

**Mayors Message:** This summer will likely necessitate mandatory water restrictions for our City. I encourage everyone to prepare for brown lawns & minimal irrigation for gardening.

Hyrum receives its irrigation water from the Little Bear River, which originates below Powder Mountain. In a normal year, the river-visible when driving from Avon to Liberty-would be running at capacity due to snowpack runoff. Unfortunately, there is little to no snowpack this year, and the river is already flowing at levels typically seen in mid-summer.



Our concern is that by June & July, there may be very little water flowing to replenish our irrigation reservoir. As good stewards of this precious resource, we must work together to conserve and adhere to rationing with honesty & integrity.

In the near future, the City will publish specific watering schedules on [www.hyrumcity.gov](http://www.hyrumcity.gov). Residents without internet access may call the City Office to determine their assigned watering times. Hyrum City will also be reducing water usage at our cemetery and all city parks.

To protect our limited supply, city staff will monitor irrigation usage. The following enforcement policy takes effect **May 15, 2026:**

- **First Offense:** A formal warning will be issued.
- **Subsequent Violations:** A \$100 fine & immediate shut-off of irrigation water.

Hyrum has been fortunate to have reliable water resources in the past; however, during times of reduced supply, it is vital that we remain patient and cooperative as a community.

Sincerely, Mayor Steve Miller

**Current Watering Status (Spring 2026):** As of April 2026, Hyrum follows a seasonal schedule guided by the state's "Weekly Lawn Watering Guide." The following restrictions are currently in effect:

- **Recommended Frequency:** Two irrigations per week (or less). State officials recommend minimal watering until the summer heat arrives.
- **Secondary Water Availability:** Pressurized irrigation typically begins the week of May 19th-23rd. The city aims to have the system fully operational by June 1st.
- **Time-of-Day Restrictions:** Mandatory rules prohibit outdoor watering between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to minimize evaporation.

### Permanent Conservation Measures:

- **No Daytime Watering:** Sprinklers must remain off during peak heat (10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.)
- **No Consecutive Days:** Watering on back-to-back days is prohibited to encourage deep root growth.
- **Hard Surface Runoff:** It is a violation to allow water to spray onto sidewalks, driveways, or streets.
- **Rain Delays:** Irrigation systems must be shut off during & immediately after rainstorms.

**Historical Drought Restrictions:** During periods of extreme drought, Hyrum may implement "survival watering" schedules. In past severe shortages, this has been included total "no-watering" days (such as Sundays & Mondays).

By working together, we can ensure our limited water supply meets the essential needs of our community throughout the summer.

**Spring Clean-Up:** Dumpsters will be available for Hyrum Residents (must have proof of residence) to use at East Park (700 East Main) Thursday, April 30th & Friday, May 1st from 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. (or until full) and Saturday, May 2nd from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (or until full).

Please remember DO NOT discard these items in the dumpsters: tires, televisions, automotive batteries, motor oil, antifreeze, chemicals, ashes, fireworks, and paint. Metal recycling bins will also be available for any metal (aluminum, steel, etc.).

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#### CITY CLOSURES:

May 25 - Memorial Day  
Public Meetings  
Details Available Online

#### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

May 7 - 6:30 p.m.  
May 21 - 6:30 p.m.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION:

May 14 - 6:30 p.m.

#### Spring Clean-Up

April 30-May 2  
\*see newsletter article for more information

May 10 - Mother's Day

May 15 - Irrigation Usage  
Enforcement Takes Effect

\*see newsletter article for more information

May 25 - Memorial Day



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**Mayors Corner:** One of Hyrum City's greatest strengths is the dedicated people who truly love what they do. Stephanie Fricke is a perfect example. As our City Recorder, Stephanie possesses a profound understanding of our city's inner workings. From city codes and ordinances to the complexities of water management and annexation laws, she is an expert in the vital regulations that keep Hyrum running smoothly.

Beyond her technical expertise, Stephanie is often the "face of Hyrum." She knows many of our residents by name, always taking a moment to ask about their families and making everyone who walks through our doors feel like a valued part of the community.

