



# INVOLVED

# IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

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**One of the reasons Provo is consistently ranked among the best places to live is because of the quality of our neighborhoods. Provo's neighborhoods are diverse, well-connected and offer amazing recreational opportunities. Capitalizing on our natural amenities, Provo neighborhoods offer families and individuals a safe and enriching environment in which to interact and prosper.**

When people start looking to buy a home they ask about the amenities we have in our Provo neighborhoods: enjoyable parks, quality schools, a safe and friendly environment. We have reliable public transportation. We have historic homes. We have two beautiful LDS temples. We have a highly trained workforce. We have Google Fiber. According to the Brookings Institution, Provo is ranked #8 for greatest share of households with broadband Internet subscriptions in the nation.

Provo is one of the Top Ten best affordable places to live, according to Livability Magazine. The median income is about \$40,000 but people have to spend less to eat and live so it works. Wholesome activities and things to do cost less - from bike trails, museum visits, football games, arts events, mountain hikes and camping adventures.

Volunteerism is a big part of any good neighborhood. The Rivergrove neighborhood is a shining example. I've watched firsthand the Rivergrove community transform Lion's Park

using Saturday mornings and lots of work. The families and neighbors who live in the Provost and Provost South area have also joined together several Saturday mornings to clear brush at the Slate Canyon Trailhead and have great plans for improving their neighborhood.

In the Dixon Day of Service project, neighbors spent hours replacing the broken and missing concrete sidewalks that made it tough for people in wheelchairs. Joaquin neighbors decided to finish off the blocks between 500 and 800 North on 200 East and make it a usable, safe space for the residents, bikers, pedestrians and drivers. All that effort and toil brings people together and builds the community into a solid fortress of simple friendship.

It takes a lot to make strong neighborhoods. Good schools, low crime, wonderful parks and amenities are all part of it but at the heart of every neighborhood there are the residents who make it great. Thank you to all of you who work so hard to make our neighborhoods the best!



# IT'S SPRING CLEANUP AGAIN

## DUMPSTERS

Dispose of trash, yard waste, and metals free of charge using dumpsters located throughout the city March 28 – May 7 Mon - Fri, 8AM - 6PM and Sat 8AM - 3PM [DUMPSTERS AT THE COMPOST YARD ARE OPEN ON SAT UNTIL 6PM] Please separate the yard waste and metals from the trash and put them in the appropriate dumpsters. The dumpsters will be closed nightly, and it is unlawful to leave items on the ground.

## DUMPSTER LOCATIONS

MAR 28 - APR 2   FORT UTAH PARK	APR 18 - 23   3850 N CANYON RD
APR 4 - 9   LIONS PARK	APR 25 - 30   PEAKS ICE ARENA
APR 11 - 16   FOOTPRINTERS PARK	MAY 2 - 7   ROCK CANYON PARK

## TRANSFER STATION

Provo residents may take trash directly to the South Utah Valley Solid Waste District transfer station located at 2450 W 400 S, Springville, free of charge using the provided coupon, March 28 – May 7, during normal business hours, Mon - Sat, 7AM - 6PM.

## UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Please do not dispose of rocks, tires, concrete, tree stumps, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, or household hazardous waste such as pesticides in the dumpsters or at the transfer station. If you have questions about what is acceptable, call Provo 311: Provo's Customer Service at (801) 852-6000 (311).

## YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Turn your organic yard waste into plant nourishing compost. Sign up for green can yard waste collection by calling (801) 852-6000 (311). Green cans are picked up once a week from Feb 29 - Nov 25. No trash is allowed in the green can.

## COMPOST YARD INFORMATION

Buy compost [SOIL ENHANCER] and mulch [WOOD CHIPS] from the compost yard located at 1625 Industrial Parkway [APX 700 E] during its spring/summer/fall hours, Mon - Fri 8AM - 6PM For more information, including pricing, call (801) 489-3027.

