

Mayor's Newsletter



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Stay Smart.
Stay Safe.
Stay Open.

Wear a mask.

Wash your hands.

Stay home if sick.

Clean surfaces.

Stay 6-feet apart.

Sneeze into your
elbow or tissue.

Winter in Pocatello

Winter is upon us, Pocatello, which means snow. It's time to make sure you and your vehicle are ready for the white stuff. Plan for more time to get to your destination, and keep a winter emergency kit handy.

The City's Street Operations Department is also preparing for snow in a variety of ways. Staff attend National Weather Service briefings to anticipate when a storm may hit. They disperse a salt brine mixture on the main roads to help slow or prevent ice from forming, and they ensure our snowplows are maintained and ready to go.

Street Operations prioritizes Pocatello's roadways into 3 main categories – arterial, collector and residential roads. During snowstorms, our 11 plows stay on the arterial roads (or main roads) until the snow has subsided. This way roads

are open for emergency services, public transportation, school buses and motorists on high traffic roadways. Our goal is for drivers to only have to travel 1-2 blocks before reaching a treated road.

Once the snow has waned and the main roads are clear, snowplows will move to the collector roads and then to the residential roads until all roads are clear. In large snow events, it could be some time before the collector and residential roads see a snowplow, so please be patient. Because the snowplows are equipped with GPS, we are able to monitor the routes to ensure roads are treated appropriately.

While the crews are plowing, please move your car off the street if you have the option. This allows the plow to push

snow from the travel lanes cleanly and not push snow around parked cars. An unfortunate side effect of snow plowing is the windrow, or pile of snow, created in front of properties. If you see the plow coming, please wait until it is finished before you clear in front of your driveway and mailbox. The driver will most likely have to make more than one pass, and waiting means you only have to move the snow once.

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as the Street Operations crews do their very best to improve the winter driving conditions in our city. Winter in Pocatello means driving in snow, so please stay safe and follow all safety advisories. As always, I am proud to be your Mayor!

Base of Knowledge

Did you know there are 530 full-time and half-time employees and 147 part-time and seasonal employees working for you? Many of the City's employees have been here for years. In fact, here's the breakdown:

- 3 for 40 or more years
- 27 for 30-39 years
- 85 for 20-29 years
- 132 for 10-19 years
- 108 for 5-9 years

The longevity of our employees gives us a great base of knowledge.

The City's largest department is Public Works with 160 employees, and the smallest is Human Resources with 5 employees. Employees do a variety of tasks like designing and maintaining roads, keeping water, sewer and storm water flowing, answering calls for and responding to emergencies, picking up our garbage, conducting inspections,

providing activities for your families, maintaining final resting places for our loved ones and ensuring the orderly development of our beautiful community.

Our employees' base of knowledge is vital to Pocatello's success. Many are certified in their fields, and almost all take extensive training and push themselves to learn more and do better. They take pride in their work, and I believe it shows.

2021 Recycling... On the back page, you will find the 2021 recycling schedule. If you are unsure whether you are on Schedule A or B, visit pocatello.us/395/Recycling-Programs and click on the "curbside recycling schedule" on the left menu bar. Scroll down the PDF to find your street with its recycling designation of A or B. You can also call the Sanitation Department at 208.234.6192.

2021 RECYCLING SCHEDULE A							2021 RECYCLING SCHEDULE B								
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IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/1 New Year's Day**
Office closed.
One day collection delay.
- 1/18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
Office closed.
Normal collection schedule.
- 2/15 President's Day**
Office closed.
Normal collection schedule.
- 5/24 Memorial Day**
Office closed.
Normal collection schedule.
- 7/5 Independence Day (observed)**
Office closed.
Normal collection schedule.
- 9/6 Labor Day**
Office closed.
Normal collection schedule.
- 10/11 Columbus Day**
Office open.
Normal collection schedule.
- 11/11 Veteran's Day**
Office closed.
Normal collection schedule.
- 11/25 Thanksgiving Day**
Office closed 11/25-11/26.
One day collection delay.
- 12/24 Christmas Day (observed)**
Office closed.
Normal collection schedule.
- 12/31 New Year's Day (observed)**
Office closed.
Normal collection schedule.

Recycling collection is every other week, same day as garbage collection. Carts should be out by 7:00 a.m. on collection day. Holidays that affect collection service are listed above and will be delayed for customers with service on the day of the holiday and the days after the holiday. For example, when a holiday falls on a Thursday, all Thursday collections will be done on Friday and Friday collections on Saturday.

If there is a topic you'd like me to address in future newsletters or if you want to comment or ask a question, please use this sheet and send your comment to me. If you wish to call or e-mail, my number and address are listed on the front page. While I cannot respond to all comments individually, I do pass them on to the appropriate departments. v23.n12

My question/comment is _____

Name _____ Address _____

Email _____ Telephone _____