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Building a Stronger City Through Openness and Collaboration

Mayor Gay Lynn Bennion



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

As I've started serving as your mayor, I've heard, "What will your priorities be?" With five years

experience as a state representative, I've learned enough about government to know that until I thoroughly understand our city, I don't have that answer. I bring my values of transparency, fairness, an open mind, and a desire to connect with and learn from all of you.

Having worked with our council and staff for two months now, I see our budget as the highest

priority. It should reflect the priorities of our council. However, our budget is in a tight survival mode. Due to two long-term leases, we won't realize projected income from the Town Centre for several years. With sales tax and property tax flat, and no substantial fee increases since 2007, our income doesn't cover basic costs. 2018 was the only year our city raised property taxes, and that approximate 14% increase only raised income to cover expenses, so for the past 7 years, our city has been using reserve funds to cover costs of operations.

Operating and maintenance costs have not been adequately budgeted over the years, so necessities such as a new City Hall boiler have been paid for from reserves. Our staff had a 25% turnover in 2025, and part of that was due to a sense that the city leadership was not investing properly for the future of the city. Since the 2018 tax increase, we've

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 3

- CHPRD MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION
- TOWN CENTER OPEN SPACE DISCUSSION
- PREVENT CHILD ABUSE UTAH (RECOGNIZE APRIL AS PREVENT CHILD ABUSE MONTH)
- COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

MARCH 17 (MEETING CANCELLED)

APRIL 7

- CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION (CWC) REPORT
- SOUTH VALLEY CHAMBER REPORT
- HEALTH IN THE HEIGHTS REPORT
- SAPLING SALE UPDATE
- PROCLAMATION FOR TREE CITY USA 2026

APRIL 21

- FINANCE REPORT

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- **MARCH 19** : AMERICA'S BIG BAND JAZZ AMBASSADORS EVENT AT BUTLER MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATRE
- **MARCH 26** : COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY BOOK GROUP IN THE CULLIMORE COMMUNITY ROOM FROM 7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM
- **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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT CH.UTAH.GOV AND CLICK COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Cottonwood Heights Arts Council Presents

AMERICA'S BIG BAND

JAZZ AMBASSADORS

The Musical Ambassadors of the Army.
Washington, DC

A FREE Ticketed Event!

Ticket reservations required
visit CHCityArts.com

MARCH 19, AT 7PM
BUTLER MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATRE
 7530 S. 2700 E. ★ COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS



The United States Army Field Band

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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

Balloon Artist 9:30-11:00	Meet the Easter Bunny 9:30-11:00	Food Truck 9:00-10:00
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For more information, contact events@ch.utah.gov

Art Exhibit

Cottonwood Heights Arts Council

Children exploring the world through art.

Exhibit by Local Business Smartest Artist

February 20 - March 18, 2026
 Weekdays - 8 am to 5 pm
 Cottonwood Heights City Hall
 2277 E. Bengal Blvd.



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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



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all experienced 29% inflation. Unless we want to drastically cut city services, we face the need to raise revenues, and property taxes are the main lever our council controls. For the average home in our city, if property taxes were set on a monthly basis, the cost would be about \$67—an amazingly low cost for fire and police service, street, sidewalk, and all other city services.

A few weeks ago, we invited citizens to apply and serve on a Citizen Budget Committee. We have a great committee now helping us review the budget and look for efficiencies. This is another example of the tremendous support we receive from residents. Watch our council meetings in April as we continue this work on the budget.

Another top priority this year is the Old Mill. The owners presented a Conditional Use Permit for demolition to our planning commission on January 21st. Our city has one year to determine if they meet the required criteria in our code, and we are looking to our residents to help determine if this

historic structure can and should be preserved. I was impressed by the number of people who spoke in the business meeting and offered services, donations, and leadership to find a way to preserve the Old Mill. Our city is taking proactive steps of hiring an engineer to provide a review of the structure and setting up meetings with the owners, Preservation Utah, and others. My goal is to explore any possible adaptive use for this structure that is symbolic of our history and iconic in memory for so many.