Stephanie is a skilled listener, a true professional, and a dedicated public servant. We are incredibly fortunate to have her expertise & heart at the center of our city administration.

**Cemetery/Memorial Day:** All items placed on graves during the Memorial Day Holiday will be removed seven days following the holiday. It is recommended that individuals remove ALL decorative items intended to stay at the grave location such as: solar lights, shepherd hooks, etc. while Hyrum City personnel removes flowers & other items from the cemetery seven days following Memorial Day.



After the removal process is complete, at that time please replace items that you would like to remain at the burial location. Hyrum City is not responsible for any items removed from the burial location at any time.

**Indoor Walking:** The Elite Hall is open for free public walking every Monday-Friday from 6:30-10:00 a.m. until the end of May. All are welcome, but please supervise children and don't bring any food or drinks other than water.

**Burn Permits:** A valid open burn permit must be obtained prior to ignition of any open burn. The permit must be kept on-site during the burn and made available for inspection upon request by the local fire authority or state officials. Each burn location and event requires a separate permit. Burning must comply with Utah Administrative Code R307-202 and all local fire restrictions. To obtain a burn permit visit: <https://www.cachecounty.gov/fire/open-burn-permit.html>

Open burning is only permitted during designated burn windows and when atmospheric conditions allow adequate smoke dispersion. Typical burn windows are: March 30 – May 31 & September 15 – October 31. The Utah Division of Air Quality requires that the clearing index MUST be above 500 for a permit to be issued. Click the link below to check the clearing index on the day you wish to burn. Cache County is located in Air Shed 4. <https://www.weather.gov/slc/ClearingIndex#tab-3>

Authorized Burn Materials - Only clean, natural vegetation may be burned, including tree trimmings, brush, weeds, yard debris, and untreated wood. The following materials are strictly prohibited from being burned: garbage or household waste, construction debris or treated wood, plastics, rubber, or synthetic materials, tires, oil, petroleum products, or hazardous materials.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Beginning in May, Hyrum City residents will have a valuable opportunity to learn from local experts about how to prepare for and respond to emergency situations in their homes, neighborhoods, and community.

We invite all residents to attend our Emergency Preparedness Training Series, held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Hyrum Civic Center.

This four-part series will begin on:

- \* Tuesday, May 26 - Mike Black from the Cache County Emergency Management Office will present on "Emergency Family Planning," offering practical guidance on how to prepare your household for unexpected events.
- \* Tuesday, June 23 - North Park Police Chief Kent Goodrich will lead a session on "Active Shooter Awareness & Safety," providing important information on how to respond in critical situations.
- \* Tuesday, July 28 - RoseAnn Brandley to share information on "Emergency Water Storage & Purification."
- \* Tuesday, August 25 - RoseAnn Brandley to share information on "Human Sanitation & Hygiene."

We encourage everyone to take advantage of this important series and gain the knowledge & confidence to better protect yourself, your family, and your community.

**Recreation:** May is a busy month for the Recreation Department! We're currently running our inaugural Youth Track & Field season, our Adult Softball league (which successfully returned last fall), and our annual Youth Baseball, Youth Softball & Tee Ball programs.



We are also deeply involved in our Learn & Grow Hyrum initiative as we work toward a healthier community. Learn & Grow offers Fitness Classes, Fishing, Pickleball, Skateboard Lessons, Square Dance, and our Hyrum Explorers program, a free monthly STEAM program for youth ages 4-14. Stay tuned as this initiative continues to grow!

Looking ahead, we're gearing up for our Star-Spangled activities and our America 250 July 4th celebration! Many of your favorites are returning, including vendors on the City Square after the parade. We are looking for craft & food vendors for this event! We are also looking for children to join our Patriotic Children's Choir for our Patriotic Program on Sunday, June 28th. Practices will be held beforehand for all participants.

This year we are excited to introduce the Hyrum Patriotic Splash N Spin at Blacksmith Fork Park on June 27th. This new event brings together the Water Fight with the Firemen, Bike Parade, Cache Valley Kids Market, Intermountain Health Bike Rodeo, local food trucks, and more all in one place.

