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Hours: M-TH 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
F 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Upcoming Events

- Monday, February 2, 2026** 
GROUNDHOG DAY
- Thursday, February 5, 2026**
Planning Commission – 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, February 12, 2026**
City Council – 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, February 14, 2026** 
VALENTINE'S DAY
- Monday, February 16, 2026**
HAPPY 156TH BIRTHDAY WILLARD!!!
- PRESIDENT DAY** – Office Closed 
Garbage pickup as usual
- Thursday, February 19, 2026**
Planning Commission – 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, February 20, 2026**
WATER BILLS DUE
- Thursday, February 26, 2026**
City Council – 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday-Friday, February 25 and 26, 2026** - Willard Elementary
Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Thursday, March 5, 2026**
Planning Commission – 6:30 p.m.

Agendas for the meetings are posted at City Hall, on the City's website www.willardcity.com, and on the State of Utah Public www.utah.gov/pmn.

Though February is short, it's filled with lots of love and sweet surprises ~ Charmaine J. Forde

MAYOR'S COMMENTS



If you have been wondering where all the snow is this year, you are not alone. Willard City resides at the edge of the Weber-Ogden Watershed. As of January 1st, our annual precipitation is measuring at 98%, but our snowpack is only at 49%. Reservoir storage is at 49% of capacity compared to 71% last year (NRCS Jan 1 water outlook). If the trend persists, it could make for a very interesting water year. Strong soil moisture will promote efficient runoff according to the NRCS monthly water outlook. However, a shallow dense snowpack may reduce stream flows and shorten the runoff period. Willard's aquifer is recharged via strong snowpack. Much of Willard is irrigated via Willard Canyon and Pineview Reservoir. Recreation at Willard Bay is dependent upon stream flows from the Weber and Ogden Rivers. While we are enjoying a warmer than average winter, remember the blessing that snow is to our community. I encourage you to ask the good Lord to bless us with the moisture we need. If not in snow, in continued precipitation well into the spring and summer. ~ Mayor Mote

DEPARTMENTS

ADMIN – Republic Services would like to remind homeowners to place your garbage cans facing forward on the street. The back of the can should be against the curb.

If you request a new garbage can, please make sure your old can is empty and left on the street.

All business and dog licenses are now past due.



FIRE – February's Safety Tip is about smoke alarms and escape plans. If this sounds familiar, it's because repetition is good, Smoke alarms save lives; escape plans save lives. According to the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA), smoke alarms prevent death in a home fire by 54%. Three out of five home fire deaths are related to no smoke alarms or alarms that do not work properly. Smoke alarms are an inexpensive way to keep your loved ones safe and minimize property damage. If you hear a beep when you're trying to sleep.....

POLICE – If any of your valuables were stolen, do you have a way of identifying them to prove they are yours? The Operation ID program allows law enforcement to identify and return stolen or lost property to its rightful

Important Announcements



If you, or someone you know, has a child who will turn 5 years old on or before September 1, 2026, you can enroll them for kindergarten. Please call Willard Elementary School at 435-734-4934 for help enrolling your child.



owner. It's simple. Compile a list of all your property, such as televisions, radios, stereos, computers, video games, toys, bicycles, tools, lawnmowers, edgers, recreational vehicles, trailers, and other valuables. Make sure to list the make and serial numbers. Items that don't have serial numbers from their manufacturer should have unique, personal identification text etched into them. It is also a great idea to photograph the items and save the photos with your list.

PUBLIC WORKS – Please remove any debris from city rights-of-way.

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON STREETS IS ALLOWED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1ST AND APRIL 1ST!!!
DO NOT PARK ON CITY STREETS 24 HOURS BEFORE OR AFTER A SNOWSTORM



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Willard Youth Baseball

Sign up Ends- MARCH 31, 2026

GAMES WILL RUN FROM MAY 4- JULY 4TH

Age Breakdown- based on 2026-27 school year (the grade student will be in next year)

T-ball: Preschool & Kindergarten. Must be 4 before 4/1/26	Cost \$45
Coach Pitch: Grades 1-3	Cost \$55
Majors: Grades 4-6. Can't be 13 before 9/1/26	Cost \$65

Registration is open now

REGISTER ONLINE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW



If you have issues with the code, contact Sean

For league questions email Sean at seanmathis@ogdencity.com

Or call 801-710-0959





Heat Hacks for Freezing Temperatures without Power

Winter power outages are a real threat. If you have been following the news – millions of people in the South, Midwest and Eastern US have been without power. Some areas are still without power.

