



# City of Hurricane

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## TRASH PICK UP

As a reminder, the garbage collection schedule may be altered during the holiday season to allow drivers to spend the holidays with their families. Our garbage collection drivers take only three holidays during the year: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Day. Depending on when the holidays fall during the week, trash pick-up may be delayed for those three holidays.



*This year, service in Hurricane City will be delayed ONLY for Thanksgiving.* Christmas and New Years Day both fall on Friday this year and so will not affect garbage service. During the week of Thanksgiving, pick-up will be changed from Thursday to

Friday. Please mark your calendars now – Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> will be garbage day for Hurricane City during Thanksgiving week.

## HOLIDAY HOURS

- October 12<sup>th</sup>* Columbus Day - Closed
- November 11<sup>th</sup>* Veterans Day - Closed
- November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>* Thanksgiving - Closed
- December 24<sup>th</sup>* Christmas Eve - Closed at 12:00 pm
- December 25<sup>th</sup>* Christmas Day - Closed
- January 1<sup>st</sup>* New Years Day - Closed
- January 18<sup>th</sup>* Martin Luther King Day - Closed

## HURRICANE BLUCAN MESSAGING

Hurricane City is working with Washington County Solid Waste District to provide a recycling decision period this fall. Now is the best time for residents to choose how they would like to recycle as individual households.



Although curbside recycling with BluCan has been a mandatory service in our city, all residents will be offered a decision or “opt out” period from September 1-November 30, 2020. This means you will be able to

opt out of the BluCan curbside recycling service if you wish.

*Those who don't wish to opt out do not need to do anything — your BluCan service will continue unless you opt out.*

Please note that the higher the rate of participation among residents, the more cost-effective curbside recycling will be.

Recycling is a community effort where we can all have an impact, from a city level to an individual level. Our city is working as a team with Washington County Solid Waste District in an effort to do the most good for the present and future of our community.

The District contracts with Hurricane City and other cities and towns within Washington County to provide their residents with garbage and recycling services. All cities collect fees from residents and remit back to the District.

The recycling program lowers the long run costs of garbage collection by lowering the city's relative garbage contribution. In the first year of the recycling program, the residents have recycled over 2 million pounds of material that would have ended up in the landfill. Recycling is also an environmentally responsible activity. It saves natural resources, saves energy, reduces the need for landfill space, and lowers the need to use toxic chemicals.



As a team, we are doing our part by:

- Making recycling available to those who wish to participate
- Publishing the information you need to decide which method of recycling works best for you
- Keeping costs down as much as possible.

You can do your part by learning how to use the service properly, and by participating in the wider recycling effort. All the information you need is at [www.BluCan.org](http://www.BluCan.org). There is also information on the lid of your BluCan.

What is recyclable in your BluCan includes:

- Loose paper (do not bundle it) such as junk mail, newspaper, and magazine
- Plastic milk containers

- Cardboard boxes
- Metal food and drink cans
- Plastics marked 1 or 2 on the bottom
- DO NOT put recyclables in plastic bags
- DO NOT put glass in your BluCan

What is recyclable in public bins (binnies) includes:


- Glass
- Everything you can put in your BluCan
- DO NOT put bundle or put recyclables in plastic bags
- DO NOT put recyclables in plastic bags
- Please make sure you put your recyclables in the correct bin

Whether you choose to use BluCan or public bins, the more residents use the services properly, the more material will be recycled and the more space we will save in our landfill.

While our landfill currently has many years of life remaining, recycling is like saving for retirement: the earlier you start, the more you can save. For future generations, we would like to save as much landfill space as we can.

Recycling as much as possible helps keep lighter, fluffier waste out of the landfill, which helps the non-recyclable waste to be compacted that much more, saving landfill space.

To opt out:

- Visit [www.BluCan.org](http://www.BluCan.org) to find the link to our city's recycling page. You can click on the  BluCan icon on our page to complete an online fillable form to opt out of the service during the decision period if you wish. There is also a downloadable form you can complete and drop off at the utility office or email to [blucan@cityofhurricane.com](mailto:blucan@cityofhurricane.com).
- If you choose not to use BluCan curbside pickup, you may take recyclables to the public bins. WCSW.org has a binnie location page that will help you find the closest bins. <http://www.wcsw.org/recycling/binnie-locations/>

WCSW has negotiated a new recycling contract to begin in 2021. This contract is for a 10-year term. Recycled materials are being taken to a recycling facility outside of Las Vegas for more advanced sorting, so more material can be recycled.

