Take recycling to the next level with Waste Reduction

You don’t have to worry about recycling when you avoid creating garbage in the first place. There are a lot of things you can do today to save yourself time and money, all while giving sweet Mother Earth a break.

1. Reduce Incoming Mail at Home. With one call, you can stop credit card offers from the major national credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian, and Trans Union. Call 1-888-567-8688 to stop the waste.

2. Make a No-Waste Lunch. When you pack your lunch for work or school, don’t pack anything that ends up in the trash. Buying food items in bulk and then placing them in reusable containers is a great way to save some money and some waste.

3. Paper or Plastic? Neither. Investing in sturdy cloth bags for grocery shopping will save more paper and plastic bags than you realize. Also, cloth bags won’t rip on you like paper and plastic can.

4. Buy in Bulk. Product packaging makes up 30% of the weight and 50% of the volume of trash. Buying fewer individually packaged items will help cut down on waste.

The Central Utah Water Conservancy District is offering $100 rebates for all EPA “WaterSense” labeled sprinkler controllers while supplies last. More info and a list of requirements can be found at rebates.cuwcd.com/residential.htm

The Annual Water Quality Report is a great resource for learning about the excellent water we enjoy in Orem. Recently, community water quality has garnered national attention in the media and has made people think about the quality of the water they’re drinking. The Orem Water Resources Division perpetually monitors the water for contaminants in accordance to federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations.

Our #1 goal is to deliver safe water by protecting the city’s precious water resources. View the report by visiting orem.org.

$100 REBATE FOR INSTALLING A SMART SPRINKLER CONTROLLER

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Come Help Build the All-Together Playground

Beginning on September 5, 2016, over 3,200 volunteers, supervised by construction professionals, will build the All-Together Playground in seven days. This historic community effort won’t be possible without your help.

Playground construction will run from Monday, September 5th through Sunday, September 11th. Each day consists of three shifts:

- **Morning Shift | 8am - 12pm**
- **Afternoon Shift | 12:30pm - 5pm**
- **Night Shift | 5:30pm - Dark**

There is literally a job for everyone, even if you’ve never used a power tool in your life.

Volunteers can help with construction, art, food, organization, tools, prep work, and more.

Children age 10-13 may work on site if always accompanied by a responsible adult. Children age 14-17 can work independently but cannot use power tools. Children younger than age 10 are not allowed on site due to safety concerns.

Feel free to bring your own tools, especially drills, and mark them with your name and phone number.

If you have questions, please contact our playground coordinators at 801-229-7099 or alltogether@orem.org.

Claim your Piece of the Playground

It’s not too late to get the name of your kids, family, organization or business inscribed on a fence picket or paver that will be a part of the playground forever. Pavers are $100. Pickets are just $20. Visit gofund.me/alltogetherplygrnd to donate.

Sign-up for Playground Build Shifts Online

www.alltogetherplayground.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Play is the work of children. Play helps kids learn, grow, and develop. Here in Orem, we believe that all children, regardless of ability level, deserve the opportunity to play together.

That’s why we’ve teamed up with Habitat for Humanity, Utah County, the United Way of Utah County, and hundreds of local businesses and families to build the “All-Together Playground” at City Center Park. This special project will be the first all-inclusive playground in Utah County.

It has been inspiring to see members of our community rally to the cause and give of their time and resources to make the dream of two little girls in wheelchairs a reality.

We hope you will join us anytime between September 5th and 11th as we work “All-Together” to build the first place in Utah County where every kid can reap the physical, cognitive, and social benefits of inclusive play.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime type of community project and we want you to be a part of it.

See you in September . . . and by the way, bring a drill.
IMPORTANT CHANGE TO YOUR UTILITY ACCOUNT

On July 1, 2016 your utility account number was replaced with a customer number. While this change may create a one-time inconvenience, it will ultimately help the City provide a simple and streamlined customer service experience for residents. This change will give residents and account holders a single I.D. point with the city. Making this change will eventually bring all of a resident’s city accounts (utilities, Fitness Center, Library, Cemetery, etc.) under a single customer number. Having one customer number also allows residents to move from one Orem location to another without having to close their utility account just to turn around and open another. Please make note of your new customer number located under “Account Information” on your utility bill. To ensure the timely processing of your next utility payment, please do one of the following:

- If you make payment
  - Please include your new customer number on your check.
  - Please update to reflect your new customer number.
- If you use your bank’s bill pay
  - Orem.org online/auto pay

NEW PLAYGROUNDS AT CASCADE AND SCERA PARKS

Cascade and Scera Park are getting new playgrounds this year. Cascade’s new playground is finished and ready for play. The Scera Park playground will be ready for action in September. Stay tuned for more news about planned parks projects coming soon.

