



FARMINGTON NEWS

MORE TIME FOR LIVING



WATER A LITTLE LESS THIS YEAR OR LOSE THE YARD NEXT YEAR

a message from Mayor Brett Anderson

predictor of doom, but we need to have a plain talk about secondary water.

The other week I joined other elected officials from across Davis County at our Council of Governments meeting, where the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District walked us through the water numbers that will shape this summer — and, frankly, several summers after it. I left that meeting convinced that every household in our city needs to hear what I heard. So here we go.

Here is the simplest way I can say it: If we overuse our water this year to keep a green yard, we may not have a yard at all next year.

The Facts: Weber Basin is the system that supplies water to roughly 700,000 of us across five counties, drawing from seven dams and more than 500 miles of pipeline. It is, in every real sense, the lifeline of our communities.

Right now, total basin storage sits at about 370,694 acre-feet. By June 1st, it is projected to drop to roughly 361,100 acre-feet. That number matters

because it crosses an important line on the District's drought-response chart — it moves us from "Advisory" into "Moderate" drought conditions. Soil moisture across the drainage is at 97% of median, and weather outlooks for the months ahead lean warmer and drier than we'd like.

Drought Levels		Drought Level Triggers	
Response Level	Water Shortage Description	Projected June 1st Total Basin Storage (AF)	Projected June 1st Total Upstream Basin Storage (AF)
1	Normal	Greater than 380,000	Greater than 245,000
2	Advisory	Greater than 380,000	Greater than 245,000
3	Moderate	380,000 to 360,000	245,000 to 225,000
4	Severe	360,000 to 340,000	225,000 to 200,000
5	Extreme	340,000 to 280,000	200,000 to 160,000
6	Exceptional	Less than 280,000	Less than 160,000

We are not in crisis, yet. But we are in the possible early pages of one, and what we do this summer may determine whether we keep turning those pages.

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THE RED BLOG

a message from Chief Shelby Willis

DEAR FARMINGTON RESIDENTS,

As we enter the July holiday season, the Farmington Fire Department reminds everyone that our community sits in a wildland–urban interface, where homes border dry vegetation. These conditions create a high risk of wildfire ignition and rapid spread during Utah's hot, dry summers.

WILDFIRE RISK IN FARMINGTON

Our area has experienced fast-moving wildfires that threatened homes, prompted evacuations, and required significant emergency response. These events highlight the ongoing wildfire danger in our community.

FIREWORKS AND FIRE DANGER

Fireworks are a valued tradition, but they remain a leading cause of preventable fires. Sparks and embers can easily ignite dry grass and brush, and even a small fire can escalate quickly in Farmington's environment.

SAFE AND LEGAL FIREWORK USE

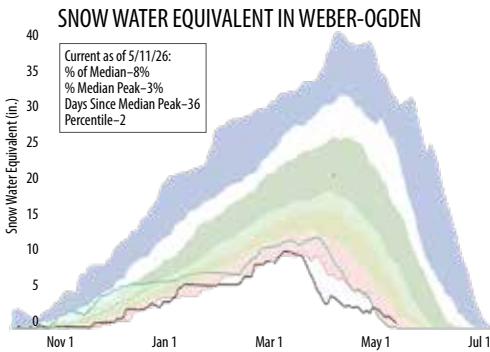
Please help protect our community by following these guidelines:

- Use fireworks only on legal dates
- Avoid restricted areas, including the east bench and foothills

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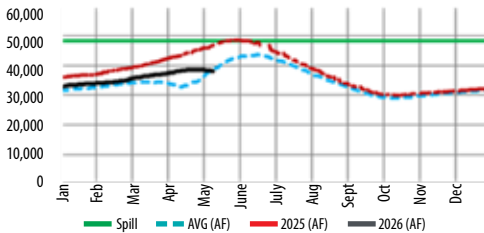
Weber Basin runs on a spartan two-year reserve protocol (unlike some of our neighboring counties to the south, who, in the Legislature's infinite wisdom are allowed to operate on a seven-year reserve protocol (meaning they can stockpile up to seven years' worth of water (and, parenthetically speaking, I do enjoy a good parenthetical inside of a parenthetical))—and that's why, a few years back, they were watering at-will to the south of us when we were severely restricted.) Clearly, we need to talk to our legislators.