Rates of participation will determine BluCan curbside fees. If at least 51% of residents participate, fees will be kept to a minimum. If participation drops below 51%, the fees will increase. The Waste District has determined that if participation drops below 34%, curbside recycling rates and options will be re-evaluated or discontinued.

The current monthly rate for recycling is \$2.94 and will increase effective February 1, 2021. The new fees are based on participation:

- Tier 1, which would assume over 51% participation, increases to \$5.66
- Tier 2, 41%-50% participation, increases to \$6.10
- Tier 3, 34%-40% participation, increases to \$6.66

*\*Fees will increase annually by up to 2.5% for at least the next ten years during the contract period.*



## WATER DEPARTMENT

It's that time of year again where we need to think about the amount of outside watering that needs to be done. With the cooler weather coming, sprinklers can be turned back to approximately one half of the time used in the summer. As soon as it is cool enough, outside water can be turned off completely.

Remember it is imperative that meter barrel lids be kept clear of debris and over growth for easy access. Any meter lid that is buried by debris or overgrowth will need to be cut back by the City crews with a two-foot radius if it needs to be accessed.

If you have an irrigation system that is connected to the culinary water system, it is important to install a backflow device to prevent bacteria from entering the main water system. Remember, your family would be affected first. These devices need to be tested annually to make sure they are in working order. If you would like to be added to our reminder list, please call Connie at 435-635-9442. We thank our residents who make an effort to keep our water system bacteria free.



If you have a pressure reducing valve installed on your water service line, it should be checked annually. Most pressure problems are related to this device. For

more information about pressure reducing valves, please refer to our website at <http://www.cityofhurricane.com/categories/departments/water-irrigation/>

## POWER DEPARTMENT

The summer of 2020 was one of the warmest our City has seen in years and maybe decades. Because the heatwave spread across most of the West, electric power consumption spiked. The spike in power consumption, coupled by the replacement of baseload coal-fired generation with intermittent generation like wind and solar, led to a shortage of power resources across the region. The power shortage resulted in California issuing rolling blackouts to keep their grid from collapsing. The shortage also resulted in extremely high grid power prices in Utah that had not been seen for almost two decades.



Hurricane City Power used their natural gas and diesel generators this summer to generate some of the city's energy requirement, thus

reducing the amount of power purchased from the grid at the extremely high prices.

For the past several years Hurricane City Power has celebrated Public Power Week. Public Power Week is a nationwide celebration hosted by city-owned Power Departments. Your Hurricane City Power Department looks forward to this week each year to meet our customers and show you who we are. This celebration normally occurs in October and is a hands-on, interactive event with food, fun, and door prizes. Since CDC COVID-19 safety rules would greatly hinder the event's ability to have a party-like atmosphere, we are sad to inform you that the Hurricane City Power Department has opted to cancel this year's Public Power Week celebration.

The Power Department looks forward to seeing you at next year's Public Power Week celebration.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Shop With a Cop



The Hurricane City Police Department will be participating in the annual Shop with a Cop program again this year. What a great opportunity it is for us to give back to the community to those who are in need this Christmas season.

Every year we help nearly 50 youth and families and we look forward to doing this again. This program would not be possible without the help of our dedicated sponsors that continue to help us every year. If you have questions about this program or are

interested in being a sponsor, please contact Officer Ken Thompson 435-635-9663.

### School Zone/Crossing Guards

Now that the youth are back in school, we need to make sure we work together as a community to ensure our children get to and from school safely. Hurricane City Police Department has three very committed and dedicated crossing guards who take pride in their responsibility to get the children across the street safely. Fortunately, those children who are following instruction to use the crosswalks are being great examples and doing the right thing.



