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MAY 2026 WOODLAND HILLS

**WOODLAND HILLS
FIRE EXPO 2026!**



Dear Residents,

We are pleased to announce that the “Chipper Crews” will return to Woodland Hills, tentatively planned for Monday, May 18th, through Thursday, May 29th. Please have your piles stacked before May 18th.

You can visit the city’s website for links to information on creating a defensible space around your home, <https://www.woodlandhills-ut.gov/pages/public-safety>, the State’s web site (<https://ffsl.utah.gov/fire/wildfire-community-preparedness/homeowner-education/>), or feel free to email the Woodland Hills Fire Department at fire@woodlandhills-ut.gov.

Also, a few items to follow to help our crews be more efficient:

- When stacking trees and brush, ensure the large diameter end faces the street. If they are placed both ways, the piles are very hard to separate.
- Stacks should be no higher than 3 feet tall and only one row deep.
- No construction materials.
- No stumps.
- Once the chipping crew has passed your home, please do not place any additional material at the side of the road.
- If you want to keep the chips, please lay a tarp on the ground next to the tree/brush pile near the edge of your property but not in roadside ditches. The tarp should be at the end of the pile in the direction of traffic flow so crews can pull past the pile. If a tarp is not down, the chips may be spread through the front part of the yard.
- This is for mitigation and not to clear your lot.

Please be aware of the following:

- None of your pile(s) should be on the pavement so vehicles can easily maneuver throughout the city.
- When chipping is complete, the lot/homeowners must clean up the chipped pile(s). Don’t forget to clean your ditch and culvert of trash and debris.
- Your chipping pile needs to be stacked before the morning of Monday, May 18th since they’ll only be making one pass through the city.
- Please go to the City’s website to record your time spent clearing your lot,

We appreciate your support of this program. We are making a huge difference.

This is a continued effort to make Woodland Hills a “Safer Place to Live.” With the help of every citizen, we will make it happen.

Please remember to CALL 911 if you see or smell any smoke.

Ted Mickelsen, Fire Chief



GRAMA

CLARIFICATION ON GRAMA (GOVERNMENT RECORDS ACCESS AND MANAGEMENT ACT)
THE CITY WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE A BRIEF EXPLANATION REGARDING THE PURPOSE
AND SCOPE OF UTAH'S GOVERNMENT RECORDS ACCESS AND MANAGEMENT ACT
(GRAMA).

GRAMA IS A RECORDS ACCESS STATUTE. IT PROVIDES THE PUBLIC WITH THE RIGHT TO
INSPECT OR OBTAIN EXISTING RECORDS THAT ARE MAINTAINED BY A GOVERNMENTAL
ENTITY AND CAN BE LOCATED THROUGH A REASONABLE SEARCH CONDUCTED IN THE
ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS.

GRAMA DOES NOT REQUIRE A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY TO:

- CREATE NEW RECORDS, REPORTS, OR ANALYSES IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
- ANSWER QUESTIONS, PROVIDE EXPLANATIONS, OR ENGAGE IN ONGOING DIALOGUE
 - COMPILE INFORMATION IN A FORMAT THAT DOES NOT ALREADY EXIST
- CONDUCT RESEARCH OR PERFORM LEGAL OR FINANCIAL ANALYSIS ON BEHALF OF A
REQUESTER

(UTAH CODE § 63G-2-201(7)(A))

WHEN REQUESTS INVOLVE LARGE VOLUMES OF RECORDS, BROAD SEARCH CRITERIA,
OR MATERIALS CONNECTED TO ONGOING LITIGATION, THE LAW ALLOWS THE CITY TO:

- REQUIRE CLARIFICATION OF THE REQUEST SCOPE
 - CHARGE FEES FOR STAFF TIME BEYOND THE STATUTORY MINIMUM
 - PROVIDE RESPONSES WITHIN THE TIMEFRAMES PERMITTED UNDER GRAMA
- THE CITY REMAINS COMMITTED TO TRANSPARENCY AND PROVIDES ACCESS TO PUBLIC
RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW. AT THE SAME TIME, IT MUST ALSO
ENSURE THAT RESPONSES ARE HANDLED IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT, LAWFUL,
AND DOES NOT REQUIRE THE CREATION OF NEW RECORDS OR ANALYSIS OUTSIDE THE
SCOPE OF GRAMA.

RESIDENTS WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT CITY PROCESSES, POLICIES, OR FINANCIAL
MATTERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS, REVIEW POSTED
MATERIALS, OR COME INTO THE CITY OFFICES SO STAFF AND MAYOR HILLYARD CAN
PROVIDE INFORMATION THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE CHANNELS.