Here are a few graphs to drive the point home:

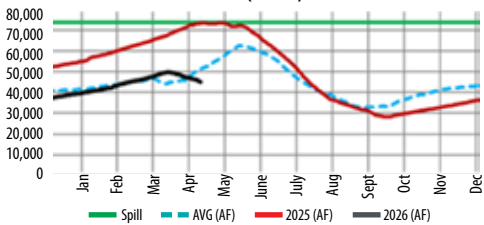


This is the average snow water accumulation for the area (purple is the high, red is the low, the green line in the middle is the average, the black line is the present). Plainly, the snow data is not good.

EAST CANYON (2026)



ECHO (2026)



The red line is the 2025 status (how full was the reservoir), the blue line is the historic average, and the black line is the present. You can see that the volume of water is dipping below the average before we even hit June. This is not ideal.

To address these issues, on March 26th, the Weber Basin Board approved the following restrictions for the 2026 season:

- Secondary (outdoor) water: 20% reduction

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- Keep at least 20 feet from vegetation and structures
- Have water ready
- Use paved, non-combustible surfaces
- Ensure adult supervision
- Soak used fireworks before disposal

WHAT TO AVOID

- No fireworks in wildland or restricted zones
- No ignition near dry vegetation
- No fireworks in parks or open spaces unless designated
- No use outside legal timeframes
- No altered or unsafe fireworks
- Violations may result in citations, fines, and liability for suppression costs.

KEEPING FARMINGTON SAFE

Most Utah wildfires are human-caused and preventable. By using fireworks responsibly—or choosing public displays instead—you help reduce wildfire risk and keep Farmington safe. One spark can make the difference.

GREEN WASTE CARTS



Green waste recycling carts have been delivered to the homes with Monday, Tuesday, and Friday garbage days.

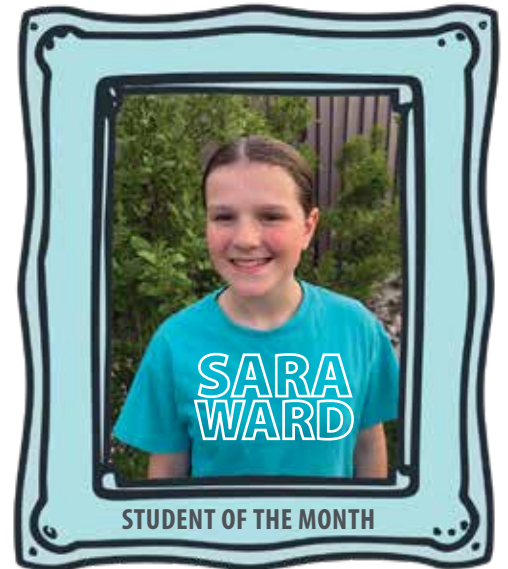
The opt-out period for these homes has closed. Rollout to Wednesday garbage day homes is currently underway and delivery to Thursday garbage day homes will go throughout June.

The monthly fee is \$9.70. This fee will appear on utility invoices beginning in June 2026 for May's services (for homes with the garbage days of Monday, Tuesday and Friday).

Residents will receive a bag with their cart with updated instructions on the process and materials that can be placed in the cart. If you wish to not participate, please email optout@farmington.utah.gov and include your address. You can also give us a call at 801-451-2624. Further information can be found on the city website, farmington.utah.gov/departments/public-works-2/garbage/.

DID YOU RECEIVE ONE?

Lead and copper inventory letters will be mailed out to residents in areas that have yet to be inventoried. **THESE ARE LEGITIMATE AND NEED TO BE COMPLETED.** Please scan the QR code on the flyer or call the Farmington Public Works office for assistance at 801-451-2624.



Sara is a top-notch student whose dedication elevates the entire classroom. She is consistently prepared, engaged, and eager to support her peers. Her math understanding is exceptional, and she frequently shares her reasoning and problem-solving strategies with the class. By offering multiple approaches to a single problem, she helps her classmates see that mathematical thinking is flexible and creative, which builds their confidence and deepens their understanding. Sara's willingness to contribute, collaborate, and lead by example makes her an invaluable presence in our learning community.





