Willard City Corporation – April 2024 Newsletter





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April is a reminder that something better is always around the corner.



MAYOR'S COMMENTS

We have been blessed with another wet winter. As I am writing this message, the Ben Lomond Trail SNOTEL site is 157% of median for snow/water equivalent moisture. This is well below last year's record precipitation. However, we are currently in a wet pattern similar to last spring's. Thanks to last year's precipitation, Willard Creek flowed all year. That has not happened in many years. It is an indicator that the soil in Willard Canyon has a high-water content and may not absorb much of the snowmelt. We may see high creek flows and increased groundwater levels again in 2024. City leaders and Willard Flood Control members will continue to monitor the situation and take precautions necessary to prepare the city. We encourage citizens to assess the risks to your homes and property so you may be prepared. ~ Mayor Mote



The Willard City General Plan was adopted by the City Council on March 14, 2024. The plan and Future Land Use Map are available on the City's website at www.willardcity.com

Willard's Municipal Code is also now available online. Check it out!





Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 4, 2024
Planning Commission – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 11, 2024
City Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 18, 2024
Great Utah Shake Out – 10:15 a.m.
Planning Commission – 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 20, 2024
WATER BILLS DUE
Thursday, April 25, 2024
City Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 2, 2024
Planning Commission – 6:30 p.m.

Agendas for the meetings are posted at City Hall, on the City's website www.willardcity.com, and on the State of Utah Public www.utah.gov/pmn.





HELLO & GOODBYE!

With sad hearts we bid a fond farewell to our City Planner Bryce Wheelwright. He retired on March 31st. He will be missed. We are excited to welcome our new City Planner Madison Brown!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WILLARD?

- Uintah Alpacas Open Farm Day April 13th 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 450 North 200 West
 - Great Utah Shakeout! April 18th at 10:15 a.m.
 - Box Elder Youth Football Registration



https://boxelderyouthfootball.com/?fbclid=lwAR38sKku-S8Qm3LTXLG0PEUCPsHf6fB89iD35B50SoIH_D7lod6y34n8zhM

Willard Bay Gardens classes

https://www.willardbaygardens.com/classes-and-workshops





- WILLARD SPRING CLEAN-UP - May 28th, 29th, and 30th - 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Volunteers needed for 4th of July celebration. Contact Marjorie Ross at 435-730-0465 Festivities will start with the Patriotic Program on Tuesday, July 2nd.



WILLARD BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

Did you know Willard City currently has 83 licensed businesses? We thought you might like to get to know them.

A & C Welding is owned by Craig Price. Craig started his business in 2018. He does mobile welding and fabrication work, such as railings, custom trailers, décor, art pieces for new homes, and kitchen equipment. He welds stainless, aluminum, and mild steel. He also builds custom vehicle components. Craig can be reached at pricewelding2@gmail.com or 801-786-9827.



DEPARTMENTS

ADMIN – Water meters that no longer emit a digital signal will be manually read this month. If you used more than the base amount of 17,000 gallons per month during the winter, your March bill will be higher than normal.

POLICE – The Police Department is following up on unlicensed dogs. Please remember that Willard requires that all dogs be on a leash when they are not on your property. Please clean up after them when you take them for a walk.

There is always an increase in reported scams this time of year. **DO NOT** give out personal information over the phone to anyone who calls or leaves a message. Beware of phishing emails. **DO NOT** send personal information by email or click on links in an email, even if they appear to come from a friend. Willard City requires all door-to-door salespeople to be licensed. If they are licensed, they should be wearing a city-issued ID. If a door-to-door salesperson does not have a city-issued ID, please close the door and call dispatch at 435-734-3800 Option 0.

FIRE - Open burning will continue through May 30th. Apply for burn permits at www.boxeldercounty.org or by calling 435-734-3300. Burn permits can ONLY BE ISSUED IF THE Clearing Index is above 500 for Airshed 4. State requirements limit burning to natural vegetation only, i.e.: tree trimmings, leaves, etc. That means no construction debris, household garbage, tires, etc. can be burned. Other methods of disposal will need to be used for these items. Burn Permits for Saturday will be issued on Friday, but you will have to check the Clearing Index before you start burning on Saturday. There is no burning on Sunday.

PUBLIC WORKS – Public Works will be changing, locating, and reading water meters this month. Please make sure that <u>nothing</u> is covering your meter boxes. Public Works can remove obstructions at the owner's expense.

Please help protect our water system. Don't leave a hose in a pool. It can contaminate drinking water. If you plan to put in a sprinkling system, you can find information about backflow prevention and avoiding cross connections at www.utah.gov/drinking-water/cross-connection-control-backflow-prevention. Check out the Division of Water Resources website for great information on water conservation https://conservewater.utah.gov/

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CERT "PREPPER" PAGE

APRIL 2024

7 Ways to Upgrade Your Food Supply

Spring has sprung, and there's no better time than now to evaluate your emergency food supply—and upgrade it. With what's going on in our country and the rest of the world, it's time to take stock and make sure your family is prepared for whatever happens next. Do you have far more than the recommended three-day supply? One natural disaster can easily knock out power for more than three days. The amount of emergency food you need grows even higher when you consider preparing for a potential cyberattack on the grid or other long-term events. Here are seven ways to upgrade your food supply.