THANK YOU.



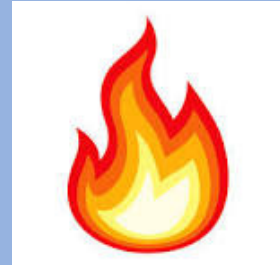
TED TALKS

2026 HIGH FIRE DANGER

Due to exceptionally **low snowpack and expected dry summer conditions**, our community is in danger of a **high risk of wildland and structural fires, especially in June and July**. Vegetation is expected to be extremely dry, and even small ignition sources can quickly lead to dangerous and fast-spreading fires.

What This Means

- Grass, brush, and wooded areas can ignite easily
- Fires may spread rapidly due to low moisture conditions
- Emergency response resources may be stretched



Mandatory and Recommended Precautions

Residents are urged to take the following actions immediately:

- **No open burning** (City Code 5.4.4), including debris piles and recreational fires.
- **No Fireworks** (City Code 5.4.3), including novelty fireworks (smoke bombs, sparklers, worms, poppers, etc.),
- **Properly dispose of smoking materials** (City Code 5.4.4), smoking while stopped requires 3' diameter space clear of all flammable materials, never discard cigarettes on the ground or from vehicles.
- **Use extreme caution with outdoor equipment** such as mowers, welders, or power tools that may produce sparks
- **Keep defensible space around structures** by clearing dry grass, leaves, and flammable debris. See attachment for defensible space recommendations.
- **Clear lot** of dead vegetation, trees, ladder fuels, etc.
- **Report smoke or fire immediately** to emergency services

Compliance and Enforcement

City code Title 5 Public Safety (<https://hosting.civiclinc.com/woodlandhillsut/books/municipal-code/preface>) provides more information on compliance requirements for fire safety or you can reach out to the fire chief. Violations could result in fines or liability for damage caused by preventable fires.

Stay Informed

Residents are encouraged to monitor official city communications and emergency alerts for updates on fire conditions, restrictions, or evacuation notices.

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Your Cooperation Matters

Reducing fire risk is a community responsibility. Your vigilance and proactive actions can help protect lives, homes, and public infrastructure.

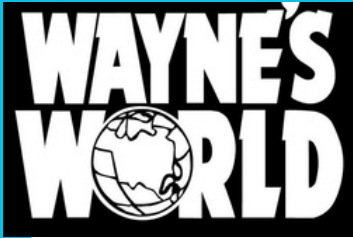
City Chipping Days & Wildland Crew Mitigation Assistance.

- **Chipping Days** are scheduled for the last two weeks of May. Please have all your branches neatly stacked at the edge of the road by May 18th. See guidelines included.
- **Our Seasonal Wildland Crew** is returning this year. They will be available to help residents with mitigation consultation and lot clearing. Please reach out to **Ted Mickelsen, Fire Chief, at fire@woodlandhills-ut.gov** for more information.

Thank you for helping keep our community safe.

Ted Mickelsen

Fire Chief



THE CITY HAS IMPLEMENTED A NEW RESIDENT COMPLAINT FORM. IT CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY WEB PAGE UNDER DOCUMENTS, THEN ON THE RIGHT SIDE GO TO FORMS AND APPLICATIONS, THEN GO TO CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM TO BRING IT UP. THERE IS ONE NEW ITEM ON THE FORM THAT HAS NOT BEEN ON PREVIOUS FORMS. AT THE BOTTOM OF THE FORM THE COMPLAINANT MUST CERTIFY THAT THEY HAVE SPOKEN TO THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY AT THE INDICATED ADDRESS. THIS IS A REQUIREMENT TO DO. WE HAVE FOUND THAT MANY OF THE COMPLAINTS CAN BE EASILY RESOLVED BY PERSONS TALKING TO THEIR NEIGHBOR OR WHEREVER THE COMPLAINT IS COMING FROM. WHEN WE GO OUT AND SPEAK WITH AN OFFENDING PARTY THEY HAVE ALL BEEN DISAPPOINTED THAT THE NEIGHBOR HAS NOT COME TO THEM TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM, SAYING, "I THOUGHT WE HAD A BETTER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US THAN THAT". REGARDLESS, THAT IS A NEW REQUIREMENT TO FOLLOW IN THE COMPLAINT PROCESS. MOST OFTEN WE TRY AND AVOID TELLING THEM WHO ORIGINATED THE COMPLAINT, BUT THEY ALL SUSPECT THEIR NEIGHBOR REGARDLESS, BUT THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE BOTHERED MUCH BY IT. AGAIN, IF THE MATTER CANNOT BE RESOLVED BETWEEN THE PARTIES, THEN THE CITY WILL GET INVOLVED IN THE MATTER, AND YES, WE KNOW THAT SOMETIMES THAT IS WHAT IT TAKES.