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Parks & Recreation 801-451-0953
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Building Department..... 801-939-9214
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Water Department 801-451-2624
Planning & Zoning 801-939-9215
Historical Museum 801-451-4850
Animal Control..... 801-444-2200
Garbage 801-825-3800
Benchland Water 801-451-2105
Weber Water 801-771-1677

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

Davis County Sheriff ... 801-451-4150
Emergency 911



A wealth of information is available on the city website. Scan the QR code to go directly to farmington.utah.gov.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 2026

June 2	TUES	CITY COUNCIL MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda on city website
June 4	THURS	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hrs prior
June 16	TUES	CITY COUNCIL MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda on city website
June 18	THURS	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 160 South Main Street	7:00 pm agenda posted at city hall 24 hrs prior
June 22	MON	HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 160 South Main Street	6:00 pm agenda available on the HPC website
July 6 –11		FESTIVAL DAYS see page 5 for details	

Central Davis Sewer District has approved a monthly sewer rate increase of \$3.00. The increase helps cover rising chemical costs and expenses due to state-mandated regulations. This fee increase is a pass-through from Central Davis Sewer District, please reach out to them directly for more information 801-451-2190.

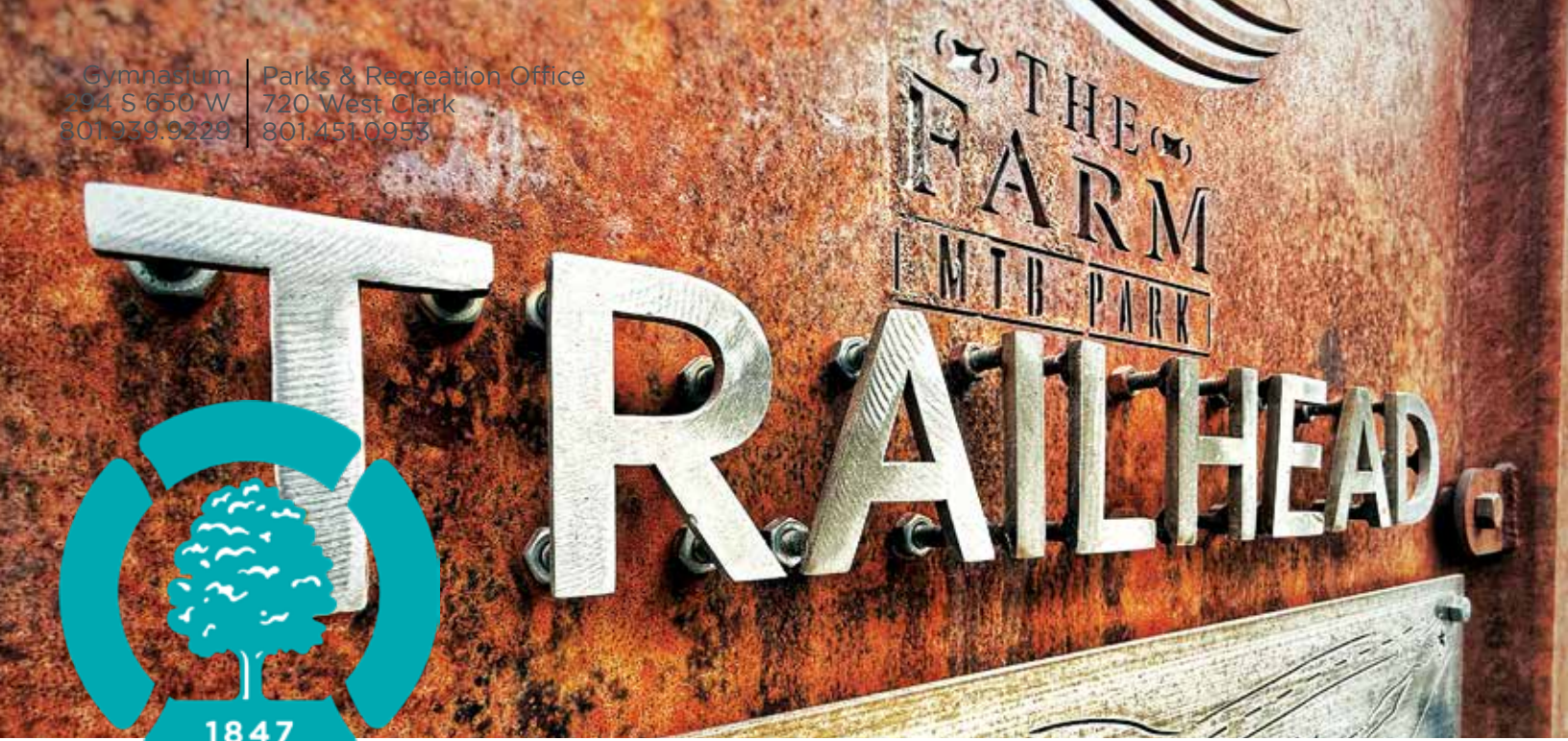
In addition, garbage and recycling carts will see a 5% increase. These increases will appear on residents' August billing for July's services.

