



OUR EARTH

Our Town, Our Future

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Your City in Action

HELP Hailey 2008 Heating Challenge Winners

Congratulations to all of our contestants in their first challenge. This group has been monitoring their gas and electric, implementing results from their energy audits. Our Biggest Business Reducer is Sawtooth Auto, with a 38% reduction in their heating bill! Javier and Eloina Zamora are celebrating a 22.8% savings in their home electrical heating use.

The next aspect of this challenge is Transportation – best of luck to all!

Park Demonstration Projects

Heagle and Curtis Parks will be taking advantage of a generous donation from Big Chief Organics, LLC, using their organic fertilizers rather than petroleum-based products. The advantages of organics are many, including eliminating toxic emissions into the air as well as into the watershed. Lawns are able to stay healthy with much less water, as well!

Irrigation Changes

The Hailey City Council is in the process of adopting an ordinance returning to odd-even irrigation restrictions. In addition, the hours restricting irrigation are being revised from 10:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and the Mayor is authorized to restrict all irrigation in the event of an emergency. A copy of the ordinance will be posted on the city website when final approval is completed.

The Public Works Department encourages all homeowners with an irrigation system to spend some time either on their own or with a landscape company to make sure their system is in good shape for the season. In recent years there have been improvements made to the spray heads increasing their efficiencies

which would reduce the length of time required for irrigation. There are also links provided on the city website to water conservation websites.

Take the Transportation Challenge! Increase Your Gas Mileage and Reduce Your CO2 Emissions

- Choose alternatives to the car whenever possible – walk, ride your bike, take the bus or carpool. Bundle errands together to make fewer trips each week.
- Drive sensibly without quick starts and stops and never idle your vehicle for longer than 10 seconds (except at stop signs).
- Tune up your car and make sure your tires are properly inflated.
- Take the dead weight of unnecessary stored items out of your car and the drag of ski and roof racks off of your car to improve your gas mileage.
- Go to www.haileycityhall.org for additional ideas to increase transportation efficiencies.

Spring Cleaning

Hailey Yard Waste Clean-Up Day

The City of Hailey, in conjunction with Clear Creek Disposal, again offers the opportunity for easy disposal of your garden waste. On **Saturday, May 17** you may drop your decomposable materials off at the Park & Ride lot at the corner of River and Bullion from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Branches must be cut into manageable lengths and absolutely no plastic bags. Any questions can be directed to Clear Creek Disposal at 726-9600.

**ERC Clean Sweep
Saturday, May 10
For more info:
726-4333**