

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY TIPS

TOGETHER WE CAN



MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE

1. Keep your lawn and parking strip watered, fertilized, and free from weeds. Mow it regularly.
2. If you remove landscaping from the front yard, the remaining landscaping can not be less than 60 percent of the front yard. Park strips are generally landscaped but each subdivision can have their own requirements.
3. Do not park cars on the lawns.
4. Trim your bushes and shrubs - keep them looking neat.
5. Observe the speed limits. Residential zones are 25 mph.
6. Remove your garbage cans from the streets as soon after the weekly pickup as possible. Cans left on the street can be an invitation to thieves.
7. Sweep your gutters regularly and keep drain grills free from debris.
8. Keep leaves raked up and dispose of them properly.
9. Turn on porch lights from dusk to dawn. It only costs pennies per day. This serves as a great crime prevention tool.
10. Remove sale and lost signs immediately.
11. Grocery carts belong to the stores. It is a crime to remove them from the store parking lot.
12. There should be no loud noise between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. This includes music, car honking, revving of engines, or parties.

PARKING TIPS

1. Vehicles should not block or extend into a public sidewalk.
2. Vehicles should not be parked in front of a public or private driveway.
3. Vehicles should not be parked within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
4. Vehicles should not be parked within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.
5. Vehicles should not be parked within 30 feet of a stop sign.
6. Vehicles can not be double parked on the street.
7. Vehicles need to be parked within 12 inches of the curb on the street.
8. Vehicles should not be parked on the street facing into normal traffic flow.
9. Vehicles parked on any road must be registered with proper registration validation on display.

More information on parking and how to properly operate your vehicle on Utah roads is available in Title 22 of the West Valley City Code, www.wvc-ut.gov/code, and from the Utah Department of Public Safety Driver License Division website www.driverlicense.utah.gov.



In case of an emergency call
911
For non-emergency reports call
(801) 840-4000

We look out for each other!

NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY

1. Any time you see someone strange in the neighborhood, make sure they know they are being watched. Write down information to give to police such as the physical description of a person or a vehicle description with as much of the license plate as possible.
2. Keep a close look on your home and your neighbor's homes.
3. Help watch a neighbor's home while on vacation.
4. Watch over vacant homes.
5. Inform neighbors and neighborhood leaders about activities.
6. Report suspicious activities and persons to the West Valley City Police department at (801) 840-4000. You are the "Eyes and Ears" of West Valley City.

Download home inventory, personal safety, home safety, and suspect description forms online at www.wvc-ut.gov/neighborhoods.

MINIMIZE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

1. Make sure your property is well lit at night. Leave porch lights on at night. Install motion lights where needed. Criminals do not want to be seen.
2. Keep your home secured. Keep doors, windows, sheds, and garage doors closed and locked. Keep doors locked while at home. Never leave your home unsecured while not at home. Do not give criminals an easy opportunity to enter your home.
3. Keep vehicles locked and windows fully rolled up at all times while not in use. Always keep valuables out of sight. A good rule to use is to never leave anything in your vehicle that you would not want stolen.
4. Never leave credit cards or checks in open sight. Always know where you keep them.
5. Shred all documents that contain any personal information.
6. Remove mail promptly from your mailbox after delivery. If going on vacation, ask a trusted neighbor to pick up your mail, or contact the postal service to hold your mail while away.

Additional Neighborhood Watch information and training is also available from the West Valley City Neighborhood Services Office. Visit www.wvc-ut.gov/neighborhoods for more information.

LIGHTING SAFETY TIPS

1. Leave lights on when you go out at night. Timers can be used to give the impression someone is home, turning lights on and off.
2. Leave porch lights on at night to illuminate your yard and home. It is estimated that a 75 watt light bulb will light your yard for less than \$29 a year.
3. Motion lights have become very affordable in recent years. Install motion lights in your yard to help illuminate areas like driveways, side yards, and back yards.
4. Think like a criminal. Turn on your outside lights and evaluate dark areas, look for areas you can hide in the shadows. If you can hide, so can a criminal. Adjust your outside lighting or landscaping to help eliminate these hiding places.
5. Make sure your street lights are working. Let the City know when lights are no longer working.
6. Maintain your outside lighting. Replace bulbs when they stop working.



NEIGHBORHOOD AND FAMILY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

1. Be sure that you know who your Block Captain or Neighborhood Street Leaders are.
2. Be sure that you know who your neighbors are. Become involved in emergency preparedness and self reliance with neighbors on your street.
3. Have a 72 hour kit available in your home and car so you are prepared in the event of an emergency. Store water and food in your home.
4. Prepare home and car first aid kits. Know how to use them.
5. Have fire extinguishers in your home. Know how to use them.
6. Have an emergency plan for your family. Have family drills.
7. Know how to turn off water, gas, and electricity in your home.

Additional information and training is also available from the West Valley City Community Emergency Response Team. Visit www.wvcert.org for more information.

Emergency Dispatch

Non-emergency Dispatch

911

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Neighborhood Watch
www.wvc-ut.gov/neighborhoods

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Community Services Section
(801) 955-4100
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Community Preservation Dept.
Code Enforcement Division
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Public Relations Division
Neighborhood Services Office
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