

THE PROBLEM

The Jordan River is a valued resource used by many. Yet, the river poses many risks to those who live along it.

There is not always access to bathrooms along the river, so poor water quality due to human waste is a concern. The area is also impacted by soil erosion, damaged vegetation, and unmanaged, long-term camping.

Many living along the river are worried about displacement from their encampments.

In addition to basic needs like food, shelter, clean water, restrooms, and sanitation services, everyone needs safety and a sense of community to be resilient in troubling times.

Practicing stewardship of your environment can protect yourself, others, and the environment and create resilient communities.

Minimizing the Impact of Encampments Along the Jordan River

A guide to living along the Jordan River while promoting the health of all who benefit from its resources.

TEMPORARY STORAGE

A PLACE FOR YOUR STUFF

A storage option for individuals experiencing homelessness. Weekly check-in is required to keep your bins.

502 W 300 S 801-509-0480

Mon-Fri: 7-9 a.m. and 5-7 p.m.

Saturday: 9-11 a.m.

BISHOP WEIGAND DAY CENTER

Shower, laundry, bag storage, and referrals to other assistance programs

437 W 200 S 801-363-7710

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

PLEASE CALL 211 OR 801-990-9999

A free and confidential service to help you find resources 24/7

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA

HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM

Sleeping bags, clothing, and food

801-631-7584

WHAT TO DO

KEEP ENCAMPMENTS SMALL

Small encampments have a less visual impact than large ones and may have a negligible effect on the river's health.

However, any digging into the river bank is prohibited. It reduces the stability of the river and can put you and others in danger.

KEEP ENCAMPMENTS CLEAN

Try to keep the area you are staying in just as it was when you arrived. Avoid sleeping on sensitive vegetation. Avoid the use of fires. Use designated fire pits or grills at a nearby park if you must use a fire.

PROPERLY DISPOSE OF ALL WASTE

Use bathrooms when possible. If bathrooms are closed, use a plastic bag or other means of transporting waste to trash cans. Burying waste is a hazard to your health and the health of the river.

FOOD PANTRIES

GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

331 E South Temple

801-328-8941

RESCUE MISSION

463 S 400 W 801-355-1302

SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

438 S 900 W 801-988-4204

Tuesday 10am-12pm, Wednesday 2pm-4pm, and Friday 2pm-4pm

EMERGENCY SHELTERS

FAMILY PROMISE

Welcomes any size family with children under 18

814 W 800 S 801-961-8622

YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER

Serves homeless and at-risk youth ages 15 to 22.

888 S 400 W 801-364-0744

PAMELA ATKINSON - MEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

3380 S 1000 W 801-359-4142

GERALDINE E. KING - WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

131 E 700 S 801-893-6678