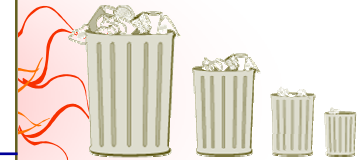
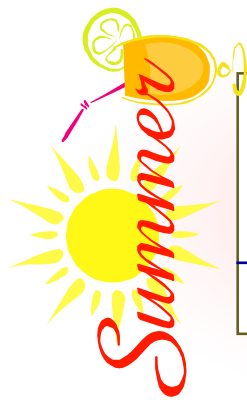


# The Garbage Gazette

City of Logan Environmental Department

Information about Recycling, Garbage Disposal, the Landfill and other Environmental issues for the citizens of Cache County

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## Reusable Bag Campaign: BYOB Bring Your Own Bag

Next time you are at the grocery store and the grocer asks you “paper or plastic” just say, neither & Bring Your Own Bag (BYOB) with you on all your shopping endeavors. This summer, the Environmental Department is launching a Bring Your Own Bag campaign to help reduce the number of plastic bags that not only end up in the landfill, but litter our valley. Plastic bags (as well as other wastes) do not easily biodegrade in a landfill because of the lack of oxygen and other environmental factors that play a part in the degradation process. Plastic bags are so light weight they easily blow away and can end up thousands of miles from where they originated. If every adult in Cache Valley went to the grocery store once a week, the total bags used would be around 3 million 315 thousand for the whole year. That equals a little more than 41,430 pounds of waste just in plastic bags from the grocery store. That number of bags use approximately 231 barrels of oil annually. Locales worldwide have problems with plastic bags littering the landscape and causing havoc to wild-



life. It has become such a problem that certain countries such as China and Ireland, have banned the use of plastic bags altogether. So what about paper? The truth of the matter is that it is an environmental toss up. Paper bags produce more air pollution, water waste, and industrial solid waste, take up more landfill space and use more energy to produce than plastic bags. On the flip side, paper is made from a renewable resource (trees) while plastic is made from a non-renewable resource (oil and natural gas). The most environmentally friendly behavior is to just bring your own bag to the grocery store, so next time your asked paper or plastic, just say neither! Who knows, you may even save money if the place you shop offers incentives. ♻️

## How to Help with the Litter

At the Logan City Environmental Department our first priority is taking care of Cache County’s waste in the form of garbage, recycling and garden waste (GreenWaste). In order to properly dispose of waste in the valley, we have a few suggestion for residents to help keep litter from blowing out of the garbage trucks and keep waste in the landfill. As all residents know, loads coming into the



This is an example of the proper distance the cans need to be placed. Please make sure the lids securely close as this will mean they are not overfilled.

landfill must be covered. Our garbage trucks also have a screen door located inside the hopper chute into which garbage is dumped in order to help keep the garbage inside the truck. All of our drivers are constantly reminded of the importance of closing their hoppers. Unfortunately, the hopper door cannot prevent some of the more lightweight materials from escaping. The Department has been working hard to modify the door in order to improve the situation. There are certain types of lightweight garbage that are notorious for blowing out of a closed hopper. The types of materials include yet are not limited to; paper, Styrofoam packing peanuts, and plastic retail shopping bags. One reason we started the “Bring Your Own Bag” pledge is to try and reduce wind-

blown bags that cause litter. If you do not want to bring your own bags to the grocery stores and insist on plastic bags, we ask that you please place your shopping bags in to a bigger garbage sack in order to prevent them from escaping your own container and, our garbage truck. Just to be safe, it is always a good idea to bag loose, lightweight garbage. For the blue recycle can all we ask is for residents to bag shredded paper. See Litter on back page



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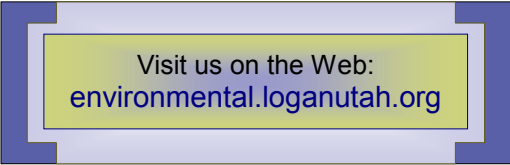
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**TIP OF THE SEASON:**  
Pledge to start using reusable grocery bags at the stores. If you make a pledge with the environmental department, we will give you your first bag! Just call 716-9771 or e-mail [jericken@loganutah.org](mailto:jericken@loganutah.org) for more information.