Without heat, freezing temperatures can become life-threatening.

FACT: More people die from exposure to cold weather than hot weather. From the EPA: "In recent years, U.S. death rates in winter months have been 8 to 12 percent higher than in non-winter months.

Given America's weak power grid, natural and/or manmade threats - there is a real possibility we may find ourselves without power in freezing temperatures.

Here are some action hacks to help you stay warm by using layering, insulation, and a few resourceful techniques when the power is out.

Layering Is Critical

Let's start at the top. Everyone needs to have some layering basics on hand at all times.

- **Blankets.** Blankets can be used for everything from body insulation to trapping heat indoors by covering windows, doors and vents.
- **Winter Clothing.** Everyone needs a set of winter clothing, including sweaters, pants, and coats.
- **Sleeping Bags.** Sleeping bags are useful beyond camping trips or kids' sleepovers. In a cold situation, a sleeping bag can be lifesaving. Note – It's wise to invest in a quality sleeping bag designed for extreme temperatures.
- **Head and Toes:** The key to staying warm is trapping the heat on your head and your toes. Along with your winter clothing, you should have something to keep your head warm and pairs of thick socks. The US Forest Service recommends, "A warm cap and mittens are essential. Up to a 50 percent heat loss can take place from an uncovered head." Change out of damp or wet socks and clothing as soon as possible.

Improvised Insulation Using Everyday Items

If you are facing freezing temperatures without power, you need to know how to improvise to stay warm. Here are some tips for insulating using everyday items.

- **Keep the Warmth In.** Start by focusing on trapping heat both in your home and on your body. The first and most important step to staying warm during a power outage can be summed up in one word: *conservation*. We don't think much about it when the heating is working, but a blast of cold can quickly drop the temp 5 to 10 degrees with no easy way to get that heat back.
- **Add Extra Insulation to Windows.** Tape bubble wrap, trash bags, or newspapers to your windows or glass doors to reduce heat loss. Keep curtains closed. If you do not have curtains, hang heavy blankets over your windows and doors.
- **Block Drafts.** Roll up towels, blankets, or sheets and place them at the base of doors or windows to block any drafts.
- **Keep Doors Closed.** Close off any rooms you are not using and avoid opening doors unless necessary.
- **Insulate Floors.** Popular Science suggests, "Look at your floor. If it's carpet, you're ahead of the game. If it's tile, wood, or another hard material, it will suck heat out of your room, so you should insulate it too." Cover the floors with rugs, blankets, or even clothes.
- **Try Tenting.** Use your camping tent or construct a blanket fort to create a small, insulated area inside a room in your home.
- **Use Outdoor Materials for Insulating Clothing.** Preparedness experts often suggest using outdoor materials, such as leaves and grass, to stuff your clothing for extra insulation. You can also improvise with materials like crumbled paper or packing peanuts.
- **Warm Bricks and Rocks.** If you have bricks or rocks around your home, you can place these in your fireplace or firepit and allow them to warm up. Then, you can remove them safely using tongs, wrap them in blankets, and use them as warmers.

Body Heat Optimization Tips

It's imperative to regulate your body temperature in cold temps.

Ultimately, you want to trap the heat on your body and not let it escape.

- **Dress in Layers:** The best way to keep your body at the right temperature is to dress in layers. The goal is to stay warm but not to sweat. Sweat means wet clothes, and that can be deadly when it's cold. Because water conducts heat so well, perspiration is an involuntary act of self-sabotage when you're fighting off the winter chill—it will sap you of your precious body heat and render your clothes ineffective at the same time. Aim for dressing in clothes that are made of synthetic fabrics and avoid things like cotton.
- **Hand Warmers:** Everyone should keep some hand warmers in your go-bag, hiking gear, first aid supplies, and car console. Go ahead and add them to the pockets of all your winter coats. These are a quick and effective way to get warm and stay warm.
- **Blankets:** Use blankets to stay warm. Wrap yourself up until you feel comfortable. Emergency Blankets are great resources. They are light weight – yet they can reflect 90% of your body heat back to you.
- **Exercise:** To warm up, do a little exercise. Don't exercise to the point where you sweat, but get your blood pumping.

