



# CITY OF MISSOULA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## Street Maintenance

Your street maintenance team is knee deep in winter snow and ice removal. Our primary objective is to ensure safety of the public streets and rights-of-way.

Homeowners can help us by clearing any snow that's accumulated in front of mailboxes, even if the snow resulted from a snowplow. We greatly appreciate your help!

As for last fall's leaf season, we spent 2,872 hours collecting leaves and hauled 1,011 loads of leaves to the City's Garden City Compost. Leaf collection is now over.

If you have any questions, we invite you to visit our website at [www.ci.missoula.mt.us/498/Street-Maintenance](http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/498/Street-Maintenance) or call 552-6360 for questions.



## Traffic Services

Traffic Services has been busy performing its daily sidewalk snow and ice maintenance route. When we get a break from the elements, sidewalk concrete grinding is helping to keep the public safe from trips and falls. Our sign repair truck has been out in full force repairing signs that have been hit, as well as replacing regulatory signs that are outdated and worn out. If you have any questions or would like to report a damaged sign, please contact Traffic Services at 552-6372.



**John Wilson**  
Public Works Director

Welcome to the Public Works Department's first 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.

## Traffic Signals and Communications

Although the days are starting to get longer and the nights shorter this time of year, pedestrians and motorists are still traveling to and from school and work while it's dark outside. To help us keep our streets and sidewalks lighted, please report burned-out street lights to NorthWestern Energy by calling 1-888-467-2669 or by filling out their online form at:

[www.northwesternenergy.com/contact-us/report-street-light-issue-form](http://www.northwesternenergy.com/contact-us/report-street-light-issue-form). Other street light issues may be reported by calling the Public Works Department at 552-6354.

If you have general questions about the street lights in Missoula, please visit our website at: [www.ci.missoula.mt.us/2145/Traffic-Signals-Communication-Shop](http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/2145/Traffic-Signals-Communication-Shop).

## Storm Water

Have you seen snow or ice build-up over or near a storm water drain? Remember, clearing a path for runoff to your street's storm water drain inlet can help keep your driveway, sidewalks, and streets clear of water and ice. Snow, ice, leaves, and trash can all cause runoff to back up and pool ice in unwanted locations. If a problem continues, or if you notice a storm water drain clear of debris that continues to back up and pool runoff, please contact the Missoula Storm Water Utility at 552-6358 or [stormwater@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:stormwater@ci.missoula.mt.us). Have yourself a happy and safe wintry season!



Above: Storm drain partially blocked by ice and snow

## Wastewater

You may be wondering about the history of how EKO Compost became Garden City Compost. Since 1977, the City of Missoula had been sending biosolids (organic material removed from the wastewater stream and treated at the Wastewater Treatment Plant) to EKO Compost for composting – in effect, recycling. In 2016, EKO owners indicated they wanted to sell the composting operation. The City was interested in buying the operation because it was the most economical and beneficial use of the biosolids. Thus, it became City-owned Garden City Compost. In addition to biosolids, Garden City Compost also takes green and food wastes. For Garden City Compost season hours and pricing, visit our [newsletter link](#).

## Missoula Water

Missoula Water has a full schedule of projects lined up for Fiscal Year 2018 and 2019, investing more than \$4 million into water infrastructure. The following projects will be going out for bid in February:

Location	Description
Grant/Harve	water main replacement
West Kent	water main replacement
4th & Higgins to Orange	water main replacement
South 2nd	water main replacement
Scott Street	water main replacement
1400 block Howell	water main replacement
Railroad/Woody	water main replacement
Railroad/Owen	water main replacement
Stoddard	water main replacement
Defoe	water main replacement
Wyoming (Prince to California)	water main replacement
Gerald	water main replacement/sewer main relocation
Upper Lincoln Hills	new reservoir
Lower Lincoln Hills	new reservoir
Farviews	pressure reducing valve
South Avenue Well	production improvements

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