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Winter: January  
Spring: April  
Summer: July  
Fall: October

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Landfill, GreenWaste Facility, Household  
 Hazardous Waste Facility  
Summer Hours (April to September)  
 8:00 am to 6:30 pm  
Winter Hours (October to March)  
 8:00 am to 5:30 pm

The Logan Landfill and all its operations will be closed on:  
 July 4th-Independence Day  
 July 24th-Pioneer Day  
 Sept 1st-Labor Day

## Litter cont'd

Plastic bags are not taken in the recycle container except when bagging shredded paper, cell phones and inkjet cartridges. A few other things that residents can do to help keep garbage in its place is to keep your cans at least four feet apart and to not overfill cans. By keeping your cans at least four feet apart the garbage truck claw can easily grab and maneuver the waste container up and into the truck avoiding spillage. Overfilling containers increases the likelihood of garbage blowing out of the cans. This is especially a problem with commercial dumpsters. When commercial dumpsters are overfilled, the garbage may end up on top of the cab of the truck when it is being dumped into the hopper. This causes the garbage to blow off the cab of the truck while driving. We take litter problems very seriously and do what we can to prevent litter. We have people working at the landfill specifically to clean up the perimeters so garbage does not blow out. We also cover the garbage with six inches of dirt every day to help keep it where it belongs. We have written grants and received monies to clean up illegal dump sites. We have initiated help from various organizations in the community, such as the scout group, to help clean up major roadways in Cache Valley. One of our goals is to have a litter free valley and we can only achieve this with the help of the residents. Please remember, we work for you, if there is a problem please call us so we can remedy the situation. ☑

**Mosquito Abatement Questions in Logan City only, call 716-9758**



## Green Waste Facility

200 North 1400 West in Logan  
 Phone: 750-9981

The Green Waste Facility is operated by the Logan Landfill and is open: Monday thru Saturday 8 am to 6 pm (April – September) and 8 am to 5 pm (October – March). Wood chip and compost loading hours are 8 am to 12 pm & 1 pm to 6 pm Monday thru Saturday. There is no additional charge for loading. Please remember that customers must fill out a chainsaw waiver form to cut firewood at the Landfill. The Green Waste Operators will not cut or load firewood.

### Products for Sale:

*A full-size or 8 foot bed truck will hold 2 yards.*

Compost	\$17.00/yard
Premium Mulch	\$12.00/yard
Medium Mulch	\$10.00/yard
Evergreen Mulch	\$10.00/yard
Pallet Wood Chips	\$10.00/yard
Shredded Tree	\$8.00/yard
Firewood	\$5.00/cord

Please remember all loads must be covered or tarped coming and leaving the Landfill. There is a \$10.00 fee for all uncovered loads. Tarps (6' x 8') are available for sale at the Scalehouse for \$4.00 (compost point card does not apply).

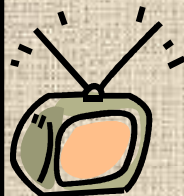
**Household Hazardous Waste is taken for FREE**  
 Monday – Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
 200 North 1400 West, Logan UT 84321  
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Not applicable to businesses

A few examples of residential hazardous waste are:

- \*Antifreeze
- \*Bleach
- \*Car batteries
- \*Computers and Computer monitors
- \*Gasoline & unwanted fuels
- \*Household cleaners
- \*Insecticides/Pesticides/Fungicides
- \*Mercury items (e.g. fluorescent light bulbs)
- \*Motor oil
- \*Paint
- \*Paint thinner
- \*Pool & Spa Chemicals
- \*Propane Cylinders

## Hear ye Hear ye



FCC mandated all televisions to go digital on February 17th 2009. So ye wondering what to do with ye ol' television sets? Just bring them to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility for FREE! Call 750-9981