## SOLID WASTE TRANSFER COUPON AVAILABLE ON BACK

## HELP KEEP PROVO BEAUTIFUL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

APRIL 9 @ 9AM - 3PM // PROVO TOWNE CENTRE WEST LOT

### WHAT TO BRING

Medications, Gasoline/Fuels, Motor Oil/Lubricants, Antifreeze, Solvents/Thinners, All-Purpose Cleaners, Aerosol Cans, Paints/Stains, Pesticides/Herbicides, Glues/Adhesives, Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Mercury Thermometers, Photographic Chemicals, Smoke Detectors, Paper Shredding, Glass Bottles and Jars, Batteries, Electronics

### WHAT NOT TO BRING

Containers Over 5 Gallons, Ammunition/Explosives, Compressed Gas Tanks/Propane Tanks, Asbestos Materials, Pcb-Related Materials, Medical/Biological Waste, Radioactive Waste, Fire Extinguishers, Business/Commercial Waste, Construction/Demolition Materials  
Tires, Unknown/Unlabeled Substances

FOR DETAILS, PLEASE CALL (801) 851-7525 OR VISIT [UTAHCOUNTYHEALTH.ORG/HHW](http://UTAHCOUNTYHEALTH.ORG/HHW)





## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Provo City School District's Kindergarten enrollment has started for the 2016-17 school year.

Please visit [FORMS.PROVO.EDU](http://FORMS.PROVO.EDU) for information and to fill out forms for the coming school year online at the comfort of your home.

If you have any questions please call the Student Services Office at (801) 374-4838

## HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE TARGET PROGRAM

The Home Energy Assistance Target Program, known as HEAT, is open to applicants through April 30, 2016. This program provides a lump sum benefit to assist individuals and families meet the higher costs of energy during the winter months. Eligibility and amount of benefit is based on income, household size and composition. Applications are accepted by appointment, by mail or online.

Contact us today for more information at (801) 229-3855, or [MountainLand.org/heat](http://MountainLand.org/heat)



## APRIL CALENDAR

- 1 | **DOWNTOWN ART STROLL** | Covey Center @ 6-9PM\*
- MEN'S SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT** | Footprinter Park\*\*
- 4 | **BYU KINNECT DANCE PERFORMANCE** | Library @ 7PM\*
- ADULT SOFTBALL BEGINS** | Recreation\*\*
- LIFEGUARD TRAINING COURSE** | Rec Center @ 9AM\*\*
- SPRING BREAK REC CENTER RECESS** | Rec Center\*\*
- 5 | **MONTHLY SENIOR DANCE** | Rec Center @ 8PM\*\*
- SPRING BREAK REC CENTER RECESS** | Rec Center\*\*
- 6 | **SPRING BREAK REC CENTER RECESS** | Rec Center\*\*
- 8 | **WORLD COOKING CLASS** | Rec Center @ 6:30PM\*\*
- 9 | **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY**
- VEGETARIAN COOKING** | Rec Center @ 6PM\*\*
- 12 | **COUNCIL MEETING** | Council Chambers @ 5:30PM
- ADULT BASKETBALL BEGINS** | Recreation\*\*

- 13 | **PLANNING COMMISSION** | Council Chambers @ 5:30PM
- 15 | **HOMEGROWN ART SHOW OPENING** | Library @ 6PM
- 16 | **SPRING FESTIVAL** | Rock Canyon Park | 4PM
- DOG SOCIAL HOUR** | Bicentennial Park @ 9AM\*\*
- 18 | **VOCAL JAZZ PERFORMANCE** | Library @ 7PM\*\*
- 19 | **COUNCIL MEETING** | Council Chambers @ 5:30PM
- 21 | **GOURMET COOKIE DECORATING** | Rec Center @ 6PM\*\*
- BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** | Council Chambers @ 5PM
- 22 | **CAKE NIGHT** | Rec Center @ 6PM\*\*
- 25 | **STORYTELLER DONALD DAVIS** | Library @ 7PM\*
- 27 | **PLANNING COMMISSION** | Council Chambers @ 5:30PM

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFO DIAL 311**

**\*FREE EVENTS   \*\*NOT FREE EVENTS**

**DID YOU KNOW PROVO.ORG HAS A CALENDER? TRY IT TODAY.**

# PROFESSIONALS TIPS

## FORESTRY DIVISION

### SPRING TREE PRUNING

As the seasons change to spring and you are trimming or pruning your trees, make sure to check for power lines in or near the tree branches. Never try to remove branches that are tangled in a power line. Call us at Provo City Power (311 OR (801) 852-6000) and we will be happy to take care of them for you. Remember the 10 Foot Rule: keep yourself and anything you are handling at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines.