Register for programs, explore upcoming events, and sign-up for our monthly newsletter at [www.hyrumcity.gov/recreation](http://www.hyrumcity.gov/recreation). Be sure to follow Hyrum Recreation on Facebook & Instagram!

**Water Reclamation:** Inside the Hyrum City Water Reclamation Facility - Reuse & Safety: The Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) is tasked with treating an average of 1.5 million gallons of wastewater per day-24 hours a day, seven days a week, all year long. The treated wastewater is permitted by the State of Utah and discharged to Spring Creek, where it eventually makes its way to Cuttler Reservoir and the Great Salt Lake. For part of the year, the treated water is diverted for reuse here in Hyrum and becomes a portion of the secondary irrigation water used throughout the community.

As irrigation season approaches, it's important to remember that secondary irrigation water is NOT safe for drinking. It's meant strictly for landscaping and agricultural use. Avoid getting it in your eyes, nose, open wounds, or other sensitive areas.

Irrigation sources should be clearly identified with signage & purple fixtures. The purple color is the industry standard for non-potable and/or reclaimed water. You will see purple valve lids, pipes, and paints available commercially to help make those systems easy to identify.

**Millville Integration** - In November 2025, the Hyrum City WRF began treating wastewater from Millville City. Currently, Millville's monthly wastewater volume is less than what the WRF handles in a single day. It is expected the volume from Millville will increase slowly over time since each homeowner has to install their own lateral, which is a significant investment.

**Water & Irrigation:** With the drought continuing into spring and the snow-pack being extremely limited, Hyrum City is pushing for water conservation. This year, the City will implement water conservation practices; we plan to avoid flushing the irrigation system & only watering our parks and cemetery sparingly. Expect to see dry spots throughout the City. Limiting outdoor irrigation & culinary use citywide this year is essential to conserve water as long as possible, to keep our pumping costs down.

Our irrigation shares come through stream flow out of the Little Bear River. If the river is low the amount we draw decreases. Please practice water conservation! Keeping your lawn longer than normal can help train your grass for drought conditions. Brown spots must be acceptable & tolerated. We have been extremely lucky in the past, benefiting from pressurized irrigation & good winters has ensured an adequate supply. Please look at it as a blessing thinking of all the other cities & towns that have to flood irrigate or use all their drinking water.

Our culinary water system runs off deep wells as well as spring flow. With low snow pack our springs will run at a lower rate than normal. This will require more pumping of well water to our storage tanks. Please keep in mind that every drop of water we use as a city requires miles of infrastructure, a lot of electricity, and pumping costs & maintenance.

**Parks:** The Parks Department is grooming fields for all our sports programs - preparing them for baseball, softball & tee-ball or mowing them short for soccer. Most public restrooms in our parks are now open, there is at least one restroom available at every park. As you visit our parks, please help us watch over them. We have experienced significant vandalism & graffiti on restroom stall walls. We are excited for this year! Hope to see you at our parks!!

Water conservation tips & tricks our Parks Department uses to save water:

1. Lift your mower up & mow your lawn at 3" or higher if possible. Mowing grass higher gives itself shade and helps it from drying out as bad & fast.
2. Mow your lawn two times a week instead of once - this keeps your lawn looking fresh & healthier. Doing tip #1 may require mowing more often, keeping your grass from looking shaggy.
3. Use a good 4 step fertilizer to give your lawn everything it need to grow happy & healthy. Feeding your lawn with a good fertilizer will not only help it grow green and lush; it also helps your lawn fight off diseases.
4. Don't bag your grass every time. "Bagging your grass is sometimes good, especially in the spring." It can help get rid of the dead thatch layer in your lawn helping it wake up, so to speak. However, once the grass is awake and growing well, you should let some of the blades mulch back in, this will help retain moisture from rain or sprinklers last longer, much like a sponge."
5. Cut back on your watering. "Try cutting one day off your watering schedule, and or lower your times by 5 to 10 minutes. Your lawn will learn to thrive with less water and be just fine."
6. "Did you know that over watering your lawn isn't healthy?" These are common signs of over watering: fungi/mushrooms, excessive weeds like nut-sedge, sponge-like grass and moss growing in your lawn will cause it to turn orange/yellow and wilt because the roots have a lack of oxygen.

