

If you wouldn't drink it, don't dump it!

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WaterWatch



Green Waste

Spring cleanup may be over, but there is still a lot of work to be done in the yard. For several years, the City has been offering a curbside green waste pickup service to help with quick and easy removal of yard wastes.

Why is it that the City offers this service? Or for that matter, why is it important to separate green wastes from other kinds of garbage?

Green waste is a large component of what is taken for disposal in the landfill. According to one source, green waste can make up as much as 18% of the total amount of waste taken to landfills. This kind of waste can be composted and made into mulch rather than just taking up space in the landfill. This composting saves the City money in disposal fees and is a wise environmental action.

The City's Program

The City offers curbside green waste collection beginning March 1

through November 30 each year. The cost is \$5.50/month during the nine months it is collected. Pickup is weekly on the same day as the regular garbage collection day.



If you have questions, or want to sign up, call us at (801) 229-7275. To have a can repaired or replaced, call (801) 852-0060

Other Green Waste Options

If you are not participating in the curbside program or if you have more green waste than your can will hold, you may take it to the North Pointe Transfer Station at 2000 West 200 South Lindon (far west end of Orem's 2000 North).

The City of Orem provides residents with a regular landfill pass for regular garbage loads in the spring and fall. This pass is included in your utility bill. This is a pass for a single load only.

The fee for green waste is \$7 for a pickup load, \$14 for a pickup and trailer, and \$20 per ton for large loads.

Compost is available on a limited basis. The cost is \$20.00 per cubic yard. We do not always have it available, so please call first at (801)225-8538 ext. 0. If you have other questions you can contact the North Pointe Transfer

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Insurance Riders for Sewer Backups

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Stormwater Hotline:

801-229-7577

City of Orem Public Works

1450 W 550 North

Orem, UT 84057

801-229-7500

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Station at (801) 225-8170

The Timpanogos Special Service District (TSSD) also accepts green waste for composting. At no cost, you can drop off your green waste to TSSD where they will use it to produce and sell compost. They are located approximately 1 mile west, off I-15 exit 275, across the rail road tracks and immediately left (south).

<http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=697>

<http://www.olatheks.org/OMS/YardWaste>

<http://www.orem.org/index.php/green-waste/green-waste-a-garbage>

<http://www.utahcountygabage.org/>

There are many times as a homeowner you wish you knew something before you had to face an unfortunate circumstance. One of those issues that you may not be thinking about, when insuring your home or business, is a sewer backup.

Sewer backups are generally caused by things blocking the lateral line that leads to the City's main system. These blockages can be caused by natural occurrences such as roots that grow into the lines. Blockages can also be caused by items flushed into the lateral line such as food waste, paper towels, toys, and sanitary napkins. Another cause can be the result of dumping of oil and grease down kitchen drains.

The consequences of a sewer backup are the potential loss of valuables as well as the cost of cleanup and disinfection of floors and walls. Drywall and carpet that gets wet from sewer backups also needs to be replaced. Living spaces not properly cleaned after a sewer backup can be a real health hazard. Wet carpet and drywall can foster the growth of mold and mildew.

To help mitigate costs suffered from a sewer backup, you can purchase an endorsement for your homeowner's insurance. Typically, sewer backups are not covered in basic insurance packages. Costs for the sewer backup endorsement vary according to insurance companies. If you don't know if you have this endorsement, you should contact your insurance agent.

Keep in mind that this insurance endorsement is not the same as

flood insurance. Most flood insurance is designed to cover issues caused by waters other than sewer backups such as flooding or seepage through foundations.

To make sure that your sewer backup is handled properly, here is a suggested protocol:

1. Call the City (office hours - (801) 229-7470, after hours (801) 229-7070). They will respond within 30 minutes and help diagnose if this is a blockage in the city main line or the home's lateral line.
2. If the backup has caused sewage to overflow, contact a professional restoration company to clean, disinfect and dry out your basement.
3. File a claim with your insurance company. Depending on your policy, you can expect to pay for the cleanup and then be reimbursed by your insurance company for the costs of the cleanup minus your deductible.

As you know, the best way to prevent problems is with regular maintenance. Homeowners and landlords should consult with professional plumbers about the regularity with which sewer lateral lines should be cleaned.

<http://ezinearticles.com/?Why-Purchase-a-Sewer-Back-Up/Sump-Pump-Overflow-Endorsement?&id=6355069>

<https://insurance.utah.gov/auto-home/home/glossary-of-home-terms.php>

http://www.ehow.com/info_8060966_homeowners-cover-ump-pump-failure.html