I don't have all the answers for the challenges our city faces, and I know we are always better off together. Please fill out the request on the **Mayor's Office page** (<https://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov/your-government/mayor-s-office>) of our website, or call 801-944-7015 to schedule a Thursday afternoon appointment with me, and join me March 26th at 7 pm for our City Book Group at City Hall as we discuss *Crucial Conversations*, 3rd Edition by Joseph Grenny. ■

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS Book Group!

This month's read: *Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes are High, Third Edition*

Join us for an evening of meaningful discussions and a chance to connect with fellow book lovers.

Date: Thursday, March 26th, 2026
Location: Cottonwood Heights City Community Room
Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

March at the County Library | Whitmore

Teens	Family	Adults
<p>Teen Monthly Origami: Cactus Monday, March 9, All day Includes folding instructions and paper. This month's origami is a cactus. Packets are first come, first served.</p> <p>Teen Craft Program: Bead Weaving Monday, March 16, 5 pm Join us to make your own unique woven bead creation!</p> <p>Teen Take & Make: Teen Bird of the Month - Robin Monday, March 23, 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>Seed Library available Monday, March 2, All day Pick up some seeds. Grow vegetables, herbs, fruits and flowers. Harvest the seeds. Return them for the next person to use. While supplies last.</p> <p>Art Explorers Saturday, March 7, 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>Utah Puppet Theater Friday, March 13, 11 am Come watch a fun and funny puppet performance from the Utah Puppet Theater!</p> <p>Craft Drop and Swap March 16 - 21, All day Jumpstart your spring cleaning by sharing or trading your extra craft supplies with the community. You can drop, swap, or drop AND swap items each day, from open 'til close. Find new artistic inspiration and protect our one and only Earth by preventing usable items from ending up in the landfill.</p> <p>Babcock Performing Readers: Two Hemingway Short Stories Thursday, March 19, 7 pm Come and enjoy two short stories by Ernest Hemingway performed in the reader's theater format by this amazing group.</p>	<p>All Ability Activity Kits available Monday, March 2, All day Pick up a fun activity kit designed for ADULTS and TEENS with intellectual disabilities while supplies last!</p> <p>Nonfiction Book Club Wednesday, March 18, 7 pm Join us for a discussion of new and noteworthy nonfiction books. This month's book is <i>The Emerald Mile</i> by Kevin Fedarko. New readers are always welcome!</p> <p>Adult Take & Make: Seed Starter Kit Friday, March 20, All day Celebrate the start of spring with a seed starter kit. The kit includes seeds, a peat pot, soil, and seed starting instructions. Let's get growing! While supplies last.</p>
Early Learners	Kids	
<p>Family Storytime Mondays March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesdays March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 10:15 am Storytime fun for the whole family. We'll be talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing.</p> <p>Ready, Set, Move! Thursdays March 5, 12, 19, 26; 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>Play & Learn Thursdays March 5, 12, 19, 26; 11 am Interactive play and early learning activities for children ages 0-5 and their caring adult(s).</p> <p>Saturday Morning Stories Saturday, March 21, 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>Pajama Storytime Monday, March 23, 7 pm Wrap up your day with stories, songs, and movement in the upstairs storytime room. Pajamas optional.</p>	<p>LEGO Club Wednesday, March 4, 4 pm Build and create with tons of our LEGO® bricks in the upstairs storytime room.</p> <p>Read to a Dog! Fridays, March 6 & 27, 2 pm Saturday, March 14, 11 am Read a book to Geo or Kings, therapy dogs who love being read to! For kids of all ages. Stop by the children's desk on the morning of the activity to sign up. Check the online calendar for other dates.</p> <p>STEAM Club Wednesday, March 18, 4 pm Fun activities and crafts based around STEAM principles. Held in the upstairs storytime room.</p>	

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thecountylibrary.org

Cottonwood Heights Senior Corner

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS SENIOR CORNER

So Many Ways to Stay Engaged!