1. You Need More Protein

If your emergency food supply is primarily made up of non-perishable canned goods, that usually means you're seriously lacking in protein. This is a problem. Your body needs protein—especially in emergencies!

Easy Upgrade: Many emergency food supply companies offer a wide variety of long-term emergency food kits packed with meat and protein. You can quickly boost your food supply by purchasing meat and protein items.

2. Don't Overlook Your Greens

Greens are often overlooked for emergency stockpiles because we know we can't adequately store fresh vegetables. But vegetables are essential to staying healthy and strong during a disaster situation. Fortunately, there are different ways to ensure your family gets the much-needed nutritional value from greens, such as growing your own and stocking up on freeze-dried vegetables.

Easy Upgrade: Purchase/dry your own - freeze-dried fruits and vegetables are designed to taste great for up to 25 years. Eat them on their own or add them to soups and other dishes for extra flavor. With Sprouting trays and sprouting seeds you can easily start growing your own. Also, keep a stash of Heirloom Garden Seeds on hand.

3. Upgrade Shelf Life

Many falsely believe that having non-perishable foods in their pantries means they are covered, should disaster strike. But, according to the <u>USDA</u>, "Canned goods will last for years, as long as the can itself is in good condition (no rust, dents, or swelling). Packaged foods (cereal, pasta, cookies) will be safe past the 'best by' date, **although** they may eventually become stale or develop an off flavor while losing their food value."

Sure, you can eat this food; but it will lose its normal taste and vital nutrients over time. Plus, there is also the risk of damaged cans causing issues like <u>Botulism</u>.

Easy Upgrade: It's good to stock up on cheap "emergency" canned staples from the grocery store, but more helpful to stock long-term emergency meals from trusted emergency prep suppliers.

4. Double Your Water

Experts recommend you store at least one gallon of water per person per day. This should be enough for drinking, cooking, hygiene, and more. So, a family of four would require twelve gallons of water for three days. Three days' worth of any emergency supply is simply not enough. You *must* double your water. How do you store this much water?

Easy Upgrade: Invest in water storage solutions, and purchase water filtration tools to enable your family to continue getting clean water when your supply runs dry.

5. Stock Up on Heirloom Seeds

If a worst-case scenario comes, you'll need to have the means to continue to produce food after your supply runs out. (Because eventually, it will.) Even if a long-term disaster doesn't last forever, it's important to be able to grow your own food to ensure you can be self-sufficient.

Easy Upgrade: I can't emphasize enough the value of heirloom seeds over other seeds. If you plan to live self-sufficiently, you must be able to grow your own food. Purchase through a reputable Emergency Prep supplier.

6. Don't Forget Comfort Foods and Drinks



One of the common mistakes people make when buying emergency food is they forget about what they actually like to eat. When disaster strikes, you will want your favorite comfort foods and drinks. People don't think about stocking up on drinks like coffee, hot chocolate, juice powders, but you'll be really thankful you did.

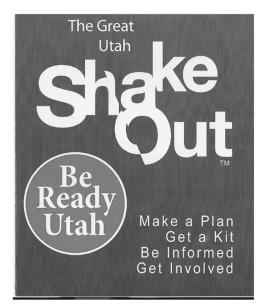
You might feel silly adding sweets to your emergency stash, but imagine how much better you—and your children—will feel when you enjoy a delicious <u>chocolate pudding</u> reminiscent of home when everything else in the world feels crazy.

Easy Upgrade: Add some comfort foods and drinks to your supply. Include things like energy drink mixes, pancake mix, breakfast muffin mix, freeze-dried sliced strawberries, apples and banana chips.

7. Make Sure You Have Emergency Cooking Utensils

One of the major points of long-term emergency food is the ability to cook flavorful, nutritious meals using *only* water and heat. While these emergency foods require limited ingredients, you still need cooking utensils, such as pots and pans, to take those meals from the package to the table.

Easy Upgrade: Now is the time to add a set of camping pots and pans to your emergency food pantry. You can easily purchase inexpensive <u>Stainless Steel or Aluminum Mess Cooking Kit</u>s. (I prefer Stainless Steel) or you can even pick up pots and pans from the DI or other goodwill stores. Store these with your food storage items.



On THURSDAY, APRIL 18th, 2024 at 10:15 a.m. Utah will have a 7.0 magnitude earthquake.





Prospective CERT Team Members -This team has learned a lot about HazMat suppression.

Kaleb Kunzler, Doug Corey, Eileen Jackson, Molly Bingham, Loralee Darley

