 1983, the canyons couldn't hold the melt. In downtown Salt Lake City, the situation was so dire that officials converted State Street into a literal river to protect the city's infrastructure. Residents today still recall the "sandbag parties" and the surreal sight of neighbors kayaking past storefronts.

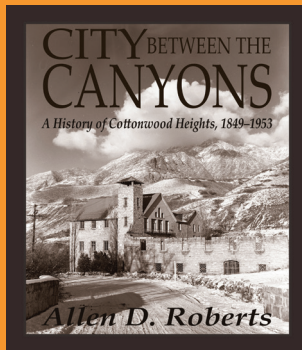
The infrastructure built in the 20th century and the lessons learned in 1983 remain an



Picture of the 1957 water treatment plant in Big Cottonwood Canyon courtesy of the Utah Division of State History

important front line of defense. As we navigate new climate patterns, water managers and policy makers continue to balance the need for storage with the necessity of flood prevention. Utah remains one of the most arid states in the nation, and our history proves that while we can't control the weather, our community's spirit and engineering can certainly help manage the flow. ■

## Book Sale



### Buy the book!

Get your very own copy of the hardbound history book *City Between the Canyons: A History of Cottonwood Heights, 1849-1953!* Buy yours at City Hall for **\$10** or online at **ch.utah.gov/history-book** for **\$15** with shipping. ■



### Parks & Rec Kids Camp

June 1 - August 7  
1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

Registration **OPENS** April 15 @ 6pm

### Tennis & Pickleball Clinics

June 1 - 11 • June 15 - 25 • July 6 - 16 • July 27 - Aug. 6

Registration **OPENS** April 15 @ 6pm

### Swim Lessons

Sessions beginning June 1st  
Registration **OPENS** April 25 @ 12pm

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Fire authority ..... 743-7200  
Animal control ..... 944-7100  
Justice court ..... 273-9731

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City planning ..... 944-7060  
Public works..... 944-7002  
Recorder ..... 944-7015  
Finance director ..... 944-7012  
Code enforcement ..... 840-4000  
Police administration..... 944-7100

## City council meetings

- **April 7:** Work session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m. (tentative time)
- **April 21:** Work session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m. (tentative time)
- **May 5:** Work session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), business meeting at 7 p.m. (tentative time)

City council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday each month at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. unless otherwise noticed. Agendas are posted at least 24 hours before public meetings at [ch.utah.gov/agendas](http://ch.utah.gov/agendas).

## Planning Commission

The Planning Commission generally holds meetings at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

**Editor:** Beatriz Mayorga,  
Communication Manager

# Bella Vista Community Invited to Celebrate Six Decades of Tiger Pride at Memory Night

For six decades, Bella Vista Elementary has been more than a school. It has been a gathering place, a neighborhood landmark, and second home to generations of students, families, and educators in Cottonwood Heights. Now, as the Bella Vista Tigers prepare to join neighboring Ridgecrest Elementary, the community is invited to the campus for an evening in celebration of the school's legacy and lasting impact. In partnership with the school's PTA, Bella Vista will host a Memory Night on Monday, May 4, 2026, 5-7 p.m., welcoming current and former students, families, faculty and community members to walk through the halls and reconnect with old friends. Friends of Bella Vista are invited to contribute to the evening by sharing memories and stories through a dedicated online form. Organizers also encourage alumni, and current and former staff and families, to bring yearbooks, photographs, and other memorabilia to temporarily display during the event. ■

## BELLA VISTA MEMORY NIGHT

Open house to share memories of the school. Please come visit with past staff and administrators. Commemorative coins for all students and staff.

 **4 May 2026**

 **5-7 p.m.**

 **2131 Fort Union Blvd**



The entire community is invited to come share their favorite memories of the school. If you memories you liked to share or collectibles you are willing to showcase i.e., old t-shirts, photos please contribute through the qr code. There will be cake and commemorative coins given to all the students and staff.

MEMORIES HERE



## SUSTAINABILITY

# Spring Yard Check: Preparing Your Landscape for a Dry Year

*Maverick Yeh, Planner III*

This winter brought warmer temperatures and less snow than usual across much of Utah. Because snowpack plays an important role in our water supply, this year may present additional challenges for maintaining healthy landscapes. Taking a few simple steps early in the season can help residents protect their yards while using water more efficiently.

As temperatures warm and yards begin to green up, spring is a good time to perform a quick landscape check.

