

WEST JORDAN GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



The impacts of COVID-19 are being felt in communities across the globe, and while we are living in this time of uncertainty, know that some things still remain certain. Rest

assured knowing that the City of West Jordan is continuing to serve its residents 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Our employees are working diligently to keep our city safe, and our residents informed. Be assured your water is safe, your trash will continue to be picked up, and your roads are being maintained as usual. As we continue to keep our city safe, we are ensuring our employees feel safe and healthy while doing so.

I know many of you are watching the news, making sure you're keeping up to date on what is going on with the coronavirus and the state. You may be aware of the reduced revenue the city will receive as a direct result of COVID-19 precautions. Some local media stations have also covered the city's difficult step of implementing a reduction in force. These stories may lead you to be concerned about the city's financial stability.

West Jordan does have a rainy-day fund, but in this time of ultimate unknowing we know better than to rely on that. Myself, and my administration, are doing everything we can to send a budget to the city council that meets with our projected revenues.

On the topic of money, as you receive a stimulus check from the federal government, I ask that you keep in mind our local businesses in West Jordan. These are our neighbors. Their success affects our communities. Give back to the restaurants where you have celebrated birthdays, give back to shops where you have purchased your milestone anniversary gift, or splurge on your favorite dessert at a café. Let's be there for our local businesses when they need US the most.

Working together, we will succeed getting through this.

Stay safe,

Dirk Burton
Mayor Dirk Burton

West Jordan Water Rate Proposal

A new water rate is proposed to go into effect starting October 1, 2020. The West Jordan City Council looks to approve a new rate structure that will decrease residential base rates and put a greater emphasis on tiered rates, encouraging conservation.

Here's a look at the proposed fee schedule for residents: **GRAPHIC #1**

"The average resident would see a decrease of \$9.60 per month during winter use. Summer is more difficult to calculate because it's based on how they use their water," said Danyce Steck, West Jordan's Finance Director.

Steck said most residents use between 2,000 and 4,000 gallons of water per month in the winter.

With those projections, here is what an average bill would look like for a resident in the winter: **GRAPHIC #2**

By rearranging the rates, residents would then have a lower base rate. The chart also shows what a change in the sewer rate fee would look like.

"The sewer fee has a base rate and usage is based on winter use. Most people won't be above that \$8.00, so that sewer piece of their bill would be about \$20.00 a month," said Steck. "For all, a utility bill in the winter would decrease 10 percent"

"Landscape is seeing one of the biggest changes," said Steck. "They were not participating in the cost of the meters before."

Here's a look at the proposed fee schedule for commercial and landscape businesses: **GRAPHICS #3 & #4**

According to the Utah Division of Water Resources, Utah uses the most water per capita in the U.S., consuming 210 gallons of water per person per day.

Steck said she plans to run some analysis on summer use this October, to see the highest water users, based on parcel size, and possibly set the rates based on that.

Moving forward, utility rates will increase at a lower rate.

"We've rearranged the rates, giving a lower base rate for residents," said Steck. "We're choosing to have small incremental increases instead of having to defer and a have a large increase. So, every year we will be adjusting the rates up 2 percent."

To watch the council's discussions on water rates, visit the city's YouTube page. To learn more about water-wise programming and conservation education visit the city's website: westjordan.utah.gov, or JVWCD.org.

FEE SCHEDULE - RESIDENTIAL



GRAPHIC #1

RESIDENTIAL			RESIDENTIAL		
Effective through September 30, 2020			Effective October 1, 2020		
Base charge (cost per month)			Base charge (cost per month)		
3/4" meter	\$35.35		3/4" meter	\$20.00	
5/8" meter	\$35.35		5/8" meter	\$30.00	
1" meter	\$35.35		1" meter	\$45.00	
Usage rate (cost per 1,000 gallons)			Usage rate (cost per 1,000 gallons)		
Tier 1	0 - 7,000 gallons	\$2.19	Tier 1	0 - 7,000 gallons	\$2.25
Tier 2	7,001 - 20,000 gallons	\$2.53	Tier 2	7,001 - 25,000 gallons	\$3.65
Tier 3	Over 20,000 gallons	\$2.90	Tier 3	25,001 - 50,000 gallons	\$3.85
			Tier 4	50,001 - 100,000 gallons	\$4.10
			Tier 5	Over 100,000 gallons	\$4.75

UTILITY BILL COMPARISON

RESIDENTIAL USER (4k gallons)

