



CITY OF MISSOULA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Public Works Department's monthly newsletter! We hope you'll find these updates helpful as Missoula continues to grow and we work to provide the community with essential services each and every day.

Street Maintenance

We will be on winter shift until the middle of March and will continue to patch potholes along with sweeping winter sand on the streets. Our Winter Sweeping Program starts on April 3, so watch the Missoulian and our website for dates in your neighborhood.

We also want to congratulate Dale Clark on his recent retirement as Street Supervisor and congratulate Rocky Teeters as the new Supervisor in charge of sweeping, alley maintenance and leaf collection!

To view our [2018 Street Sweeping Schedule](#), please select the map image above or visit our website at www.ci.missoula.mt.us/streets.

Traffic Services

Is anybody else ready for spring?

Traffic Services is hoping that planning for the upcoming 2018 construction season will bring sunny and warm weather. Along with warmer weather, our team will soon be preparing for our annual traffic counts throughout the City. The information gathered will help our Planning staff plan for future growth and development. Grind, grind and more grinding... our sidewalk grinding crew logged an impressive 904 grinds helping to keep the public safe in the downtown area. We also still encourage the public to please report any sign related issues to Traffic Services at 552-6372.



Traffic Signals and Communications



Pedestrian Signals: Should I Stay or Should I Go?

The pedestrian "walk" signal comes on for only a short period of time and is meant to get pedestrians started across the street. When the "don't walk" red hand indication starts flashing and the countdown timer begins, pedestrians should not leave the curb.

Countdown timers show pedestrians how much time they have before the solid "don't walk" red hand will be displayed. However, if pedestrians are already in the crosswalk when the countdown timer begins, they may continue crossing the street.

It is important for pedestrians to remain on the sidewalk if the countdown timer has begun, not only for their own safety but also to keep vehicular traffic moving. Turning vehicles must wait for pedestrians to cross the street before they can turn. If pedestrians continue to enter the intersection during the countdown timer, there is not enough time for vehicles to make their turns and keep traffic moving before the traffic signal turns red. Delaying vehicle turning movements significantly increases traffic congestion, especially during peak traffic times.

And, of course, pedestrians should not enter or be in the street when the solid "don't walk" red hand is displayed.

The length of the pedestrian "walk" time is set by the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* and is usually 7 seconds but can be longer or a little shorter depending on conditions at the specific intersections.

If you have questions about this or other traffic signal-related topics, please contact Traffic Signal & Communication Shop Supervisor Rick Larson at 406-552-6370 or rlarson@ci.missoula.mt.us.

Storm Water

Did you know that gasoline and other leaking vehicle fluids are some of Missoula's most common illicit discharge complaints? If left leaking, antifreeze, transmission fluid, brake fluid, oil and gasoline all collect on Missoula streets and properties. Brake pads and tires leave trace particles everywhere we travel. We see their marks on the snow and pavement. These pollutants then run off into streams, storm drains and rivers. Whether it's a skateboard, bicycle, motorcycle, RV, boat, truck or car, we all have storm water footprints. Let's keep it small and keep the valley we love clean. Maintain your vehicle.



The photo above is an example of oil and sediment along with melting snow being deposited into a storm drain. Let's all work together to avoid polluting our groundwater.

Garden City Compost

Spring is just days away, and Garden City Compost is open for the season! We invite the public to visit us at 1125 Clark Fork Lane between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday to purchase compost and topsoil by the cubic yard. Or bring a 5-gallon bucket and fill it with compost for only \$3. Garden City Compost is open for drop-off of green waste like brush, tree trimmings and grass clippings from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Visit our web page for complete information about pricing and materials at www.ci.missoula.mt.us/2089/Garden-City-Compost.



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552-6619 | Mon-Sat: 8a-5p
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Compost & Premium Topsoil



Locally produced using only regional sustainable materials.

By the 5 gal. bucket or truck load

Also accepting Yard Waste
- please check our website for fees

Missoula Water

We are moving forward with our water main replacement program. Several projects have now gone out for bid, and maps and locations are on our Projects page at www.ci.missoula.mt.us/waterprojects. We will continue to update our project page frequently. We'll schedule public meetings before construction begins and residents who will be affected will be notified.

Also, the consultant team of River Design Group and Morrison-Maierle, Inc. were selected to conduct an engineering survey, site assessment and conceptual restoration design report for the Lower Rattlesnake Creek Dam Project. **The conceptual design alternatives will be presented in a public open house on March 20 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Missoula International School at 1100 Harrison St.** Watch for Missoula Water's quarterly spring newsletter in your water bills later in March or read it online at www.ci.missoula.mt.us/water.