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

FINDING SANCTUARY IN WOODLAND HILLS DURING TUMULTUOUS TIMES

REFLECTIONS FROM YOUR CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE
AS WE NAVIGATE THESE UNCERTAIN AND TUMULTUOUS TIMES, I AM REMINDED DAILY OF HOW FORTUNATE I AM TO CALL WOODLAND HILLS MY HOME. THE WORLD AROUND US IS OFTEN FILLED WITH CHALLENGES—WHETHER ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, OR ENVIRONMENTAL—THAT CAN FEEL OVERWHELMING. I SPEND A LOT OF TIME OUTSIDE OUR STATE IN MY WORK AND SEE, UP CLOSE, HOW UNBELIEVABLY CRAZY THIS WORLD CAN GET. YET, WHEN I RETURN TO OUR CITY, I FIND A SENSE OF PEACE AND BELONGING THAT IS UNMATCHED.

WOODLAND HILLS HAS BEEN A SANCTUARY FOR ME, A PLACE WHERE COMMUNITY SPIRIT THRIVES AND NEIGHBORS LOOK OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER. OUR PARK AND VIEWS OFFER A RESPITE FROM THE NOISE AND CHAOS, WHILE OUR RESIDENTS AND FRIENDS FOSTER CONNECTION AND RESILIENCE. THERE IS A UNIQUE WARMTH HERE THAT MAKES COMING HOME TRULY RESTORATIVE.

AS YOUR COUNCIL PERSON, I APPRECIATE YOU ALLOWING ME TO WORK ALONGSIDE EACH OF YOU TO PRESERVE THE QUALITIES THAT MAKE WOODLAND HILLS SPECIAL. TOGETHER, WE CAN SUPPORT EACH OTHER THROUGH THESE DIFFICULT TIMES AND ENSURE OUR CITY CONTINUES TO BE A BEACON OF HOPE AND SAFETY. THANK YOU FOR MAKING WOODLAND HILLS A PLACE OF SANCTUARY—FOR MYSELF AND FOR COUNTLESS OTHERS.





COUNCIL MEMBER
BRIAN HUTCHINGS

FINAL RIDE FOR
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UTAH FUGITIVE DUST OPACITY GUIDE (QUICK REFERENCE)




Opacity = how much airborne dust obscures your view.
Measured by looking at an object in the background.

0% OPACITY (CLEAR)	10% OPACITY (AT PROPERTY BOUNDARY LIMIT)	20% OPACITY (ON-SITE LIMIT)	>20% OPACITY (EXCEEDS LIMIT)
			
<p>No dust in the air. Objects and background are perfectly clear.</p>	<p>Very slight dust haze. You can still clearly see details in the background. Dust is barely visible.</p>	<p>Light dust cloud. Dust is clearly visible, but you can still see and recognize objects in the background.</p>	<p>Dust is too thick. Background is difficult to see or not recognizable. Exceeds Utah's on-site limit.</p>

KEY POINTS

- 10% opacity is the legal limit at the property boundary.
- 20% opacity is the legal limit on-site.
- If dust is thicker than these levels, the site is out of compliance and must increase dust control.
- Opacity is judged by comparing how well you can see an object (buildings, mountains, or structures) through the dust.

HOW TO CHECK OPACITY

- Stand at the location of concern (on-site or at the property boundary).
- Look at an object in the background (building, mountain, sign, etc.).
- Estimate how much the dust is hiding the object. Use the guide above for reference.

WHY IT MATTERS

Fugitive dust that exceeds these limits can harm air quality, health, and is against Utah law. Construction sites disturbing more than 0.25 acres must have a Fugitive Dust Control Permit and follow an approved dust control plan.

REGULATED BY THE UTAH DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY | RULE R307-803
For more information: air.utah.gov

911 Abandon	1	APRIL 2026 STATS
Accident Property Damage	1	
Alarm Residential	2	
Animal Complaint	4	
Citizen contact	2	
Domestic violence	1	
Fraud	1	
Suspicious activity	1	
Repo	1	
Animal Injured	1	
Total Calls	28	



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