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NEWSLETTER

City of Casper Helped to Make Electrical Power More Reliable

As we observed in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, it is devastating when millions of people spend days without power. The City of Casper had previously realized the unfortunate results of power outages in 2008 and began looking at blackout prevention. Officials found that blackouts in Casper were getting progressively worse: the number of customer outage minutes had increased by 4.4 million from 2008-2010, an increase of more than 58%.

The City brought these concerns to the attention of Rocky Mountain Power and the Wyoming Public Services Commission. As a result of that discussion, Rocky Mountain Power made extensive commitments to improve power reliability in Casper. They agreed to specific reliability targets, and they agreed to make extensive investments in the City's power system. In the last two years, many new power lines and new transformers have been installed and other existing power lines and transformers have been upgraded throughout the City.

As a result of these investments, power outages and interruptions in 2011 have been reduced by 46%, and outages are on track to be even lower in 2012.

You Too Can Help Prevent Blackouts!

You can help prevent blackouts by allowing Rocky Mountain Power to access the power lines on your property. Another consideration is to be mindful of tree placement to ensure that branches will not grow into and cause problems in the power lines.



Urban Renewal of Casper's Old Yellowstone District Continues

As the cold sets in and the holidays are coming around the corner, enjoy the holiday decorations around town and take yourself on a tour of the newest additions to the downtown renewal area. You can even grab a cup of hot cocoa or coffee from one of the wonderful downtown dining or beverage stops.

We've recently completed reconstruction of yet another block of West Yellowstone Highway, this time from Spruce Street to Walnut Street. The newest block of street is complete with lighting, benches, bike racks, crosswalks, underground utilities, and landscaping. If we receive a large amount of snow this winter, don't worry, our storm sewers are now adequately reconstructed to handle large amounts of runoff.

Feel free to peek in on some of our exciting projects that are now underway. Whether your interest is in the new Montessori School at 417 South Elm Street, or the stylish Haven Studio Art Gallery at 316 West Yellowstone Highway, you'll be able to get a glimpse of great things to come. And make sure to take a look at our newest upcoming neighbors in the old Coca-Cola building, 637 West Yellowstone Highway. The former soda distribution building is being restored by two exciting new tenants--AdBay and J&G Coffee Caf .

Whether you're out looking for gifts or just taking in the ambience, enjoy the renewal that is taking place this season.

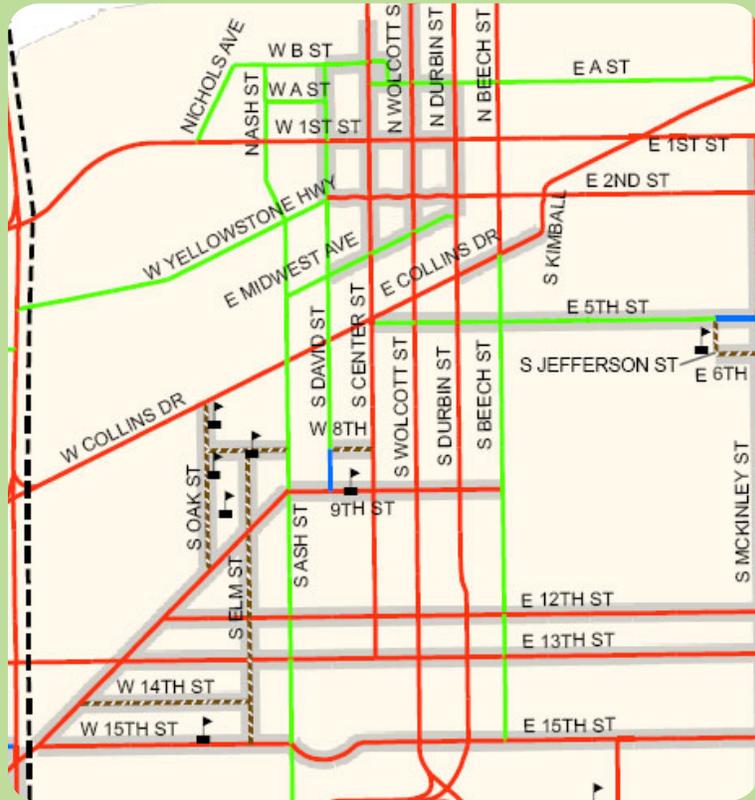


Holiday Reminder

Keep in mind it is NEVER okay to pour grease, fat, or cooking oil down the drain! Not even if you run the hot water, add dish soap, or turn on the garbage disposal. Instead pour it into a sealable container and throw it away.

Snow Removal Information

The City's snow crews are prepared 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. When any amount of snowfall is predicted, Public Services Department crews are prepared to be assigned to snow control. Crews do their best to get snow routes open as quickly as possible. Crews focus first on clearing major arterial and collector streets for emergency responders, schools, motorists and suppliers for businesses throughout the City.



The red on the map indicates level A streets—major arterials and emergency access routes that are plowed first. Green indicates level B routes- minor arterials and collector streets. Blue and brown dotted lines are school routes--brown school routes are only plowed when school is in session, and blue school routes are also level "B" routes and are plowed even when school is not in session. All school routes are treated as class "A" when school is in session.

For more information and a complete map please go to: <http://www.casperwy.gov/Transportation/Streets/SnowandIceControl/SnowRouteListing/SnowRouteMaps/tabid/956/Default.aspx>



Heads Up!--(Safety and Helpful Tips Corner)

When the Casper Metropolitan Planning Organization conducted an intersection study, a few intersections stood out as being highly hazardous. The top 5 were: 2nd Street and Beverly Street, 1st Street and McKinley Street, 2nd Street and Forest Drive, 12th Street and Beverly Street, and 2nd Street and Walsh Drive.

Here are a few safe driving tips that can assist City of Casper residents in avoiding accidents:

- Approach the intersection with caution (pay attention and don't speed).
- Leave a safe amount of space between your car and the car in front of you (enough to be able to see the car's rear wheels where they touch the ground).
- Stop at the amber light if your car has not passed the stop line.
- Never follow another car through an amber light.
- Do not turn left after the green arrow has passed; yield to oncoming traffic.

Holiday Information

Trash

Trash collection routes will change slightly due to the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays. There will be NO collection on either day, so collection will be delayed one day for all Tuesday-Friday collection routes. For more information please go to: <http://www.casperwy.gov/WaterSewerandTrash/TrashandRecycling/HolidayInformationforTrashServices/tabid/1115/Default.aspx>

Christmas Tree Collection

For your convenience the City of Casper has established several tree drop off locations for the 2012 holiday:

- Paradise Valley Pool
- UW Cooperative Extension
- North Casper Recycling Depot
- Viking Court
- North Mike Sedar Park



Christmas Tree Tip from the Casper Fire-EMS Department

Please dispose of your tree at one of the aforementioned drop off locations, and please do NOT cut up and burn your tree. Burning evergreens can emit tar and start a chimney fire.



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