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# 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. **Please plan to be out of the landfill by 11:30 a.m. so the gates can be closed by noon.**

For full details and pricing, visit:

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

Thank you for your cooperation!

# Message from the Mayor

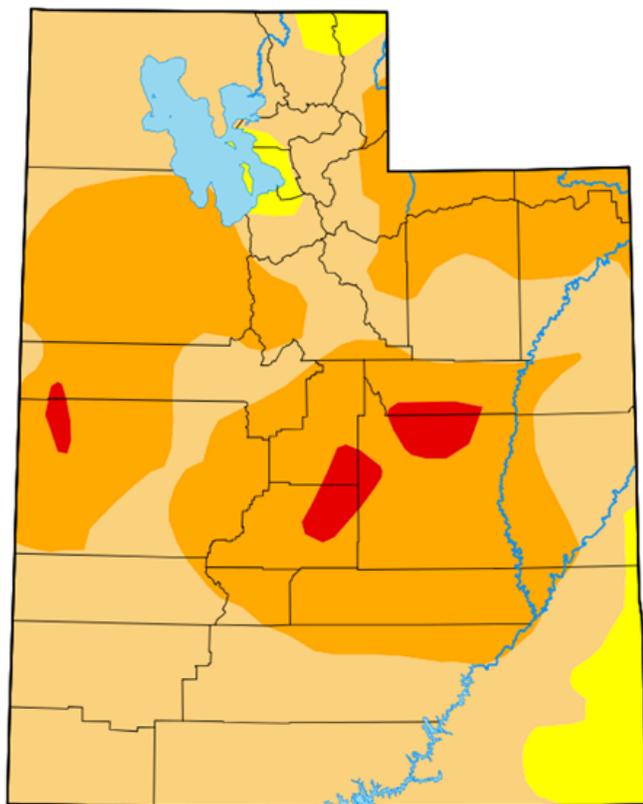
I'm sure everyone shares the Town Leadership's concern about our annual water situation. According to the Utah Drought Monitor, we are facing serious drought conditions. See map below:

Friends, we are in a serious water situation. Although the Town invested over \$600,000 to refurbish and increase water production from our existing wells, those efforts were unsuccessful. As a result, we will need to drill a new well at a cost exceeding \$1,250,000.

We will be pursuing available funding sources; however, this project cannot be completed immediately. In the meantime, we are asking residents to be thoughtful and creative with spring and summer landscaping choices. Please consider drought-tolerant and waterwise plants to help reduce strain on our culinary water system.

To lead by example, the Town will be using artificial flowers in public flowerpots this season to ensure we are not further taxing our water supply.

We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to helping our community through this challenging time.



**Map released: Thurs. February 5, 2026**

Data valid: February 3, 2026 at 7 a.m. EST

## Intensity

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

## Authors

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We encourage all residents to review the following resources and do their part to conserve water:

<https://conservewater.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Water-conservation-new-year-checklist.pdf>



### WINTER

- Learn to read my **water bill** and see how much I use each month
- Replace older toilets with **WaterSense-labeled toilets**
- Find and fix leaks in my home during Fix a Leak Week

### SPRING

- Pull weeds starting in March to reduce water consumption from unwanted plants
- Fix any broken and sunken sprinkler heads
- Select a **WaterSense-labeled smart irrigation controller**
- Direct sprinkler water onto landscape; not pavement
- Wait to water! Check the Division of Water Resources' **Lawn Watering Guide**
- Plant new waterwise plants (no annuals)
- Install drip irrigation for flowerbeds, trees, shrubs and gardens on their own zone(s)
- Improve irrigation efficiency by ensuring each zone has the same irrigation method
- Check to see if I qualify for **lawn-replacement incentives** and consider removing lawn I don't use

### SUMMER

- Add 3-4" of mulch to flowerbeds and bushes for improved irrigation efficiency and soil moisture retention
- Visit my water utility's website to learn about watering restrictions
- Only water when it's dark
- Adjust lawn mower height to at least 3-4" to increase soil retention
- Adjust irrigation controller to match the **lawn watering guide**
- Develop drought-resistant lawn by watering less often and watering 6 inches deep or applying ½ inch of water
- Check to see if I qualify for **lawn-replacement incentives** and consider removing lawn I don't use

### FALL

- Prepare for cooler weather by adjusting irrigation
- Start planning **waterwise landscaping**
- Hydrozone by grouping plants by water needs
- Check to see if I qualify for **lawn-replacement incentives** and consider removing lawn I don't use

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[ConserveWater.utah.gov](https://ConserveWater.utah.gov)