The city will start billing for green waste carts in June for May services. Depending on when you received your cart, your billing may start later. Residents who do not wish to participate must submit a written opt-out request within 30 days of cart delivery (see article on page 2 for green cart details).



PARKS & RECREATION

FARMINGTON



FARMINGTON'S NEW SPLASH PAD IS OPEN FOR FUN

550 Innovator Drive

Farmington just got a whole lot splashier. On May 23rd, the brand-new Farmington Splash Pad officially opened — and honestly, it's already shaping up to be the unofficial headquarters of summer joy. For kids, teens, parents, grandparents, and anyone who still feels young at heart, this has been a long-awaited dream come true.

The timing couldn't be better. Summer is here, temperatures are climbing, and the splash pad is ready to deliver safe, refreshing fun all season long. But before everyone runs full-speed into the fountains like a pack of excited golden retrievers, there's one important thing to know...the splash pad has no lifeguard on duty, so rules matter.

The splash pad is not staffed, and there is no lifeguard on duty. That means the magic of this new amenity depends on all of us — especially families with young users — to keep things safe, respectful, and running smoothly. To make sure Farmington enjoys this splash pad this summer and for many summers to come, here are the rules that need to be crystal clear to splashers of all ages:



SAFETY RULES

- NO RUNNING, climbing, or rough play
- No glass, food, gum, or drink on the splash pad surface
- No ANIMALS, bikes, scooters, or skateboards
- Do not drink the splash pad water
- Splash pad surface may be slippery



SUPERVISION

- Children under the age of 12 must have adult supervision at all times
- THIS FACILITY IS NOT STAFFED; USE AT YOUR OWN RISK
- NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY



HEALTH & HYGIENE

- Do NOT enter if you have communicable diseases, sub-epidermal tissue issues such as blisters, cuts, or other lesions, diarrhea, vomiting, fever, or other illness
- Children who are not toilet-trained must wear swim diapers AND waterproof plastic pants
- Use restrooms for diaper changes

Farmington FESTIVAL DAYS AMERICA 250

Get ready! the celebration starts

July 6th,

and it's shaping up to be one of the city's most vibrant celebrations yet. This annual event shines a spotlight on the spirit, talent, and heart of Farmington, offering experiences that spark excitement and bring our community together. Whether you're interested in the sport, the traditions, or the togetherness, there's something waiting for you!