**Power & Light:** As we transition seasons and move into summer, we start seeing temperatures rise, and vegetation dry out, we want to bring to your attention a couple of items.

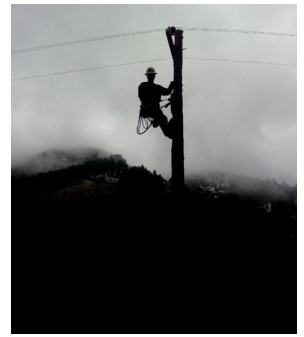
First of all, we are coming off one of the lowest recorded levels of snowpack the state of Utah has seen. This will likely lead to vegetation drying out quicker than usual and an increase risk of a wildfire season. The staff at Hyrum City Power & Light have been working hard to upgrade and harden the electrical grid in our community. While we know there is still a lot to do to make it more reliable, we are striving every day to meet the goal of one of the most reliable public power entities in the country. We love our job of providing safe reliable electricity to our customers.

Secondly, while we can control many things within our system, there are however some things that are out of our hands. Many of you are aware of the ongoing concern of wildfires in California and other parts of the Northwest (Oregon, Washington) and other western states including Utah. This has brought a lot of scrutiny and lawsuits to a couple of the larger Investor-Owned Utilities (IOU). Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) has experienced this first hand, as they are one of the largest utility companies in that region. They are in litigation for billions of dollars of damage from wildfires that are being blamed on their electrical grid. Because of this RMP has instituted what they call a PSPS (Public Safety Power Shutoff). They are trying to mitigate their liability in extreme weather conditions (high winds, hot/dry conditions, wildfires).

While we are a Public Power Utility here at Hyrum City, as with many municipalities throughout Utah, we rely on RMP's transmission line to get electricity to us. This transmission line runs along the eastern side of the valley along the foothills from Green Canyon Substation in North Logan to our Substation near the mouth of Blacksmith Fork Canyon. If and when there is an event that RMP deems unsafe for their infrastructure they will implement the PSPS.



Hyrum City Power & Light will take a proactive approach to inform our citizens, in all the ways we can, of the possibility of losing power for an extended period. We also encourage citizens to take a proactive approach and assess their individual needs they have and make preparations for such an event. Hopefully we never have to experience this, however with all that has happened recently, we don't want to risk it for chance. Many of you may ask and wonder, "What about the Generators Hyrum City just installed in the Northwest part of town? Can't we use those?" While this is a good question, there are many factors that play in on how we can run those generators. First, they are not big enough to handle all of Hyrum City's electrical load. They were installed to help with our peak loads and to offset the higher cost of energy that Hyrum City purchases in the summer. Secondly, there would need to be rolling blackouts to provide certain areas of the city power at certain times. This would require many man hours to have our lineman go throughout the city reconfiguring circuits to allow some to have power while others would not. This would need to be done to prevent the generators from shutting down on an overload. By the time this is done the PSPS may be over and power restored.



We are extremely grateful to have the generators Hyrum City has invested resources into. They will help offset the higher cost of power as well as help during our peak loads. Unfortunately, they cannot support the entirety of Hyrum's electrical grid. Hyrum City Power & Light wishes all of you a happy and safe summer with lots of fun! We will keep you informed of any updates or announcements that may impact us here in our wonderful town.

We have included a website from Rocky Mountain Power that you can view and further your understanding of what a PSPS is. Also included is a website that Rocky Mountain Power used to track current weather conditions around the region.

<https://www.rockymountainpower.net/outages-safety/wildfire-safety/public-safety-power-shutoff.html>

<https://www.rockymountainpowerweather.com/?state=UT&servicearea=Northern%20UT%2FID%20Wires>

**Museum:** Did you know that the first non-Native-produced documents about Utah's landscape resulted from the Dominguez-Escalante Expedition in 1776? As our nation commemorates its 250th anniversary, Utahns also remember this significant event in our state's history. All children are invited to learn more about the Dominguez-Escalante Expedition during our final Back in Time children's activity of the school year, "Utah in 1776" on May 12, 13, & 14 from 1:00-1:30 p.m. each day. Sign-up is appreciated!