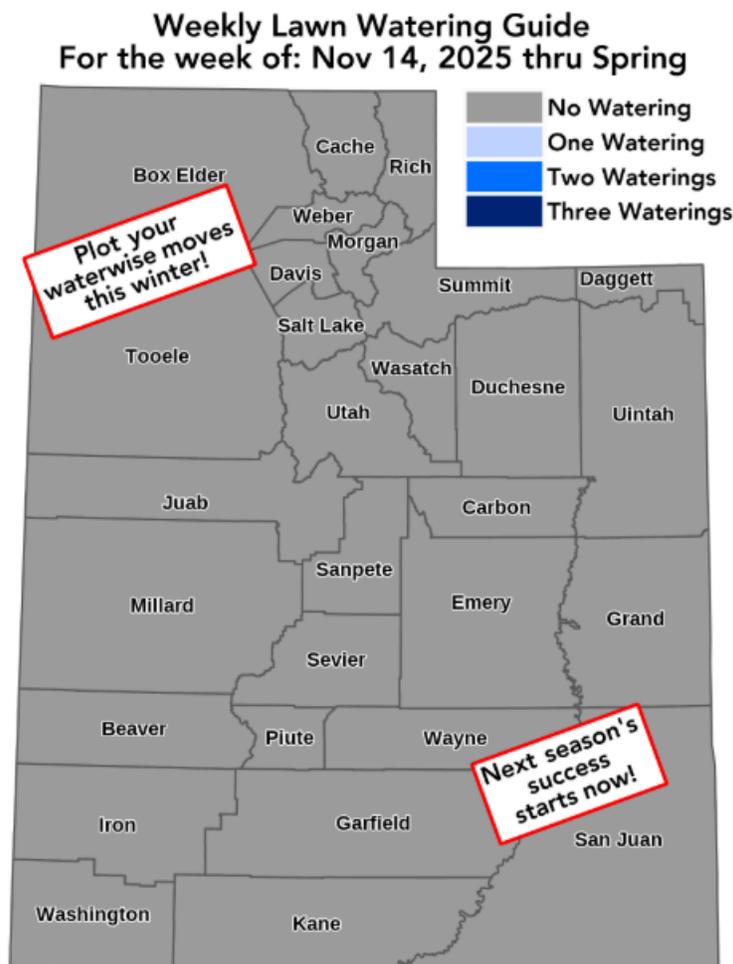
[WaterWise@utah.gov](mailto:WaterWise@utah.gov)



The Utah Division of Water Resources Weekly Lawn Watering Guides offer customized watering recommendations for your area and lawn type! These guides are created using weather data collected throughout the state, so the recommendations will vary weekly depending on what Mother Nature has in store. More and more Utahns are choosing to landscape with low water use lawn varieties (thank you!), so we've created an additional Low Water Use Guide. Be sure to select the appropriate guide below based on your lawn type. Conventional lawns should use the standard watering guide. Those that have intentionally planted low water use varieties should use the Low Water Use Lawn Watering Guide.

Conserve Water Utah-Weekly Spring/Summer Lawn Watering Guide: <https://conservewater.utah.gov/weekly-lawn-watering-guide/>  
and Utah Division of Water Resources Waterwise Plants: <https://water.utah.gov/water-wise-plants/>

## Weekly Lawn Watering Guide



Get a rebate at [UtahWaterSavers.com](http://UtahWaterSavers.com)

# Town Rules Regarding Animals

To help keep our community safe, clean, and enjoyable for everyone, please review the following regulations regarding animals within Town limits:

## Household Pets

No more than **four** (4) dogs (six months of age or older) may be kept at a single residence or property.

No more than **four** (4) cats (four months of age or older) may be kept at a single residence or property.

## Chickens & Rabbits

Residents may keep up to **twelve** (12) chickens and/or **two** (2) rabbits on any residential lot.

**Roosters are strictly prohibited.**

## “Leash Rule”

All domestic animals, especially dogs, must be properly restrained at all times unless otherwise posted.

### **Dogs must:**

Be kept within **six** (6) feet of their owner/handler, and remain under the immediate and continuous physical control of the owner. Acceptable restraints include a leash, cord, chain, cage, fence, or other appropriate device strong enough to safely contain the animal.

These rules are in place to ensure the safety and comfort of residents, pets, and visitors alike. Thank you for doing your part to keep our community safe and neighbor-friendly!

# Antennae Installation & Online Water Usage Access

MeterWorks, Neptune, and Public Works have successfully installed new antennas that allow the Town to remotely read water meters directly from the office.

We're excited about this new technology and the opportunity it provides to help residents identify and address water issues early.

## Monitor Your Water Usage from Home

We have made it possible for you to view your water usage from home as well.