MONDAY | 6th

PHOTO CONTEST BEGINS

download online or visit the Farmington Gymnasium for contest paper

TUESDAY | 7th

3 X 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Farmington Gymnasium
details & registration on the [city website](#)

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Regional Park Pickleball Courts
full schedule & registration on the [city website](#)

WEDNESDAY | 8th

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

CHALK ART

Forbush Park – details & registration on the [city website](#)

HIGH FITNESS

10:00 am – Farmington Gymnasium
no registration required

THURSDAY | 9th

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

CHALK ART

FRIDAY | 10th

CHALK ART

CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

age groups and start times on the [city website](#)

HISTORIC CITY WALKING TOUR

9:00 am – meet at Farmington City Hall
no registration required

CHILDREN'S BIKE PARADE

7:30 pm – Regional Park
no registration required - details on the [city website](#)

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

7:00 pm – Regional Park Ball Fields

GUNS & HOSES KICKBALL GAME

Farmington Police vs. Farmington Fire
8:00 pm – Regional Park Ball Fields

SATURDAY | 11th

5K/10K

7:00 am – Farmington City Hall

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

7:30 am – Forbush Park
\$7 person / \$30 family of 5

PARADE

10:00 – central city

FLAG CEREMONY

12:00 noon – Forbush Park Main Stage

VENDORS

12:00 noon – Forbush Park Ball Fields

PET ADOPTION

12:00 noon – Forbush Park

PETTING ZOO

12:00 noon – Forbush Park Rose Garden

ARTIST ALLEY

12:00 noon – Forbush Park

CARICATURES

6:00 pm – Forbush Park
local caricature artist Alex Buie

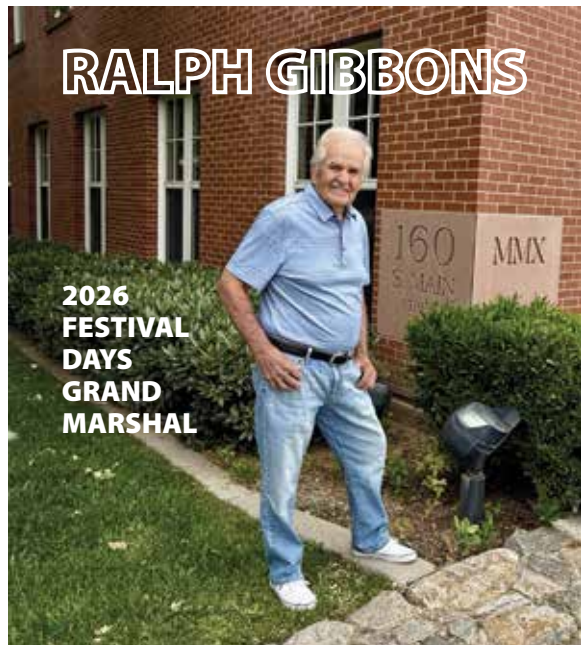
CONCERT

6:00 pm – Forbush Park Main Stage

FIREWORKS

dusk – Forbush Park

BIG THANKS to
FESTIVAL DAYS SPONSORS
who make the **FUN** possible!



For more than four decades, Ralph Gibbons has quietly helped shape the beauty, character, and charm of Farmington. This year, Farmington City is proud to honor him as the 2026 Farmington Festival Days Parade Grand Marshal.

Ralph first came to Farmington in the 1960s after accepting a job connected to the Minuteman missile program at the Naval Supply Depot. After unexpectedly being laid off while raising a young family, Ralph and his wife, Nadine, faced the challenge together. Nadine returned to work so Ralph could go back to school and earn his degree – a sacrifice that helped launch his lifelong career in education and public service. Ralph later taught art at Bountiful High School and Farmington Junior High, inspiring generations of students through creativity and encouragement.

Since 1984, Ralph has served Farmington through weed abatement and code enforcement, helping preserve the welcoming, beautiful feel residents cherish today. An artist at heart, Ralph's influence can be seen in the flowers he plants at Davis Park Golf Course and in his beloved paintings of historic Farmington landmarks and rock homes.

Ralph and Nadine raised three children in Farmington and now enjoy a growing legacy of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Whether teaching students, preserving neighborhoods, planting flowers, or creating art, Ralph has left a lasting mark on the community he proudly calls home. Throughout his life, he has approached challenges with a simple philosophy: when life changes, you "figure it out and keep moving forward." From driving trucks and delivering milk to teaching art, planting flowers, and serving the city for decades, Ralph has managed to figure it out in brilliant fashion.