GRAPHIC #2

		Current	Proposed	Change	
Water	Base	\$35.35	\$20.00	-\$15.35	-43%
	Use	8.76	9.00	\$0.24	3%
Sewer	Base	19.10	22.00	\$2.90	15%
	Use	7.08	8.20	\$1.12	16%
Storm Water		5.58	5.86	\$0.28	5%
Streetlight		1.71	1.71	\$0.00	0%
Solid Waste		16.04	17.25	\$1.21	8%
		\$93.62	\$84.02	-\$9.60	-10%

FEE SCHEDULE - COMMERCIAL



GRAPHIC #3

COMMERCIAL			COMMERCIAL		
Effective through September 30, 2020			Effective October 1, 2020		
Base charge (cost per month)			Base charge (cost per month)		
3/4" meter	\$21.40		3/4" meter	\$20.00	
1" meter	\$53.52		1" meter	\$45.00	
1.5" meter	\$70.61		1.5" meter	\$70.00	
2" meter	\$107.00		2" meter	\$100.00	
3" meter	\$321.00		3" meter	\$321.00	
4" meter	\$684.78		4" meter	\$684.78	
6" meter	\$1,241.18		6" meter	\$1,241.18	
8" meter	\$1,861.77		8" meter	\$1,861.77	
10" meter	\$2,717.75		10" meter	\$2,717.75	
Usage rate (cost per 1,000 gallons)			Usage rate (cost per 1,000 gallons)		
Tier 1	0 - 200,000 gallons	\$1.91	Tier 1	0 - 7,000 gallons	\$2.25
Tier 2	200,001 - 5,000,000 gallons	\$2.20	Tier 2	7,001 - 25,000 gallons	\$2.55
Tier 3	Over 5,000,000 gallons	\$2.52	Tier 3	25,001 - 50,000 gallons	\$2.70
			Tier 4	50,001 - 100,000 gallons	\$2.85
			Tier 5	Over 100,000 gallons	\$3.15

FEE SCHEDULE - LANDSCAPE



GRAPHIC #4

LANDSCAPE			LANDSCAPE		
Effective through September 30, 2020			Effective October 1, 2020		
Base charge (cost per month)			Base charge (cost per month)		
3/4" meter	\$0.00		3/4" meter	\$20.00	
1" meter	\$0.00		1" meter	\$45.00	
1.5" meter	\$0.00		1.5" meter	\$70.00	
2" meter	\$0.00		2" meter	\$100.00	
3" meter	\$0.00		3" meter	\$321.00	
4" meter	\$0.00		4" meter	\$684.78	
6" meter	\$0.00		6" meter	\$1,241.18	
8" meter	\$0.00		8" meter	\$1,861.77	
10" meter	\$0.00		10" meter	\$2,717.75	
Usage rate (cost per 1,000 gallons)			Usage rate (cost per 1,000 gallons)		
Tier 1	0 - 200,000 gallons	\$2.29	Tier 1	0 - 7,000 gallons	\$2.25
Tier 2	200,001 - 5,000,000 gallons	\$2.62	Tier 2	7,001 - 25,000 gallons	\$3.25
Tier 3	Over 5,000,000 gallons	\$3.00	Tier 3	25,001 - 50,000 gallons	\$3.50
			Tier 4	50,001 - 100,000 gallons	\$3.75
			Tier 5	Over 100,000 gallons	\$4.50



Do You Know what's being built near 7800 S. and Mountain View Corridor?

West Jordan is working to build additional water storage for homes on the west side of the city. To read more about construction going on in West Jordan visit:

www.westjordan.utah.gov/constructionprojects



The significance of #TakeOutTuesday

A nationwide push is underway encouraging people to support local restaurants. Each Tuesday, during the COVID-19 pandemic has been dubbed 'Take Out Tuesday' and the "Great American Takeout."

Utah State health orders have mandated that restaurants only offer take-out and delivery. Those restaurants and their employees are in more need than ever to earn an income and help support themselves and their families.

Here's a list of just some of the local restaurants in West Jordan you can help out, just by ordering some food:

- 5 BUCK PIZZA
- ARCTIC CIRCLE
- BARBACOA MEXICAN GRILL
- BEANS & BREWS COFFEEHOUSE
- BETOS
- BOMBAY HOUSE
- BOUT TIME PUB & GRUB
- CAFE RIO MEXICAN GRILL
- CAFE TRANG BISTRO
- CAFE ZUPAS
- CHILI'S SOUTHWEST GRILL
- CHOCOLATE COVERED WAGON
- CHICK-FIL-A
- COLD STONE CREAMERY
- COSTA VIDA
- DAIRY QUEEN

