

SEPTEMBER 2025

MANILA MATTERS:

YOUR TOWN, YOUR UTILITIES, YOUR NEWS

Town Newsletter

Stay informed about everything happening in our community! Visit the Town of Manila website or simply scan the QR codes posted around town to access the latest edition of our newsletter. It's packed with valuable updates and important information you won't want to miss.



Landfill Hours Change Friendly Reminder

Effective October 1st, the Town of Manila Landfill will start its winter hours of operation:

🕒 **Open Hours:**

Every Tuesday, & the first Saturday of the month

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

📅 **Monday Access:**

Open by appointment only – please call Public Works at (435) 778-0038 to schedule or to ask when the town garbage truck will be at the landfill.

🚚 **Important Notice:**

All loads must be tarped and securely tied down to ensure the highway remains clean and safe for all drivers.

For full details and pricing, visit:

<https://manilautah.com/public-works/landfill-information>

Thank you for your cooperation!

Garbage Pickup Update – Effective Monday, July 7th

Garbage pickup is now on **Mondays at 7:00 a.m.**, effective July 7th. Please have your garbage cans on the street by that time to ensure timely and efficient collection.

Helpful Reminders:

- **Place your garbage can on the street.** If it's not curbside, it may be missed. Public Works will return your can to the fence line after pickup to prevent it from blowing away.
- **Do not hang garbage bags on trees or fence posts.** These will not be picked up.
- **Double-bag fish waste.** In warmer months, especially if you are disposing of fish guts, please double-bag them. This helps prevent bags from breaking and stops maggots from ending up on the street.
- **Secure your dogs.** If dogs are not properly secured, Public Works will not collect your garbage for safety reasons.

 Public Works appreciates all residents who continue to bring their cans to the street. Your help and support make a big difference!

Thank you for helping keep our community clean and safe.

Senior Center

Please see the attached calendar for activities at the Senior Center. If you do not receive the reminder for the meals, please contact the Town Office, and we will get your phone number added to the RSVP list for meals.

Garbage Pickup

Residents are asked to place their garbage cans at the curb to help save time and improve efficiency. When cans are set out at the street, Public Works knows they contain garbage and doesn't need to check each one individually.

Below is an example of how one resident lets Public Works know they have trash ready for pickup.

Thank you!





Well Improvement Project

The refurbishment of Well #3 is nearly complete, with all feasible work finished. While we had hoped that refurbishing the wells would restore the Town's water production to historical levels, that will not be the case. The Mayor and Sunrise Engineering are now preparing a grant request to fund the drilling of a new well.

With all the moisture we have received, we want to remind residents that Utah remains in a statewide drought. Although no formal water restrictions have been imposed in Manila or Daggett County, we strongly encourage all residents to adopt water-saving practices.

Please help us conserve water by following these recommendations:

- Avoid watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Limit unnecessary water use whenever possible

Together, we can help protect our water resources for the entire community. Thank you for doing your part to "Slow the Flow."

We encourage everyone to visit <https://slowtheflow.org> to learn what you can do to help "slow the flow."

1. For instance, did you know that your dishwasher uses 3-4 gallons of water on a full load of dishes you wash, compared to the 27 gallons you use washing dishes by hand?

2. Manila is zone 5b. These are the plants that do well in our environment: <https://www.utahplantselector.com/?USDAzone=5b>

3. This link identifies how much you need to water your lawns depending on where you live: <https://conservewater.utah.gov/weekly-lawn-watering-guide/>

House Number Requirement

It is a requirement that all homes be clearly identified with their legal house number.

Effective immediately, if the Town is required to put or assign a house number to your property, a \$25.00 fee will be added to your utility bill. Please note that Bridger Valley, Union Wireless, and Public Works will no longer provide services to your properties that are not properly numbered. Thank you for your cooperation.

Monthly Town Meetings – Get Involved!

Have questions about new construction, road maintenance, utility rates, or town policies? You're not alone, and we encourage you to get involved!

Planning & Zoning Meetings

When: 1st Monday of each month at **5:30 p.m.**

Great for questions about building permits, zoning, and land use.

