



Public
Utilities

4TH AVENUE WELL PROJECT UPDATE

Work to Assess Tree Roots Underway Soon

Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities has arranged for the City's urban forester to assess tree roots near the 4th Avenue well site to better understand their conditions and what constraints they may impose for the proposed well house. Throughout our public engagement efforts, we consistently heard the desire from community members for the well project to respect the area's historic character and landscape, especially trees.

To examine each tree's roots, the City's urban forester and crew will use an air-knife, a tool that uses compressed air to safely excavate soil from around the tree roots without causing damage to them. The arborist will then inspect the tree's root system. This process will take about 2 to 3 days.

WHEN: During the week of September 16, 2019

What should you expect? You will see large trucks, machinery and workers around the well and four large trees surrounding it. The well is located in the park space just north of 4th Avenue, between Canyon Road and Canyon Side Road. The crew will fence off the area to keep people away and ensure a safe work zone. Some of the low shrubbery in the area will need to be removed to reach the tree roots. Use of compressed-air tools may be loud at times and work may cause some dust. While no work will take place in the roadway, traffic on 4th Avenue could be slightly affected as motorists slow down around the adjacent work zone. Work will only be done during daytime hours to reduce noise and restrictions to the area.

About the Project

Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities is looking to make updates to its well near 4th Avenue and Canyon Road. The well, one of the oldest in the City, supplies 3 to 7 million gallons of water daily in the summer months. It is a critical piece of the City's water system, serving tens of thousands of residents, office workers and visitors in the downtown and nearby areas, as well as providing water for firefighting downtown, in City Creek Canyon and the nearby mountain foothills. The Department understands residents have concerns about the project and is committed to working together to find an acceptable solution. This tree root assessment work will provide information to help inform this process.



If you have questions or concerns, please call 801-483-6757

For more information about the 4th Avenue well project please visit www.slc.gov/utilities/fourth-avenue-well-project/