This is the final month we'll be exhibiting the amazing traveling exhibit from USU, "Bringing War Home"! It's accompanied by many wonderful artifacts that local veteran John A. Petersen brought home from Japan during his service in the U. S. Navy during the Cold War. We will offer a special family art activity based on the exhibit during our Memorial Weekend Open House on Saturday, May 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day and by appointment.

Finally, be sure to join us for our "LUCKY THIRTEEN" annual car show fundraiser, Hot Wheels in Hyrum, on Saturday, June 6th at the Hyrum City Square from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be several awesome food vendors including Rollin' West BBQ, JK Old Fashioned Soda, Papi Juan Caribbean Food, Texas Twister, Honey Marie's Barbecue, Pita Works Grill, and Potholes, plus amazing vehicles, great music, and fantastic prizes! Visit the museum starting May 26th to get one free prize drawing ticket per person. We will also launch our summer-long children's activity, Passport to Summer Fun with new adventures, projects, and drop-in activities so visit the museum tent to get your passport and special event-specific stamp! We'll also offer an awesome free scavenger hunt with prizes this year! Vehicle registration is open and available at the museum or at [www.hyrumcitymuseum.org](http://www.hyrumcitymuseum.org) until Thursday, June 4th.

**Senior Center:** Happy May from the Hyrum Senior Center! As the weather warms up, it is a wonderful time to visit the center and enjoy the vibrant energy of our growing community. We take great pride in the friendly, home-town feel of our center, and we invite you to come see for yourself why so many of your neighbors make us a part of their weekly routine.

Did you know the Hyrum Senior Center has a dedicated quilting program? Whether you are a master quilter or have never touched a needle and thread, you are warmly invited to join us. Our quilting area is open any time the center is open—feel free to drop in, pull up a chair, and join the conversation. If you aren't a quilter but appreciate the craft, please stop by to see our beautiful display of handmade quilts of all sizes. These locally-crafted treasures are available for sale, with proceeds helping to support our center's programs.

Keeping your body and mind moving is the key to a healthy spring! Our regular exercise classes meet every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:00 a.m. These classes are designed for all ability levels, so don't be shy about jumping in. We also have a full calendar of social games, tech classes, and local field trips—be sure to pick up our full monthly activity calendar at the center, or view it online at [www.hyrumcity.gov/seniors](http://www.hyrumcity.gov/seniors) or follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/HyrumSeniorCenter](https://facebook.com/HyrumSeniorCenter).

Join us for Lunch! We serve delicious, hot lunches every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12:00 p.m. for a suggested donation of \$3.00. It's the perfect way to enjoy a great meal in even better company. RSVP: Please call or text us at 435-245-3570 by noon the day before you plan to eat so we can ensure a meal is reserved for you.

Location: 695 E Main St (ours is the parking lot just northwest of Ridley's).

Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Whether you're here for the quilting, the fitness, or just a friendly chat over lunch, we look forward to seeing you this May!

**Library:** The library is open Monday - Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The library will be closed Monday, May 25th in observation of Memorial Day. While the library staff puts together the final touches on the Summer Reading Program, there will be no programs for children & teens. Enjoy the story walk at the Hyrum City Square for the month of May, featuring a new story every week. Mark your calendar for our annual Summer Reading Kick Off Party - Monday, June 1st at 6:30 p.m. at the City Square!

**Adult Programs:** (ages 18+)

Book Club - Tuesday, May 12th, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Meeting Room. Join us as we discuss "The Small and Mighty" by Sharon McMahon. Books are available at the front desk.

Read Hot Chili Peppers Book Club - Wednesday, May 13th, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Library Meeting Room. Join us as we discuss "The Fine Print" by Lauren Asher. We are rating this book as 4 chili peppers.