



Hurricane City



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TRASH PICK UP

As a reminder, the garbage collection schedule may be altered during the holiday season to allow drivers to spend the holidays with their families. Our garbage collection drivers take only three holidays during the year: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Depending on when the holidays fall during the week, trash pick-up may be delayed for those three holidays.



This year, service in Hurricane City will be delayed ONLY for Thanksgiving. Christmas and New Years Day both fall on Sunday this year and will not affect garbage service. During the week of Thanksgiving, pick-up will be changed from Thursday to

Friday. Please mark your calendars now – Friday, November 25th will be garbage day for Hurricane City during Thanksgiving week.

HURRICANE CITY HOLIDAY HOURS

October 10th Columbus Day - Closed

November 11th Veterans Day - Closed

November 24th & 25th Thanksgiving - Closed

December 23rd Christmas Eve (*Observed*)

- Closed at 12:00 pm

December 26th Christmas Day (*Observed*) - Closed

January 2nd New Years Day (*Observed*) - Closed

January 16th Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Closed

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Each September marks the annual "National Preparedness Month." It is a time we focus on our personal and community preparedness. We have long heard the phrase: "If you are prepared you need not fear." Fall is often recognized as the time we finish the harvest, "When all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin!" It's the perfect time to take stock of our family's preparedness and consider what we can do to be ready for whatever the future holds!

Hurricane City would like our citizens to prepare their individual household supplies to be ready for emergencies. Earthquakes, floods and COVID shutdowns have brought empty shelves and limited supplies. The world saw Ukrainians evacuate at a moment's notice, and although we hope to never face such a circumstance – there are still a variety of reasons we need to be ready to leave home. We can store a 72-hour kit or be ready to shelter in place with food and supplies for our families.



Hurricane City is happy to hold an Emergency Preparedness Fair on Friday, November 18th from 5:00PM to 7:30PM at the Hurricane Community Center. Please check the Hurricane City Events calendar and website for more information.

If you are interested in extra monthly ideas, check out preparednesstips.blogspot.com for a monthly "Back to Basics Newsletter." Past newsletters, and indexes can help you find information you are seeking. Ready.gov also has resources to help you in your preparedness as a family.

We encourage our community to take advantage of the time we have now, to prepare for any storms that may lie ahead. As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said – "This time, like all times, is a very good one, if we but know what to do with it."

-Mayor Nanette Billings

POWER DEPARTMENT



The summer of 2022 gave us a little reprieve from the heat with a couple weeks of monsoon weather and some much-needed moisture. The late heat wave in early September affected all Southwestern US and placed heavy demands on the electric grid. Although we didn't experience any power resource complications in our area specifically, the heavy demand resulted in extremely high grid power prices in Utah that continued for a longer time than we have ever seen before.

Hurricane City Power used their natural gas and diesel generators this summer to generate some of the city's energy requirement, thus reducing the amount of power purchased from the grid at the extremely high prices.



Hurricane City Power Department is celebrating Public Power Week the first week of October. Public Power Week highlights the benefits of community owned power systems. It is celebrated by American Public Power Association and more than 2,000 other community-owned, not-for-profit electric utilities that collectively provide electricity to 49 million Americans. To mark this week, and to help our citizens understand the benefit of public power and see what Hurricane City Power Department is about, we would like to invite the public to come and join us for some fun and celebration at our 6th Annual Public Power Day.



Hurricane Public Power Day celebration will be held at the Hurricane City Power Department located at 526 West 600 North. This year's celebration will be held on **October 4, 2022**, from 4:00-7:00 PM. Come join us for free food, fun, drawings, games, demos, tours, and bucket trucks rides for those that dare.

WATER DEPARTMENT

It's that time of year again where we need to think about the amount of outside watering that needs to be done. With the cooler weather coming, sprinklers can be turned back to approximately one half of the time used in the summer. As soon as it is cool enough, outside water can be turned off completely.

Remember it is imperative that meter barrel lids be kept clear of debris and overgrowth for easy access. Any meter lid that is buried by debris or overgrowth will need to be cut back with a two-foot radius so it can be easily accessed by city crews.