Did you know that in addition to the Mt. Olympus Senior Center, there are several nearby senior centers offering unique classes, activities, and instructors?

Explore programs at:

- Midvale Senior Center
- Millcreek Senior Center
- Sandy Senior Center ...and more throughout the valley!

For even more classes, events, and helpful resources, contact Salt Lake County Aging and Adult Services and check out their monthly bulletin, *The Senior Scoop*.

Stay active. Stay connected. Stay involved!

Contact Us!

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

Detective Unit Executes Search Warrant in Narcotics Distribution Investigation

Police Chief Robby Russo



The Cottonwood Heights Police Department Detective Unit recently executed a search warrant within the city as part of an ongoing narcotics distribution investigation. The operation resulted in the seizure of significant quantities of illegal drugs and U.S. currency, underscoring both the scope of the operation and the continued risks posed by illicit drug trafficking in our community.

During the search, detectives seized multiple controlled substances, including LSD, psilocybin mushrooms, and approximately one kilogram of uncut cocaine. While no fentanyl was located in this particular investigation, law enforcement continues to emphasize that the illicit drug market remains unpredictable and dangerous, with contamination and overdose risks persisting statewide.

In addition to narcotics, officers seized a large sum of U.S. currency believed to be proceeds from illegal drug sales. When forfeited through the judicial process, these funds are directed to the Crime Control Justice

(CCJJ) program, where they support drug prevention, education, and treatment initiatives—turning criminal proceeds into resources that benefit the community.

A Message for Parents: Packaging That Mimics Candy

Among the items seized were commercially produced THC-infused edible products, which raise particular concern for families. These products were packaged to closely resemble well-known candy brands and treats commonly associated with children, including colorful graphics, cartoon imagery, and candy-style labeling.

This type of packaging can easily be mistaken for ordinary candy, significantly increasing the risk of accidental ingestion by children. While Utah law recognizes regulated markets for certain marijuana-based products, the Cottonwood Heights Police Department remains concerned when packaging appears designed to appeal to a youth demographic.

Community Awareness and Prevention

The Cottonwood Heights Police Department encourages parents and caregivers to remain vigilant, to be aware of what items may be present in their homes,



THC-infused edible products seized during the investigation were packaged to resemble popular candy, increasing the risk of accidental exposure to children.

and to talk openly with children about the dangers of drugs—especially those disguised as familiar treats. Preventing tragedy requires awareness, education, and shared responsibility.

Investigations like this highlight the importance of proactive enforcement, community partnership, and continued investment in prevention and treatment efforts. The Police Department remains committed to protecting residents and ensuring Cottonwood Heights remains a safe place to live, work, and raise families. ■

Utah Business 40 Under 40 Recognition Celebrating Maverick Yeh, Planner III



Photo credit: Courtesy of Utah Business / Photo by MANICPROJECT

Cottonwood Heights is proud to celebrate a significant achievement by one of our own. **Maverick Yeh**, Planner III in the Community and Economic Development Department, has been named one of Utah Business's 2026

Forty Under 40 honorees.

Each year, Utah Business recognizes 40 outstanding professionals under the age of 40 who demonstrate exceptional leadership, innovation, and impact within their industries and communities. Being selected for this honor places Maverick among an impressive group of leaders

who are shaping Utah's future through dedication, vision, and service.

Maverick's recognition highlights not only his professional expertise in planning and community development, but also his meaningful contributions to Cottonwood Heights. In his role as Planner III, Maverick works at the intersection of thoughtful growth, economic vitality, and community character. His efforts help ensure that development within our city reflects both strategic planning principles and the values of our residents.

Through collaboration with residents, business owners, developers, and city staff, Maverick has consistently demonstrated a commitment to excellence, transparency, and long-term community benefit. His work plays an important role in guiding responsible growth while maintaining the high quality of life that makes Cottonwood Heights such a special place to live and work.

This statewide recognition from Utah Business not only celebrates Maverick's professional accomplishments but also underscores the strength of the City's Community and Economic Development Department and its ongoing commitment to fostering smart, sustainable growth.