Safe Indoor Heating Solutions

In addition to the above means for insulating and layering, there are also resources available for safe heating indoors.

- **Wood Stove or Fireplace:** Ideally, your home will have a wood stove or fireplace that can be used without power.
- **Indoor Heater and Stove:** Even if you have a wood stove or fireplace, we recommend using an indoor heating/cooking stove. Many companies offer specially designed heaters/stoves for just this purpose. This is a tool everyone should have. It allows you to safely heat spaces indoors, as well as cook warm meals.
- **Stay in One Small Room:** A trick anyone can use to stay warm is to stick to one small room in their home. It is much easier to keep one room warm rather than an entire house. Aim for an upper room (heat rises) with fewer exterior walls or windows.
- **Candles:** Candles are a good source of light and warmth.
- **Hot Water Bottles:** A bottle filled with hot water and placed under your feet is an effective means for staying warm. If you don't have power, you can use a fire to boil a pot of water to be poured into an empty hot water bottle.

Cooking for Warmth and Comfort

It is critical to make sure you continue to eat and drink well in these situations – but that's trickier if the power is out. This is why one of the smartest investments you can make is a self-powered heater and stove, as mentioned above. Not only will this keep you safely warm indoors, but if you lose power, you can use the heater to cook food.

- **Warm Beverages:** When it is freezing, you need to drink warm beverages and not cold ones. But, without power, you need the right supplies, such as a coffee or tea pot. You need to stock powered beverages such as hot coco packets, tea and coffee. Many dry fruit powders heat nicely for warm drinks. (like Tang)
- **Warm Food:** Freeze-dried or dehydrated food packs are designed specifically with these types of extreme situations in mind. Most of these emergency foods can be prepared simply with boiling water. Enjoy a delicious, warm bowl of soup or even spaghetti with meat balls even when the grid is down.
- **Canned Heat:** When it comes to indoor cooking, you don't want to use propane. Instead, it is preferred that you use an indoor cooking stove and canned fuel. Most brands fit camp stoves and self-powered indoor space heaters and other stoves for easy cooking.

There are a couple more months ahead of us where we will have more cold weather. And hopefully some snow.... Prepare now to stay safe and warm, friends.

Sue Anderson
CERT Program Manager

When I was in 8th grade my Physical Science teacher would often use real-life experiences from his summer prospecting adventures to explain geology, chemistry, and physics. Frequently, he would veer off on a tangent side story about his stubborn donkey. Panning was one of the techniques he would use to find gold. This method relies on the combination of the density differences of solids, physical action of shaking and washing, and the unique properties of gold. The first step of panning is filling the pan with a scoop of sediment or grit, second step is to add water, and the third step is to agitate and tilt the pan so that the water washes the lighter materials away leaving behind the heavier grit and sediment. The final step involves checking and identifying what is left in the pan, and with some luck you might just strike gold!



Unlike prospecting and panning for gold, grit and sediment in wastewater is neither valuable nor beneficial to our treatment process. It is exactly the opposite, in fact, grit presence in wastewater can contribute to equipment wear and abrasion, cause clogs, and silently build up in pipelines, tanks, and basins. The maintenance and repairs needed to correct these issues can be as costly as gold.

Grit solids are made up of both organic and inorganic material with a wide size range from 140 microns to 300 microns. Grit includes solid material from a variety of sources including from domestic waste. Eggshells, bone chips, seeds, coffee grounds are common organic contributors; and sand, cement and concrete, plastic, glass, gravel, and cinder are inorganic sources found in the influent entering a municipal wastewater treatment plant. Like the gold panning technique, we harness the physical density of grit and water movement in a specially designed structure to handle these solids. Our facility uses a vortex chamber to settle out grit, separate it from incoming water flow, and collect it for landfill disposal. We haven't found gold, but we do save precious dollars by removing these solids in our preliminary treatment steps.

