

WaterWatch



Snow Removal

One of the goals of the City of Orem's is to provide an expedient and efficient snow removal during winter snowstorms. City road crews continue to strive towards a high level of service for its citizens during these hazardous road conditions.

Depending on the size of the storm, hazardous road conditions may remain for several hours. For example, a higher magnitude storm can take as much as 48 hours to clear roads for safe commuting and transportation once the storm has subsided.

How Can You Help?

To help expedite clearing roadways from snow and icy conditions, the City of Orem is asking for your help. You can assist our snow removal operators in several ways...

- Always park your vehicle off the street. Vehicles left in the roadway create unnecessary

obstacles for snow removal operators to work around, and can slow the process of properly clearing the road.

- Keep obstructions such as portable basketball hoops, trash cans, and toys off the street and sidewalks during snow removal.



- Exercise extreme care and caution when driving in adverse and inclement weather. Your safety and the safety of other motorists and pedestrians is the highest priority!
- Travel at a safe distance from snowplows at all times

to avoid damage to your car. Do not try to pass these vehicles.

- Please be patient if you are required to wait behind a snow removal vehicle.
- Make certain that your speed is reasonable for conditions.
- **Never allow children to play near or in a snow berm near the roadway.**
- Limit and restrict travel unless absolutely necessary during severe weather.
- Do not attempt to stop a snow removal vehicle or obstruct its path.
- Please ***Buckle Up For Safety***, and enjoy our Winter Wonderland!

Visit www.orem.org for more information about snow removal.

One Man's Trash...

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

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We're on the Web!
www.orem.org

The City of Orem has had a street sweeping program in place since 1980's and during that time we have picked up a lot of stuff. Our street sweepers have swept up over 17,000 cubic yards of debris during the past 5 years. So what do we do with the sweepings? It would be easy for us to re-use the soil we pick up with our sweepers if it wasn't for one thing, litter.

Although littering is against City ordinance, it is still a common practice. Some people drop their soda cans, empty water bottles, plastic bags, cigarette butts and every other sort of disposable packaging on the sidewalk or in the street rather than deposit them in the nearest garbage can.

Litter causes us two major stormwater problems. First, the litter that builds up in gutters can clog storm drain inlets and create the potential for flooding issues. Second, litter may contain any number of pollutants including metals, chemicals, bacteria, nutrients and more.



Rotating screen separates dirt and trash.

Just take a look at the pictures in this newsletter. We recently evaluated a circular screening process that may help us separate the trash from the sediment. As you can see, the trash pile is big and filled with all sorts of stuff that should have never been in the street to begin with. We're going to pay to put that all in the landfill. As for the dirt, we are looking into re-using it on various City projects.

So please, take a minute today to put litter in its place. For the City, one man's litter is not our treasure.



A closer look at the trash pile

Christmas Tree Pickup Program

Starting Monday, January 7, 2008, the Department of Public Works will begin the City's Annual Christmas Tree Pick Up Program. You must transport your tree(s) to a designated collection site listed below. Designated dumpsters are located in the parking lot at each of these locations. Please place your tree in the dumpster.

This is not a curbside program and is for Christmas trees only. Please do not leave your tree at an unmarked location or leave it on your City street. Schools, churches, or other private



dumpsters are not approved dumping sites.

Bonneville Park, Cascade Park, Cherry Hill Park, City Park, Community Park, Foothill Park, Hillcrest Park, IHC Soccer Fields, Lakeside Sports Complex, Nielsen's Grove Park (south parking lot), Northridge Park, Scera Park (east parking lot), Sharon Park, Westmore Park, Windsor Park. For addresses of these parks, visit www.orem.org.

You can also drop them off at the Water Reclamation Facility (1700 W 1000 South).