To read more about this recognition, visit: **KuoWei Maverick Yeh - Utah Business Forty Under 40 Honorees 2026**: <https://www.utahbusiness.com/awards-and-rankings/2026/02/17/forty-under-40-2026-utah-business-kuowei-maverick-yeh/>

Please join us in congratulating Maverick Yeh on this well-deserved honor. We are grateful for his leadership and proud to see his impact recognized across the state of Utah. ■

Storm-water Tip of the Month

Got hazardous materials? It's your lucky day! Paint, motor oil, batteries, and medications should be disposed of properly to avoid stormwater contamination. Find a disposal location: <https://slco.org/health/household-hazardous-waste/safe-disposal/> ■

How is life in



Cottonwood Heights?

Please, take the Utah Wellbeing Survey!

Cottonwood Heights is one of many cities participating in USU's Utah Wellbeing Project. Your participation in this **10-minute survey** will inform the city's planning processes and provide a better understanding of wellbeing across Utah.

Please share this survey with friends and family (age 18+). **Participate with this link or QR code.** Available in Spanish (Disponible en Español).

For Wellbeing Project information, please contact courtney.flint@usu.edu.

<https://tinyurl.com/CottonwoodHeights2026>



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¿Qué tal es la vida en



Cottonwood Heights?

¡Participe en la Encuesta de Bienestar de Utah!

Su participación en esta encuesta de 10 minutos nos ayudará a entender mejor el bienestar en Utah para ayudar a las comunidades. También informará los esfuerzos de planeación de su ciudad.

Por favor comparta esta encuesta con sus amigos y familia (mayores de 18 años). Participe usando el enlace (link) o el código QR. Esta encuesta también esta disponible en inglés (Available in English).

Para más información sobre el Proyecto de Bienestar (Wellbeing Project), por favor contacte a courtney.flint@usu.edu

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Central Utah Water Conservation Monthly Tip

The best time of year to prune ornamental trees is the latter part of winter, while the trees are still dormant and buds have not yet begun to swell. This causes less stress on the trees, and it's easy to see the branching patterns without leaves. Prune out dead and diseased branches, potentially hazardous branches, and crossing or crowded branches to maintain tree health and improve form. Interested in adding more trees to your yard? See how you could receive a treebate while participating in the Utah Water Savers landscape incentive program: <https://www.utahwatersavers.com/>. ■

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Want to know what's happening in our city? From community events and road projects to City Council meetings, job openings, and our digital newsletter – it's all just a click away.

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Subscribe today:
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Be informed. Be involved. Stay connected.

The Lifeline of the Bench: How Water Built Cottonwood Heights

Before the paved roads and suburban growth of modern Cottonwood Heights, the survival of our community depended entirely on one thing: the ability to move water from the rugged canyons of the Wasatch Mountains to the thirsty soil of the valley benches. In the late 19th century, water was not a utility—it was a hard-won luxury. For families like Alonzo Green's, born in Butlerville in 1884, life on a ten-acre homestead near Big Cottonwood Canyon was defined by scarcity. With only a small seasonal supply from Heughs Canyon, the Greens relied on a hand-dug, 20-foot-deep cement cistern to store water for the year. Every gallon used for the garden or the home had to be raised by a hand-operated pump.

Further south, in the community known as Danish Town, the lack of water was the primary obstacle to growth. In a remarkable display of communal effort, eleven settlers hand-dug a ditch through difficult, rocky terrain to bring water from Little Willow Creek. By 1899, this group formalized their efforts by creating the Big Willow Irrigation Company, where water rights were fairly apportioned based on how much "sweat equity" a resident had put into digging the ditches.

As farming expanded along the Butler

Bench and Poverty Flats, more sophisticated systems emerged. The Brown and Sanford Ditch, operational by 1874, became the lifeblood for farms south and west of Big Cottonwood Canyon. This system eventually evolved into a complex network of three parallel "forks" that ran westward, with smaller lateral ditches branching out to hydrate over a thousand acres of farmland. To manage this vital resource, the Brown and Sanford Irrigation Company was incorporated in 1900, securing rights to one-fifth of the flow from Big Cottonwood Creek.