If you have a pressure reducing valve installed on your water service line, it should be checked annually. Most pressure problems are related to this device. For more information about pressure reducing valves, please refer to our website at <https://www.cityofhurricane.com/193/Water-Irrigation>.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Shop With a Cop

The Hurricane City Police Department will be participating in the annual Shop with a Cop program again this year. What a great opportunity it is for us to give back to the community to those who are in need this Christmas season. Every year we help nearly 50 youth and families, and we look forward to doing this again. This program would not be possible without the help of our dedicated sponsors that continue to help us every year. If you have questions about this program or are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Officer Dan Raddatz 435-635-9663.



School Zone/Crossing Walks/School Busses

Now that the youth are back in school, we need to make sure we work together as a community to ensure our children get to and from school safely. The police department is getting more and more complaints about cars speeding in school zones. As a reminder, the speed limit in school zones is **20 MPH**. Please keep our children and crossing guards safe by slowing down in school zones.



Cross walks are designed to help everyone get across the road safely. In school zones we have designated crossing guards to help children, but we need to make sure the cross walks are being treated the same all over town. With or without a crossing guard, you are **REQUIRED** by law to yield to pedestrians on crosswalks.

And finally, if a school bus has it's stop signs out you are required to stop in both directions unless the road is divided by a physical median. Hurricane City spends a lot of time and money to implement crosswalks, school zones, and crossing guards for the safety of your children. Please make sure you are using them correctly.

We have officers in unmarked vehicles watching for all three of these violations.

Anonymous Tip Line



The Hurricane City Police Department has an anonymous tip line for non-emergencies, if you see something, say something. The phone number is

435-635-7911, email is policetips@cityofhurricane.com. If it is an emergency, call 911.

Social Media

Did you know that the Hurricane City Police Department has a Facebook and a Twitter page? We post press releases, upcoming events, new city ordinances, upcoming jobs within the department and so much more. Check us out!



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

“See A Need, Fill A Need” has been the goal and vision of the Recreation Department for many years in our community. To accomplish this goal, the Hurricane City Recreation Department works tirelessly to provide a wide variety of activities, leagues, programs, and special events. Our staff is knowledgeable, friendly, and passionate about the opportunity to provide the highest quality of recreational services for all community members.

As we approach the Fall season, many children and youth are participating in leagues and programs such as Football, Soccer, Cross Country, Golf, Tennis, Volleyball, Tumbling, Art, Martial Arts, and Dance offered through the Hurricane City Community Center.



Participation in these activities allow children to make new friends, learn about teamwork and sportsmanship, and further develop their talents. Perhaps, of greatest importance is the opportunity for everyone to be physically active, which is such an important component to the physical and emotional health and well-being of each child. Some may not be aware that Adaptive Recreation is offered for children with disabilities and/or special needs. If you are not taking advantage of our services, we encourage you to do so. Children of all ability levels, ages 8 and older, are welcome to participate in our adaptive offerings.

In addition to youth programming at the Hurricane City Community Center, a variety of opportunities are available to our adult population. Many adults enjoy participation in our Pickleball and Group Exercise classes, including Zumba, Spin, Kickboxing, Tai Chi and Barre.

Registration and information about our Winter Recreation Leagues, Fitness Classes, Programming and Events are available online at <https://www.hurricanerecreation.com/>.

Community members are encouraged to visit us at the Hurricane City Community Center located at 63 South 100 West, Hurricane, Utah. Our phone number is 435-635-2609. We would love to hear from you!

Upcoming Events

For upcoming information regarding these events will be listed at www.hurricanerecreation.com. Please check back with us!



- Neon Night Run and Trunk or Treat
- Hurricane City Christmas Tree Lighting
- Hurricane Valley Festival or Trees
- The Hurricane Valley Symphony

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

xpress BILL PAY Xpress Bill Pay is the only method approved by Hurricane City for online payments. You can link a single account or multiple accounts together. There is no fee associated with payments on this site.

Using any other online payment system may result in additional fees and charges as well as delays in receiving your payment. If you have any questions about which service you are using, please contact the Utility Office at 435-635-2811 extension 4.