Unfortunately, we have several youth and parents who are not. We have seen problems with parents parking on the opposite side of the road and letting their children out and having them run across the street, not in a crosswalk. According to State Law, that is jaywalking and against the law, but more so, it is extremely dangerous. We have had several close calls with children almost hit; fortunately, drivers were paying close attention and stopped for them. Hurricane City spends a lot of time and money to implement crosswalks, school zones, and crossing guards for the safety of your children. Please make sure you are using them.

### Anonymous Tip Line

The Hurricane City Police Department has an anonymous tip line for non-emergencies, if you see something, say something. The phone number is 435-635-7911, email is [policetips@cityofhurricane.com](mailto:policetips@cityofhurricane.com). If it is an emergency, call 911.

### Found Property Site

The Hurricane City Police Department has a web site to help people find lost property. This site is open to the public and will be updated regularly with new listings. Please visit <https://www.foundrop.com/organizations/134> if you have lost property.



### Social Media

Did you know that the Hurricane City Police Department has a Facebook and a Twitter page? We post press releases, upcoming events, new city ordinances, upcoming jobs within the department and so much more. Check us out!

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### Hurricane Valley Theatrical Company

The City of Hurricane and Hurricane Valley Theatrical Company are pleased to announce the fall show, **Bright Star**.



Inspired by a true story and featuring the Tony®-nominated score by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell, Broadway's **Bright Star** tells a sweeping tale of love and redemption set against the rich backdrop of the American South in the 1920s and '40s. When literary editor Alice Murphy meets a young soldier just home from World War II, he awakens her longing for the child she once lost. Haunted by their unique connection, Alice sets out on a journey to understand her past—and what she finds has the power to transform both of their lives.

With beautiful melodies and powerfully moving characters, the story unfolds as a rich tapestry of deep emotion. An uplifting theatrical journey that holds you tightly in its grasp, **Bright Star** is as refreshingly genuine as it is daringly hopeful.

**Bright Star** shows October 9 - November 7, 2020 on Monday, Friday and Saturday nights at 7:00 pm. We also have Saturday Matinees' at 2:00 pm. Shows are at the Hurricane Fine Arts Building located at 92 S 100 W, Hurricane.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids ages 4-17 (with a paying adult).

\*\*\*Special Preview Night October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.  
All tickets just \$10\*\*\*

For tickets: [www.hurricanetheatrical.com](http://www.hurricanetheatrical.com) or call 435-668-9753

### Upcoming Events

Forthcoming information regarding these events will be listed at [www.hurricanerecreation.com](http://www.hurricanerecreation.com). Please check back with us!

- Hurricane Valley Christmas Tree Festival
- Hurricane City Christmas Tree Lighting
- The Hurricane Valley Symphony

### The Hurricane Valley Choir

Will be performing for the Holidays!

When: Saturday, December 5, 2020

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: Hurricane Fine Arts Building

Price: FREE

Come enjoy some uplifting, fun and peaceful music from your very own Hurricane Valley Symphony and Choir!



## UTILITY DEPARTMENT

**xpress BILL PAY** Xpress Bill Pay is the only method approved by Hurricane City for online payments. You can link a single account or multiple accounts together. There is no fee associated with payments on this site.

Using any other online payment system may result in additional fees and charges as well as delays in receiving your payment. If you have any questions about which service you are using, please contact the Utility Office at 435-635-2811 extension 4.

For more information, go to:

[www.cityofhurricane.com](http://www.cityofhurricane.com) and click on "Xpress Bill Pay".

If customers already have automatic ACH withdrawal directly through the City, that is still in effect. Customers would need to cancel ACH withdrawal in order to utilize the Xpress Bill Pay option.

Customers wishing to set up automatic payments from a checking account may sign up for ACH automatic payments through the Utility Office. ACH payments are drafted from the account on the 8th of each month. There is also no fee with this option. Download the ACH Authorization Form at: <http://www.cityofhurricane.com/categories/administration/utilities/>

Return the completed form with a voided check to the Utility Office. *Please be aware changes to or cancellations of direct pay must be made in writing a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the 8th of each month.* To cancel an existing ACH automatic payment for utility billings, please download, complete, and return the ACH Cancellation Form to the Utility Office.