First, inspect your irrigation system before regular watering begins. Look for broken sprinkler heads, clogged nozzles, or leaks in drip lines. Adjust sprinkler heads so water is directed onto landscaping rather than sidewalks or driveways. Small fixes early in the season can prevent wasted water throughout the summer.

Second, consider adding mulch around trees, shrubs, and garden beds. A two- to three-inch layer of mulch helps retain soil moisture, reduce evaporation, and protect plant roots from

temperature fluctuations. Mulch is one of the easiest ways to support plant health while conserving water.

Spring is also a good time to inspect trees and shrubs for winter damage. Remove broken branches and make sure young trees have adequate space around the base so water can reach the roots.

Finally, when irrigation season begins, watering early in the morning is the most efficient approach. This reduces evaporation and helps plants absorb moisture more effectively. ■



# Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District: Spring Cleanup Made Easy with Green Waste Services

## 2026 Seasonal Container Reservation Program (SCRP)

In 2025, Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District (WFWRD) introduced a tiered reservation system designed to make the program more accessible for residents across the Salt Lake Valley. This tiered process will continue in 2026. All reservations open at 8:00 AM on your area's designated reservation days.

### Reservation Tiers by Location:

- **Early Bird Residents:** Residents who were on last year's waitlist and did not receive a container, or who did not participate in 2025, receive early access to the reservation calendar. This group will have a dedicated three-day window to reserve a container.
- **General Access Residents:** After the Early Bird window closes, any remaining containers become available to all other eligible residents in the designated area on a first-come, first-

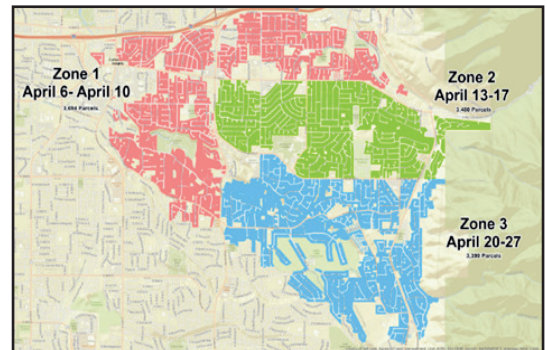
served basis for the remainder of the reservation period.

This phased structure helps promote broader access to the program for residents.

All reservations must be completed online by the homeowner due to required disclosures and forms. Availability is limited, so we encourage residents to reserve a container as early as possible.

**Pro Tip:** Consider sharing a container with neighbors to make the most of this complementary seasonal service that is funded through your base service fees.

For 2026 reservation dates, service areas, and full details, watch for your SCRCP postcard in the mail with your designated website link and QR code. For an interactive experience **lookup your service**



information by address or visit <https://wfwr.utah.gov/SCRP/>

### 2026 SCRCP Service Dates

<b>Zone 1:</b>	<b>April 06-10</b>
<b>Zone 2:</b>	<b>April 13-17</b>
<b>Zone 3:</b>	<b>April 20-27</b>

## WFWRD: We're Switching to a New Payment Vendor in April

We're updating our online payment system to a new, easier-to-use platform with Point & Pay! Beginning in early April, if we have your email on file, you will receive an email from "noreply+wasatch-fwr-district@paydici.com" with a link to set up your account.

Please keep an eye out for this email in your junk or promotions folder. Until then, please continue to use the current online payment platform with Xpress Bill Pay.

### With Point & Pay, you will find:

- EASY WAYS TO VIEW AND PAY YOUR BILL
- Secure Online Payments
- Autopay/Scheduled Payments/One-time Payments
- Paperless Billing
- Text/Email Notifications
- Multiple Language Preferences



More information is coming soon! ■

# FREE SHREDDING EVENT

Monday- June 1st  
9 AM-12 PM

Hillside Plaza Parking Lot  
2300 E Ft Union Blvd

All materials will be shredded in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Please remember to follow all posted traffic patterns. Thanks you.

Shredding available to all Cottonwood Heights Residents

Proof of Residency required

Personal Use Only  
No Businesses

LIMIT 5 BANKER BOXES PER HOUSEHOLD

Staples and paperclips okay  
NO other metal objects

5x

On site shredding conducted by

City between the canyons

For Questions- Email [Events@ch.utah.gov](mailto:Events@ch.utah.gov)

## JOIN US CHaRM Event

The Utah Recycling Alliance is proud to host a CHaRM (collection of hard-to-recycle materials) event in partnership with Cottonwood Heights!

Saturday, June 6, 9am-Noon

2378 E Fort Union Blvd,  
Cottonwood Heights, UT, 84121