NEW BUSINESSES IN OREM

Orem continues to be a great place to start or grow a business. UPS has expanded their Orem hub, the old Trafalga property is being redeveloped into a Class A office building, and W. W. Clyde is building a new headquarters in Orem.

New businesses that have opened in Orem recently or will do so soon are:
- Jersey Mike’s
- Guitar Center
- Ashley Furniture
- Ready Gunner
- Asa Barnen

Follow Orem City on social media for more announcements on new businesses and building projects.

NEW CITY WEBSITE - OREM.ORG

Orem.org has been redesigned to be more mobile-friendly and easier to navigate. Orem residents provided valuable feedback on the look and functionality of the new site and their ideas have been incorporated into the final design.

The new orem.org will be a good resource for staying informed on city issues, as well as paying utility bills, applying for jobs, finding events, contacting elected officials and much more.

Next time you’re online, take the new website for a test drive and let webmaster@orem.org know what you think.

TIMPANOGOS STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

The Timpanogos Storytelling Festival is the largest storytelling festival in the United States and the premier annual event in Orem. This year’s festival will be held August 29 through September 3. Tickets are now available for purchase at www.timpfest.org. This year marks 27 years since the festival’s humble beginnings. Come be a part of the event that helped put Orem on the map. Special thanks to the Timpanogos Storytelling Institute, the City of Orem, & the festival volunteers that make this event possible every year.

INTRODUCING: WATER SYSTEM CONSERVATION PRICING

In the 2016 Utah, Legislative Session, a new law was passed that requires retail water providers, such as the City of Orem, to create pricing that promotes water conservation. The title of Senate Bill 28 is “Water System Conservation Pricing” and the language reads that retail water providers are required “to establish an increasing rate structure for culinary water” or in other words, as customers use more water, the cost per gallon of water increases.

In May of 2016, the Orem City Council, as required by state law, approved a plan to implement a tiered rate structure for the Orem Water Utility. To help ease into the new billing practice, the City Council adopted the tiered rates to begin November 1, 2016. After the hot and dry summer months. As a result, residents will have the opportunity to learn more about the pricing structure and implement water conservation techniques. The new pricing structure includes four tiers with increasing unit costs. For more detailed information on these conservation rates, please go to utilities.orem.org.

HALF-PRICE NIGHTS AT THE SCERA OUTDOOR POOL

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday night after 6pm, admission to the Scera Outdoor Pool is half price. Come enjoy some night swimming at Orem’s legendary outdoor pool. While you’re there, you can also find out about punch passes, swimming lessons, and other fun events. Visit www.oremrecreation.com for more information.

CITY CALENDAR

JULY

11 Summer Concert Series | City Center Park • 7pm
12 City Council Meeting | Council Chambers • 6pm
16 Walker Sanderson Car Show | 645 E 800 N • 4 - 8pm
18 Summer Concert Series | City Center Park • 7pm
19 City Council Unplugged | Cherry Hill Gym • 6pm
20 Planning Commission Meeting | Council Chambers • 6:30pm
24 Pioneer Day | City Offices Closed on July 24th
25 Summer Concert Series | City Center Park • 7pm
25 Orem Owlz Fireworks Night | Bent Brown Ballpark • 7pm
26 Hunter Safety Class | Register at oremrecreation.com

AUGUST

1 Summer Concert Series | City Center Park • 7pm
2 Planning Commission Meeting | Council Chambers • 6:30pm
9 City Council Meeting | Council Chambers • 6pm
18 Marriage Simplified | Library • 7pm
18 Planning Commission Meeting | Council Chambers • 6:30pm
22 Alpine School District First Day of School
23 City Council Meeting | Council Chambers • 6pm
27 Timpanogos Music Festival | Bent Brown Ballpark • 6pm
27 After Hours Teen Movie Night | Library • 7pm
17 Donald Davis Concert | Vividash Library, West Jordan • 7pm
31 Kim Weitkamp Concert | Riverwoods, Provo • 7pm

SEPTEMBER

1 - 3 Timpanogos Storytelling Festival | Mt. Timpanogos Park
5 Labor Day | City Offices Closed
5 Orem Owlz Fireworks Night | Bent Brown Ballpark • 7pm
5 - 11 All-Together Playground Build Week | City Center Park
7 Planning Commission Meeting | Council Chambers • 6:30pm
8 Ready to Learn: Welcome Baby | Library • 6:30pm
13 City Council Meeting | Council Chambers • 6pm
20 City Council Meeting | Council Chambers • 6pm
20 Planning Commission Meeting | Council Chambers • 6:30pm

Visit www.orem.org for more events.