- FIIZ
- FIVE GUYS BURGER AND FRIES
- HABIT BURGER GRILL
- HONOLULU GRILL
- IHOP
- IN-N-OUT-BURGERS
- JACKS DONUTS
- JIMMY JOHN'S
- LA LUNA MEXICAN RESTAURANT
- MARCO'S PIZZA
- NABORHOOD BAKERY
- NEW THAI CAFE
- PAPA MURPHYS
- PHO 9
- PIZZA PIE CAFE
- POPEYES CHICKEN
- RED BASIL THAI RESTAURANT
- RILEY'S SANDWICH & SHAKE SHOPPE
- RITA'S ITALIAN ICE & CUSTARD
- SAKANA SUSHI BAR & JAPANESE CUISINE
- SPUDTODDOS
- THE VILLAGE BAKER
- VEGAN BOWL
- WIENERSCHNITZEL
- WINGSTOP
- WOK KING CAFE
- YOGURTLAND

For a full list of businesses in West Jordan, visit our website:

Westjordan.utah.gov

Beware – Coronavirus Scams in Utah

The Utah Division of Consumer Protection is reporting an influx of scams that revolve around the coronavirus pandemic. The FTC and the FDA have jointly issued tips to look out for to avoid becoming a victim to one of these scams yourself.



1. Ignore online offers for vaccinations and home test kits

There are no products proven to treat or prevent COVID-19 at this time.

2. Hang up on robocalls

Scammers are using illegal robocalls to pitch low-priced health insurance and work-at-home schemes.

3. Watch for emails claiming to be from the CDC or WHO

Be sure to use sites like; coronavirus.gov and usa.gov/coronavirus for up-to-date information.

4. Do your homework when it comes to donations

Never donate in cash, gift card, or by wiring money.

To report a scam to the UDCP, call 801-530-6601 or visit dcp.utah.gov

I challenge you

— TO COMPLETE —

the census to shape the future of your community

Responses to the 2020 Census will shape how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are distributed to local communities annually.

#shapeyourfuture



Working from Home? Tips from the Mayor on how to adjust

Mayor Dirk Burton is no stranger to working from home. Using the same desk, he's had since he opened his own electrician business in 1988, he's learned a thing or two about balancing work life and home life - all under the same roof.



Tip #1 – Determine a schedule and stick to it:

"You have to be a self-starter; you don't punch in with a time clock. I would get up in the morning and get dressed like I normally would, and then go to my office. Once I would get to my office, I had to pretend like I wasn't at home anymore, that I was actually at work."

Tip #2 – Take breaks when you need to:

"I'm not very good at sitting in a chair all day long, because as an electrician, I'm up and moving around

all the time. So, that was another adjustment for me, having to sit down in a chair all day. After a couple of hours, I would give myself a break, go on pause and get myself a drink or go for a walk around the block. Anything to get my heart rate going."

Tip #3 – Try to distance yourself from distractions:

"Pick an area in your home that is away from where the kids are, sometimes that's really difficult. I lived in an apartment where I had no place to put a desk. So, I put a desk in my master bedroom. I could close the door, and that became my office for the day."

Tip #4 – Switch off from 'work mode' by powering down:

"Once I'm all finished for the day I close all the windows down, I get up and walk away, and say I'm done for the day. I don't go back to that desk until the next day."

Tip #5 – Cut yourself some slack, know this isn't easy for everyone:

"It takes some work. It will take a few days. The first few weeks are really hard, but the better you do a pattern, and repeat that pattern the next day and the day after that, the easier it is for you to get used to working from home."

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KNOW

CITY HALL	801-569-5000
MAYOR'S OFFICE	801-569-5100
CITY COUNCIL OFFICE	801-569-5017
NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH	801-840-4000
CODE ENFORCEMENT	801-256-2107
UTILITY BILLING	801-569-5020
PARKS RESERVATION	801-569-5728
ANIMAL CONTROL	801-282-3951
SERVICE REQUESTS	http://bit.ly/WJSERVICE

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Twitter: @CityWestJordan

Facebook: @WestJordanCityHall

Visit Westjordan.utah.gov for direct links.