When pruning a tree it is critical to make your pruning cuts properly. Cutting too close to the trunk can cause long term problems that can affect the structural strength of the tree. And yet pruning too far from the trunk, leaving a stub, prevents the tree from sealing off the wound and provides an area for decay, insects, disease, etc. to enter the tree. See the diagrams showing how to properly make a pruning cut on an ornamental tree.

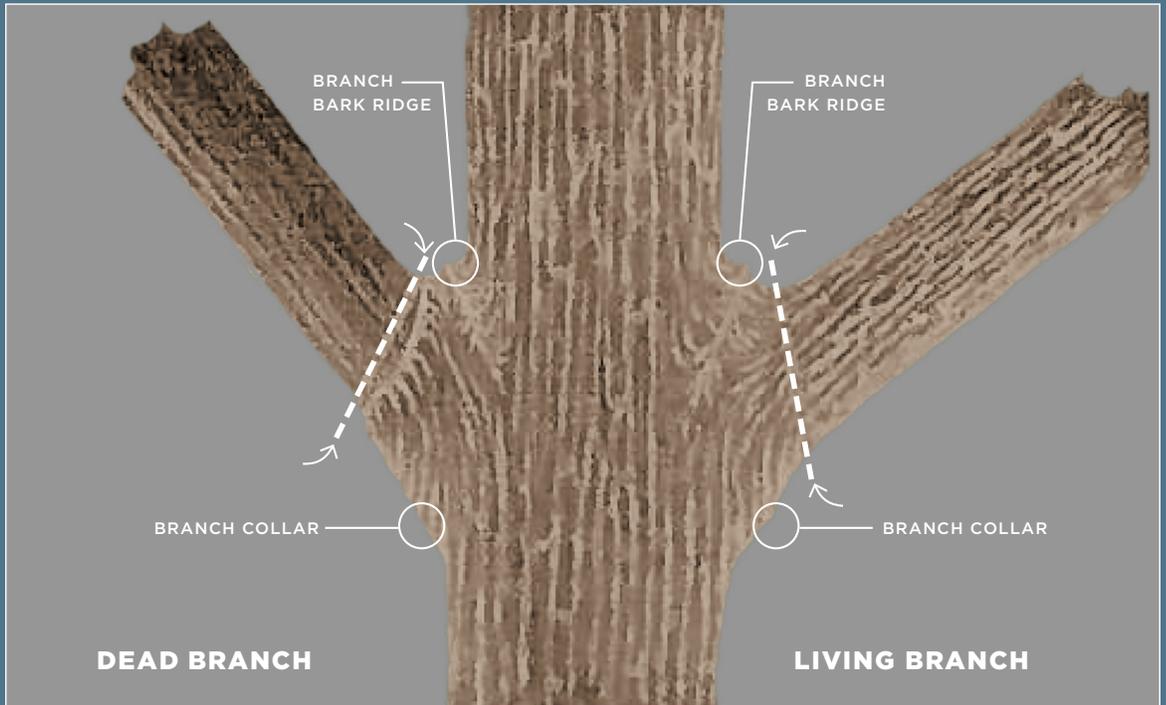
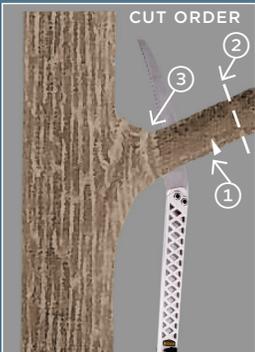


#### THERE ARE THREE MAIN REASONS TO PRUNE A TREE:

- » For the safety of people and property
- » For the health of the tree
- » For aesthetic look of the tree

#### 2 IMPORTANT FACTORS IN PRUNING ORNAMENTAL TREES ARE:

- » Pruning the tree for the right reason
- » Making pruning cuts properly



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT TREE PLANTING, PLACEMENT, AND PRUNING, CALL THE PROVO CITY FORESTER AT (801) 852-6920.



### SOLID WASTE TRANSFER COUPON

Coupon good for one pickup truck or single-axle trailer load at South Utah Valley Solid Waste District Transfer Station, 2450 W 400 S. Must show Provo ID **DRIVERS LICENSE OR UTILITY BILL**. All loads must be covered to avoid a \$4 tarp fee.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

VALID 3.28 - 5.7.16