Some older water meters need to be replaced because they cannot be read by the antennae. If you reside full-time in the Town/County and would like to monitor your water usage, a computer has been set up at the Town Office to assist you with signing into your account.

We are rolling out online access so **every** water user can easily track their usage and catch potential leaks before it's too late.

## How to Set Up Your Customer Account:

1. Go to: <https://TownofManila.my360-app.com>
2. Click "Create Account."
3. Check the box confirming you have read and accepted the website's terms and conditions, then click Continue.
4. Enter the following information:
  - Your account number
  - Full name on the account
  - Property address
5. If you do not know this information, please contact the Town Office at 435-784-3143 and we will help you enter the correct details.
6. Click Continue.
7. Choose your security question and provide your answers.
8. You will receive an email to verify your account. Open the email, accept it, and sign in.

If you have more than one account, please set up your main account first, then call the Town Office 435-784-3143, and we will help you add your additional properties.

If you have any questions at any point, do not hesitate to call us. We are excited to offer this new feature to better serve our valued customers.

# Garbage Pickup

Garbage pickup is on **Mondays at 7:00 a.m.** 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.

A few months ago, we shared a photo (left) of a resident who placed a red flag on their garbage can to alert Public Works that it needed to be emptied. The Town has since purchased red flags (below), and an employee who was on light duty has been placing them on garbage cans where they are clearly visible. When you set your garbage can out, please raise the red flag to indicate that it needs to be emptied. If you would like a flag, please contact the office at 435-784-3143. There is no charge for this service.



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

Two years ago, Public Works collected garbage using a dump trailer, which took 5-7 hours and required several trips to the landfill, involving 2-3 staff members. About a year ago, the Town purchased a garbage truck, reducing collection time to approximately three hours with just one trip to the landfill.

**Now, since every can does not have to be checked for garbage, collection time has been reduced even further, to about two hours, while still requiring only one trip to the landfill.**



**THANK YOU!**

## 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!

We'd also like to thank those of you who have been attending our meetings. It's wonderful to see more community members getting involved and engaged.

## Utility Bill Reminder

Water and sewer rates increased effective July 1. If you are enrolled in auto pay, please double-check your account to ensure your payment amount has been updated. This will help prevent past-due balances.

When submitting a payment by check and mailing it to the Town Office, please include all postcard stubs or clearly note all account numbers associated with the payment.

As a reminder, if you use auto pay, please check the expiration date of the credit card on file. While we will notify you, notification does not occur until the account balance reaches \$500.00 or more. If you are behind on your account, we can set up a payment plan. The best practice is to update your payment method as soon as you receive a new credit card to avoid any interruption in payments.

## Fall Water Service Notice

The Town Council has approved a program allowing **Public Works** to turn off utility user's water in the fall and turn it back on in the spring at no charge. If you would like to participate, please contact the Town Office at 435-784-3143 to schedule a work order. This ensures your water is properly shut off for the winter, helping prevent frozen or burst pipes.

Take advantage of this service to protect your home and avoid unnecessary repairs this winter!

**Public Works staff will place locks on water meters and record the lock number on your account. If a lock is found cut or tampered with, a \$250 charge will be added to your bill.**

## **Road Update – Asphalt Millings Coming Soon!**

Last December, UDOT graded and placed asphalt millings on 2nd East to help eliminate the ruts caused by heavy equipment traffic. Many residents have since asked, “Why can’t the Town do that on all our roads?”

Well... we have some good news!

We’ve had success acquiring additional asphalt millings and will be placing them on select roads over the next month or so. While we’re not yet sure how many roads we’ll be able to cover, this is a positive step forward in improving road conditions where possible.

We appreciate your patience as we continue working to maintain and improve our town’s roads. Please watch for equipment and crews in your area in the next month or so.

Thank you for your continued support!

### **Senior Center Activities**

ase 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.

# February 2026

# Senior Center Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 9:00 AM Exercise 11:30 AM Card Games	6	7
8	9 RSVP to 801-916-9156 for Wed. Lunch	10 9:00 AM Exercise	11 12:00 PM Lunch with Bingo afterwards	12 9:00 AM Exercise 11:30 AM Card Games	13	14
15	16	17 9:00 AM Exercise	18	19 9:00 AM Exercise 11:30 AM Card Games	20	21
22	23	24 9:00 AM Exercise	25	26 9:00 AM Exercise 11:30 AM Card Games	27	28
1	2	3 9:00 AM Exercise	4	5	6	7

**We welcome everyone over the age of 50**

The Center will be open 9-10 AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays for borrowing books. You may also pick up the key from the city office at other times.

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