IN MY HOUSE

SCAVENGER HUNT



- FIND A BOOK
- FIND A STICKER
- FIND A LIGHTBULB
- FIND A STRIPED SHIRT
- FIND A PICTURE FRAME
- FIND A BIRTHDAY CARD
- FIND A PAIR OF GLASSES
- FIND SOMETHING ROUND
- FIND A PIECE OF JEWELRY
- FIND SOMETHING SWEET TO EAT
- FIND SOMETHING SOFT



Out My Window

SCAVENGER HUNT



- FIND A RED CAR
- FIND A WHITE DOG
- FIND A PINE TREE
- FIND A CLOUD
- FIND A STREET SIGN
- FIND A PAIR OF BIRDS
- FIND SOMETHING GREEN
- FIND SOMETHING MADE OF WOOD
- FIND SOMEONE EXERCISING
- FIND SOMETHING YOU CAN CLIMB
- FIND SOMETHING YOU CAN RIDE



IN MY FRIDGE

SCAVENGER HUNT



- FIND A RED FRUIT
- FIND 2 EGGS
- FIND FRUIT JUICE
- FIND A TUB OF BUTTER
- FIND A SNACK
- FIND A GALLON OF MILK
- FIND A VEGETABLE
- FIND SOMETHING FOR DINNER
- FIND SOMETHING FOR DESSERT
- FIND SOMETHING YOU EAT AT A PICNIC
- FIND SOMETHING TO DRINK



How COVID-19 testing is being handled in West Jordan

It's been months since COVID-19 was first declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization. Since then, the guidelines for how and where to get tested have dramatically changed. Now it's much easier to get tested for the virus, in part, thanks to the number of tests the state of Utah has access to.



Jon Butterfield, President of Jordan Valley Medical Center, says his campus provides outpatient testing, along with a drive-thru, which is available 12 PM to 5 PM Monday through Friday. Symptoms of COVID-19 include a fever, cough, shortness of breath, a sore throat, chills, body aches, and a decreased sense of taste or smell.

"If someone is experiencing any of those symptoms, they can drive up to our main in-patient entrance where they will be greeted by a laboratory technician that's wearing full protective gear and equipment," said Butterfield. "That person will be able to test them and take a nasopharyngeal swab right from their car. They'll get results in 24 to 48 hours."

New guidelines allow for anyone to get tested even if they're experiencing just one of the several symptoms that are tied to COVID-19. For now, numbers in Utah seem to be leveling out, with the same number of positive cases being reported every day. If a surge were to happen, however, Butterfield says his hospital is prepared.

"We do have 18 beds designated for COVID-19 patients,

either confirmed or suspected, and that's just on the in-patient side. We've also designated 11 of our emergency department beds as COVID-19 beds," said Butterfield. "We do have plans that will allow us to nearly double the size of beds within that area and we've deployed those plans. We stand ready. Thankfully, we haven't had to use them."

While many see hospitals as a so called 'hotspot' for the virus, Butterfield urges that life must still go on. People are going to break bones, get kidney infections, and experience other medical emergencies unrelated to COVID-19, and those individuals should not be afraid to go to the hospital to get the care they need.

"The most important thing for you to know is that the hospital is safe. every person that arrives to our hospital whether they're a patient or a visitor is screened for symptoms of COVID-19," said Butterfield.

Although, right now, little is still known about this virus, doctors and nurses are ready, working hard to keep our community healthy. When asked what the public can do to give back to health care workers Butterfield echoed the advice heard across the globe; stay healthy by staying put.

"Stay home, do what you're being asked to do with social distancing, make sure you're washing your hands, and keeping your families safe and healthy by doing the things you really ought to be doing to prevent the transmission of this disease. As long as people take it very seriously, we'll be okay."

To learn more about getting tested for Coronavirus in Utah visit: Jordanvalleymc.org or coronavirus.utah.gov

What You Should Be Disinfecting Daily



Trans-Jordan Landfill reopens to the public

On March 30th, Under Governor Herbert's Stay Home, Stay Safe Directive, the Trans-Jordan Landfill suspended public accesses to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Only essential commercial haulers with accounts were permitted access.

The Trans-Jordan Landfill has modified procedures to allow safe distancing practices between customers and employees. "We feel that we have had a chance to get our feet under us so we can now keep both residents and employees safe, during this pandemic while running a safe and efficient operation." States Jaren Scott, Executive Director of the Trans-Jordan Landfill.

The Trans-Jordan Landfill reopened all services to the public on Monday, April 20th, 2020 under the following guidelines:

- Only credit/debit cards will be accepted. NO cash transactions.
- Social Distancing of 6 feet will be enforced at ALL locations of the landfill.
- Limited discussions with Landfill staff will be permitted. (Scale-house, spotters, etc.)

Due to guidelines stated above we anticipate longer lines and wait times as we control the flow of customers to prevent large groups at any one area of the landfill.

We appreciate your understanding as we continue to try to slow the spread of the COVID-19 Virus. We are continually monitoring the situation and following the

guidelines, based on recommendations from federal, state and local officials.

For the most up to date information, visit transjordan.org.



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