The challenge of Utah agriculture has always been the dry months of mid to late summer. While spring runoff provided a surge of water, the streams often slowed to a trickle by August. To solve this, the Brown and Sanford Company looked to the mountains. Between 1910 and 1934,



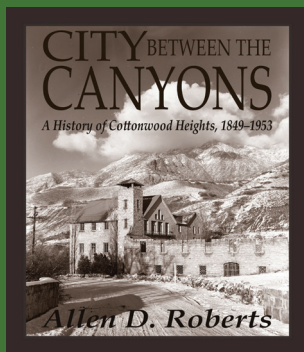
Photo courtesy of Utah State Historical Society

they constructed dams on the Three Sisters Lakes (Lakes Blanche, Florence, and Lillian) high in the Big Cottonwood Canyon to store water for the late season. These dams served the community for decades until structural concerns arose in the 1970s. When the Utah National Guard declined to assist with their demolition, the irrigation company was forced to breach the dams at their own expense—a financial burden that ultimately brought an end to the storied company. Today, while we no longer rely on hand-dug ditches for our survival, the legacy of these early water pioneers remains etched into the geography and history of Cottonwood Heights. ■



Photo courtesy of Utah State Historical Society

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. ■

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS
PARKS & RECREATION
SERVICE AREA

WE ARE HIRING

FOR SUMMER

- Parks Workers
- Parks & Rec Kids Camp Counselors
- Lifeguards
- Swim Lesson Instructors
- Tennis & Pickleball Instructors
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Ages 15+ for most positions

Work with us and get a FREE membership for yourself & a family membership for \$20!
Keep an eye on our website! Job applications will be dropping in the next few weeks!

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Justice court 273-9731

Call direct

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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

- **March 3:** Work session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), CDRA at 5:30 p.m. and business meeting at 7 p.m. (tentative time)
- **March 17:** Meeting Cancelled
- **April 7:** Work session at 4 p.m. (tentative time), and 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.

Planning Commission

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

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Communication Manager

SUSTAINABILITY

Healthy Soil, Healthy Trees: Preparing for Spring

Maverick Yeh, Planner III

As many residents think about winter watering this season, it's also a good time to look below the surface. While water is important, long-term tree health depends on soil condition, proper drainage, and efficient irrigation.

In years with lower snowpack and warmer winter temperatures, soil moisture levels can fluctuate significantly. Even if trees appear healthy now, stress may show up later in the summer if roots were dry during winter months. Taking a few early steps can help prevent avoidable damage.

One of the simplest and most effective actions is proper mulching. A two- to four-inch layer of mulch around the base of a tree helps retain moisture and regulate soil temperature. Keep mulch a few inches away from the trunk to prevent decay and pest issues. This small step can significantly reduce water demand during hot months.

As irrigation systems are turned back on this spring, check for leaks or overspray onto pavement. Water that runs into the street instead of soaking into soil is wasted and can strain stormwater systems. Small adjustments early in the season can improve efficiency for the rest of the year.

Healthy trees provide shade, improve air quality, and enhance neighborhood character. Protecting



mature trees is often more sustainable—and less costly—than replacing them later.

Residents interested in learning more about water-wise landscaping are encouraged to attend the **Localscapes Community Class on April 2 from 6:00–7:00 p.m. at City Hall**, hosted in partnership with Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District. The class will introduce practical design principles and explain available rebates through Utah Water Savers programs.

A little preparation this spring can help trees stay strong through the coming seasons.

to register. ■



Should I water my trees and shrubs?

Ellen Birrell, Council Member

Our natural environment is suffering based on a winter of warm temperatures and severe lack of snow and rain. December was one of the warmest on record in the state. We are heading into a challenging year that will require new stewardship techniques.

Trees filter our air, provide shade that reduces summer temperatures and increase desirable humidity. Dead trees contribute to blight, fire and other dangers and problems.