Town Council Meetings

When: 2nd Thursday of each month at **5:30 p.m.**

Ideal for discussions on ordinances, resolutions, and town-wide decisions.

Residents are always welcome to attend. If you'd like to speak or raise a concern, you can **fill out a brief form** and address the appropriate council.

Your voice matters, come be a part of the conversation shaping our community!

Rural Water Association of Utah

To ensure the town sewer system and the lagoons remain “healthy”, RWAU suggests our residents be made aware of the items that are most harmful to our lagoons.

In the realm of environmental engineering and water management, the concept of **FOG—an acronym for fats, oils, and grease**—plays a significant role, especially in wastewater treatment systems. As urbanization accelerates and populations grow, wastewater generation has become an inevitable challenge.

Domestic Sources:

Households contribute significantly to FOG buildup by disposing of cooking fats and oils down the kitchen sink. This practice, though convenient, results in the gradual clogging of household pipes and broader sewage networks.

Commercial Food Establishments:

Restaurants, cafes, and fast-food outlets are major contributors to FOG pollution. The high volume of cooking and food preparation often results in substantial quantities of fats, which, without proper disposal measures, end up in municipal sewage systems.

Support Petition

A Support Petition was dropped off at the Town Office concerning the dirt roads. We would invite anyone to address their concerns with the Town Council at the monthly meetings, or to the office personnel or the Mayor.

Magnesium Chloride

Potential Risks to Pets

While magnesium chloride is generally less irritating than other chloride-based salts, it is not entirely without risks:

1. **Ingestion:** Pets may ingest magnesium chloride by licking their paws after walking on treated surfaces. This can lead to gastrointestinal upset, including symptoms like vomiting and diarrhea. In larger amounts, ingestion can cause more severe issues such as dehydration or electrolyte imbalances.
2. **Skin Irritation:** Direct contact with magnesium chloride can cause mild irritation to a pet’s paw pads, especially with prolonged exposure.
3. **Pre-existing Conditions:** Pets with kidney problems may be more susceptible to adverse effects from magnesium chloride exposure.

September

Senior Center Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 7:00 - 11:00 AM Pancake Breakfast * See Notes	2 9:00 AM Exercise	3	4 9:00 AM Exercise 11:30 AM Card Games	5	6
7	8 RSVP to 801-916-9156 for Thur. Social	9 9:00 AM Exercise 6:30 PM Bunko	10	11 9:00 AM Exercise 11:30 AM Card Games 5:00 PM Social *	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 9:00 AM Exercise 11:30 AM Card Games	19	20
21	22 RSVP to 801-916-9156 for Wed. Dinner	23 9:00 AM Exercise	24 5:00 PM Dinner	25 9:00 AM Exercise 11:30 AM Card Games	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	Notes	* Volunteers please come at 6:00 AM so we can all eat before we serve breakfast. * Senior Social will be at Flaming Gorge Brew Co. Everyone will be responsible for their own bill.			

Assistance Available for Septic System Repairs

Healthy Communities of Northeastern Utah has shared information about a federal grant opportunity available to help low-income families. The program offers low-interest loans to repair or replace septic systems that are in need of fixing but may be financially out of reach.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this assistance, please see the attached flyer for more details.

This is a great opportunity to address critical home infrastructure needs with affordable support.

Healthy Communities of Northeastern Utah Decentralized Water Systems Program



WHAT CAN WE DO?

Help Repair or Replace Septic Systems

A broken or failed septic tank can create an unhealthy situation for you, children, pets, and neighbors. It may also contaminate nearby water sources or systems and create a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

HOW?

1% Loan for up to 20 Years

Our Foundation received a federal grant allowing us to provide loans to low income individuals. To qualify, an individual must have a HOUSEHOLD income at or below 60% of the gross non-metropolitan median household income for the State of Utah.



WHO ARE WE?

Healthy Communities of Northeastern Utah is a local Nonprofit Organization our mission is to **promote healthy communities by developing resources to protect and improve the environment, promote health, and prevent disease.**



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