For more information, go to: www.cityofhurricane.com and click on “Xpress Bill Pay”.

If customers already have automatic ACH withdrawal directly through the City, that is still in effect. Customers would need to cancel ACH withdrawal to utilize the Xpress Bill Pay option.

ANIMAL CONTROL

It's that time again, DOG LICENSES! Tags will be available for purchase around November 14th. Look out for the announcement and get it done early. Your dog will need a current Rabies vaccination to obtain a tag.

Fees are \$10.00 for spayed/neutered animals and now \$25.00 for non-spayed/neutered.

If you are needing assistance with getting your dog or cat fixed there is a discounted spay/neuter clinic in St. George. Their information is Humane Society of Utah- St. George Clinic. Their phone number is 435-216-7960. Their address is 1192 West Sunset Blvd Suite #2, St George, UT 84770.



Hurricane City Animal Control is no longer providing a wildlife service for trapped raccoons and skunks. There has been a huge increase of these types of calls and our staff and resources cannot keep up. Due to the influx of people, we are seeing more wildlife concerns. It is best that these concerns be directed to the Dept of Wildlife at 435-879-8694. If you are having an issue with raccoon or skunk infestation, please call your local pest control company to remedy the situation.

With the cold weather approaching, we want to ensure people are providing the best environment for their animals. Animal Control gets a lot of calls about dogs being left out in the cold weather. Please read the following tips on how to keep your pets safe during the colder temperatures:



1. Remember, if it is too cold outside for you then it is too cold outside for them. KEEP THEM INDOORS.
2. Provide shelter for your pet. A doghouse is good, but make sure it has a door flap on it so it can keep out any wind chill or draft. It is always good to position the doghouse away from the wind flow.
3. Make sure that all bedding inside the doghouse is always dry. If not, replace with dry blankets. If you want to use hay as a substrate it is a good insulator and does not hold moisture.
4. Ensure that your animals always have water and that it is not frozen. Check it regularly. You can purchase a heated dog/cat bowl to make sure fresh water is always provided.
5. When walking your pet in the cold weather please purchase booties for your dog. The snow and ice can cut their paws and cause infection. When you get home always wipe their paws dry.
6. CHECK THE HOOD!! Always, always check your car engine bay before leaving in the colder months, cats will seek warm shelter in the engine compartment and can get injured if the cat is in there when the car is started.
7. If your dog is an outdoor only dog, feed them more calories than usual as they are using energy to keep themselves warm throughout the colder temperatures.
8. Make sure your pet has some identification on their collar or get them microchipped. More pets get lost in the wintertime as the winter elements (snow) can cover up recognizable scents needed for pets to find their way home.

AIRPORT BOARD

The airport community, Hurricane City, and Hurricane residents have been involved in developing an acceptable solution for aircraft noise abatement. A link is now in place on the City website to allow residents to report a noise issue or ask questions. To aid in the success of a Noise Abatement Policy, the Sand Hollow Aviation Association has purchased an aircraft flight monitoring system that is now active at the airport and provides real time and historical data of all flight activities in the Hurricane City area.

A critical part of the Noise Abatement Policy is to provide a tool for citizens to be able to report a specific noise incident or related question so that a proper investigation can be completed, and response provided. For each noise incident reported, an investigation will be conducted, a determination made if the aircraft was in violation of the policy, corrective action taken, and timely feedback to the submitter provided.

The Noise Abatement Request Form can be found on the city website <https://www.cityofhurricane.com/160/Airport>. Once there, click on the "Noise Abatement Request Form" at the bottom of the page, complete the form, and submit it for processing.

Using these tools, we can continue to work together so that those utilizing the airport and Hurricane residents can establish a spirit of cooperation and mutual benefit to ensure the airport remains an asset and "good neighbor" to our community.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

October through December the Hurricane City Beautification committee is asking for nominations for the best outdoor holiday decorations. Please submit a completed entry form (found at <https://www.cityofhurricane.com/325/Yard-of-the-month>) along with a photo of the house being nominated to fred@cityofhurricane.com. Entries are due by the 20th of each month.