A question many of us have asked this winter is – "Should I water my trees and shrubs?"



According to Utah State Agricultural Extension (<https://extension.usu.edu/yardandgarden/>) typically, we do not need to think about winter watering in northern Utah, but if the ground is not frozen, tree roots are still active and need water.

If you do not have access to an irrigation faucet, it is suggested to use of 5 gallon bucket with holes in the bottom or Treegator bag, utilizing 10 gal of water per inch of the tree's diameter. Move the bucket around the tree, and then remove bucket or bag when empty. Apply water by midday when forecast is at least 40F, and no precipitation has fallen recently.

Trees need extra water if located:

- Near buildings or streets with reflected heat
- Near exposed, windy areas

Final tip:

- Add mulch around the base of trees to preserve soil moisture and prevent freeze/thaw.

Good luck, and remember, it is one thing to let sodded areas dry up and die off to be replaced with water-wise landscaping in the future, but it is another thing to discontinue watering precious trees. ■

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

Spring is here, lawns are waking up, and yard work is back. To help residents manage seasonal yard and garden waste, Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District's **Green Waste Can service begins Monday, March 9**, and runs through **Friday, December 11**.

The Green Waste Can is designed for common yard materials such as grass clippings, leaves, garden debris, and small branches. This subscription-based program helps to keep these materials out of the landfill and frees up space in your regular trash container.

All green waste is delivered to the **Salt Lake County Landfill composting facility**, where it is processed into USCC-certified compost available for public purchase, supporting a local

circular economy. Download our new Green Waste Can Guide **HERE** : https://wfwr.utah.gov/sites/default/files/2025-11/Green%20Waste%20Can%20Guide%20w%20Spanish_reduced%20file%20size.pdf.

The Green Waste Can is also a cost-effective alternative to adding another garbage can:

- **Green waste can:** \$12.00 per month;
- **Additional garbage can:** \$19.50 per month.

Learn more and sign up at: <https://wfwr.utah.gov/how-recycle/green-waste-101>

Compost information is available at: <https://www.saltlakecounty.gov/landfill/compost/> ■



Monthly Billing is here!

As of February, Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District fully transitioned to a **monthly billing schedule** for all customers, replacing quarterly billing with a more predictable and consistent monthly billing cycle.

Residential service rates remain the same and this is **not a fee increase**; only the timing of your bill has changed. Each monthly bill covers the previous month's services, breaking costs into smaller, more manageable payments throughout the year.

The **\$26.00 monthly base fee** includes weekly 96-gallon garbage and recycling collection, along with several additional services provided at no cost, including:

- Bulky waste collection via the **Seasonal**

Container Reservation Program (SCRIP), typically performed from Mid-April through September

- **Landfill vouchers** for disposal of residential truck, car, or trailer loads
- **Central glass drop-off locations** and collection services
- **Container repair and replacement** (typically 5 to 7 business days)
- Seasonal central **leaf bag drop-off program**
- Seasonal curbside **Christmas tree collection program**
- One-Time Move-in **Box Pickup**
- In-house, Local Customer Service (M-F 8:00am - 4:45pm)

Now that monthly billing is in place,



residents are encouraged to switch to **paperless, electronic billing**. e-Billing reduces paper use, eliminates mail-related energy use, helps lower billing costs, and provides faster access to bills and payment options

To sign up for paperless billing, visit: **Paperless Sign Up | Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District** (<https://wfwr.utah.gov/form/paperless-sign-up2025>). ■

Spotlight Your Business in Cottonwood Heights!

Are you looking to promote your business to over 13,000 households each month? Look no further than **Between the Canyons!** Our newsletter offers a fantastic opportunity to showcase your unique foods, products, and services at no cost to you.

Join our business spotlights and Love Your Locals campaign to spread the word about what makes your business special. It's a great way to connect with the community and increase your visibility.

Interested in learning more or ready to share your business with us? Visit ch.utah.gov/business-association for all the details.

We can't wait to help you shine!