

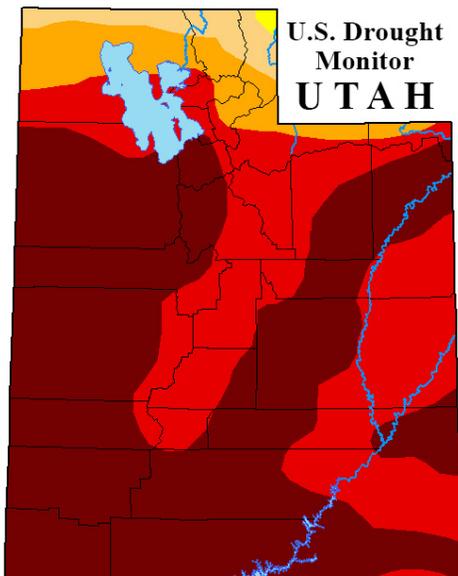
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DROUGHT CONDITIONS BRING CONCERN, RESTRICTIONS

With 100% of Utah falling in a drought category, Governor Spencer Cox recently issued an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency due to drought conditions. Following a record dry year last year, this winter's snowpack is only about 70% of average, making the situation worse.



Utah Department of Natural Resources - Utah.gov

"We've been monitoring drought conditions carefully and had hoped to see significant improvement from winter storms," said Gov. Cox. "Unfortunately, we have not received enough snow to offset the dry conditions. I ask Utahns to evaluate their water use and find ways to save."

In addition, current soil moisture is at the lowest levels since monitoring began in 2006.

"Extremely dry soils mean that when we do receive precipitation, the ground will soak it up first and

reduce the runoff that typically fills reservoirs, lakes and streams," said Brian Steed, executive director of the Utah Department of Natural Resources. "We urge people to consider ways they can save water and help be part of the solution."

Gov. Cox said he expected the drought conditions to cause local water conservancy districts to start implementing water restrictions soon. The drought could also increase the length of wildfire season this year, with the season starting earlier, and the potential for more extreme fires. Learn more about current drought conditions and conservation ideas at: <https://drought.utah.gov>

WATER-SAVING IDEAS

- Wait to water yard
- Use water-wise landscaping
- Install smart timer on irrigation system
- Fix plumbing leaks
- Run full wash loads
- Turn off water while brushing teeth, shaving, soaping up or doing dishes

Source: slowtheflow.org

SPRING CLEANUP TO REDUCE FIRE RISKS

FREE VOUCHERS COVER COSTS APRIL 16-26

To help residents clear trees, brush and other yard debris, Fruit Heights City is providing vouchers which cover fees to dump green waste at the Layton Landfill located at 1997 East 3500 North, Layton.

The Landfill will accept vouchers April 16-26, 2021. Vouchers may be picked up at City Hall starting April 9. Homeowners may request up to three vouchers per home. Vouchers apply to covered loads in pickup trucks or single axle trailers.

SMART SPRINKLER PROGRAM

After a successful start, and positive feedback from users, Fruit Heights City is continuing the Smart Sprinkler Program launched last year. Residents may purchase a smart controller from the city for \$20 (\$178 retail). Learn more at: www.fruitheightscity.com

LOCAL CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR, TWO COUNCIL SEATS CHOSEN SOON

Ever considered running for office in Fruit Heights? November elections may seem far away now, but important decisions must be made in the coming weeks. Our city operates under a unique election system which allows residents to meet together in a caucus meeting and nominate those who will represent both the Pincecone and Sagebrush parties.

On or before May 31, the City will organize and hold its two-party caucus meetings. During this meeting, each party will nominate one mayoral candidate and two city council candidates.

Individuals nominated through the Caucus meetings become the candidates running for office, and are required to file a declaration of candidacy with the Fruit Heights City Recorder between June 1 and June 7, and pay a \$25.00 filing fee.

More information about meetings will be announced on the City's website.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Caucus Meeting
Coming on or before
May 31

**Declaration of
Candidacy**
June 1 - June 7

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

650 North: Traffic on 650 N. is accessing US-89 at 400 N. Crews are working between Oakmont Lane and 650 N. Closure through mid-April.

Oakmont Lane: Oakmont Lane traffic will continue to detour to Crestwood Rd.

Mountain Road: Work is occurring on the north end of Mountain Rd. at approximately Terrace Dr., and extends to 650 N. Crews are relocating underground utilities. Expect delays and detours through April.

Nicholls Road: Utility work is occurring at US-89 and Nicholls Rd. (east and west sides) in preparation for lowering US-89 later this year. Expect delays and detours through mid-April.

1350 East: Underground work continues as utilities are rerouted down 1350 E. They will cross under US-89 and tie into Lloyd Rd.

Green Road: Utility work continues as crews install a waterline on the west side of US-89, as well as the relocation of underground utilities on the east side of US-89 between Green Rd. and Peach Tree Lane.

NOISE ORDINANCE

As the weather improves, Fruit Heights City staff begin receiving more questions and complaints about noise from neighbors.

For most situations, the ordinance states that quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. That includes amplified music, loud parties, construction vehicles and equipment. You may read more about the ordinance on the City's website.

OPEN BURN REGULATION

The Davis County Open Burning Regulation and Utah Administrative Code **DO NOT allow the burning of trash, garbage, waste (including yard waste), or hazardous materials in any open fire**, unless on land zoned for agricultural use with at least two acres. Notifications must be made if burning occurs on agricultural land. Recreational fire in a fire pit on private property **IS allowed**.

THE GREAT UTAH SHAKEOUT

**THURSDAY
APRIL 15**



As we mark the one year anniversary of the 5.7 earthquake that hit Utah, remember to register for the Great Utah ShakeOut, happening April 15, 2021.

Participating is a great way for your family or organization to be prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes. Register at: <https://www.shakeout.org/utah/register/>

ITEMS OF NOTE

- Secondary water turns on around April 15
- Green waste service returns April 1. Place green waste only (no garbage) in can
- Park restrooms open mid-April

YOUR CITY COUNCIL - citycouncil@fruitheightscity.com

MAYOR: John M. Pohlman **Council Members:** Diane Anderson, Gary Anderson, Julia Busche, Jeanne Groberg, Eileen Moss