Water Less continued

- Agricultural irrigation: 20% reduction
- Culinary water (supplied by the Basin) used outdoors: 20% reduction
- Culinary water used indoors: no reduction required (but we should anyway)

The secondary system loaded up on May 1, but no watering was allowed until May 15. The system shuts down for the season on October 1. These dates are not suggestions – they are the calendar from which we are all working.

I'll be honest with you: a 20% cut sounds steep until you realize how much of our outdoor watering is simply habit. Never yours but sometimes your neighbor's sprinklers run at noon. Lawns are soaked multiple times in a week by that same neighbor when once or twice would do. We ask you to help us cut back. The 20% cut is achievable. It does not require sacrificing your beautiful yards, but it does require paying attention to water usage.

Why this year matters more than last year:

As noted, Weber Basin has a two-year reserve. This past winter did not refill the reservoirs. If we use water like normal and then have another winter like we just had, there won't be water for 2027. The reservoirs we depend on are not refilled by our good intentions, nor by the cosmic energy released from our lush green turf. They maintain their capacity and are refilled by snowpack, rain, and – critically – by what we do not take out of them this year.

A lawn that is over-watered in 2026 to stay emerald-green is a lawn that may have no water available to it at all in 2027. That is not a scare tactic. That is the arithmetic of a two-year reserve system that draws down faster than it refills. Every gallon we pull out today to chase a deeper shade of green is a gallon that may not be there next summer when the temperature hits triple digits and we are begging the sky for relief.

A slightly tan lawn in August is recoverable. A dead landscape next summer, with no water to bring it back, is not.

What we're asking you to do:

Five simple things.

① Water deeply, but less often. Most lawns in our climate thrive on two waterings a week, not four or five. Deep, infrequent watering builds stronger root systems and uses dramatically less water. And don't cut the grass as short as you normally do. Slight tan is the new green, and tall grass is the new short.

② Water in the early morning. Watering between 10 am and 6 pm loses up to half of what you put down to evaporation.

③ Check your system. A single broken sprinkler head can waste thousands of gallons a month. Walk your yard while the system is running – once – and you will likely find something to fix. Or, just ask that one neighbor if they see anything amiss in your yard. They'll tell you.

④ Pay attention to the alerts. Weber Basin sent nearly 389,000 text and email alerts last year to help residents conserve. If you haven't signed up, please do. If you have, please read them. They can help you monitor your consumption.

⑤ Consider flipping your strip. Park strips are among the least efficient consumers of water. There are resources and incentives for those brave yard folk who dare to flip the strip.

A final word on this topic:

I love this city. I love the trees on our streets, the parks where our kids play, and yes, the lawns we tend on Saturday mornings. None of that goes away because we cut back 20% this year. All of it may be at risk if we don't.

Be a little less generous with the hose this summer. Let your lawn go a little less green. Trust that your neighbors are doing the same – because most of them are, and the rest of them will be when they read this.

We can get through this year, but only if we *treat the water in our reservoirs the way we'd treat the last gallon in a canteen on a long hike*. Thank you for doing your part. 🌱



801-451-7999

www.farmingtonutsuites.hamptoninn.com



www.lagoonpark.com

Important Notes Regarding SOLICITORS

Summer is here, and there may be more solicitors out in the community. In order to solicit, all individuals MUST have their Farmington City Solicitor badge on them. It cannot be left in their vehicle. If they cannot produce this badge, they are in violation and you are welcome to contact the Farmington PD at 801.451.5453.

Other Important Notes

1

It is a violation for any solicitor to knock/ring the doorbell or in any other manner attempt to attract the attention of an occupant of a residence that bears a "no soliciting" sign or similar sign.

2

It is a violation for any solicitor who is at any time asked by the resident to leave, to fail to immediately and peacefully depart.

3

It is unlawful for any person, solicitor or not, to solicit any person at a residence before 8 am or after 9 pm MST on business days or before 9 am or after 9 pm MST on Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays, unless the solicitor has expressed prior permission from resident to do so.

For a better understanding of the Farmington City Ordinance regarding solicitors, please visit https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/farmingtonut/latest/farmington_ut/0-0-0-12979

To place an ad, contact:



jill@bluepebblepress.com or call 801-499-9225