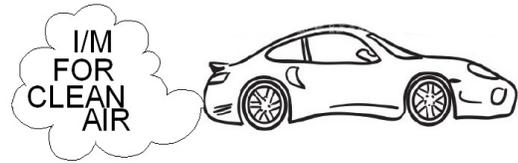


**UTAH COUNTY TECHNICAL BULLETIN**  
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**2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE -office closures-**

The following list includes the 2021 holiday closures for the County office and the OPUS call center/Field Service Reps.

<b><u>Office Closed</u></b>	<b><u>Holiday</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Day</u></b>
County/OPUS	New Year's Day	January 1	Friday
County	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 18	Monday
County	Presidents' Day	February 15	Monday
County/OPUS	Memorial Day	May 31	Monday
County/OPUS	Independence Day	July 5	Monday
County	Pioneer Day	July 23	Friday
County/OPUS	Labor Day	September 6	Monday
County	Veterans Day	November 11	Thursday
County/OPUS	Thanksgiving Day	November 25	Thursday
County	Day after Thanksgiving	November 26	Friday
County	Christmas Eve	December 23	Thursday
County/OPUS	Christmas	December 24	Friday

**TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE FOR 2021**

The following is a tentative schedule for 2021 course dates. Classes will be limited to 5 students and may be canceled if less than 5 students are enrolled. Additional classes may be added if needed. If the Utah Governor changes the pandemic meeting size limits to allow it, we will return to 10 student class size.

January 4-12	February 1-9	March 8-16
April 12-20	May 10-18	June 7-15
July 12-20	August 9-17	September 13-21
October 11-19	November 15-23	December 6-14

**2021 Emission Control Application Guide Available**

The 2021 Emission Control Application Guide is behind schedule due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continue to monitor progress. Although we expect them to be available before the end of the year if a temporary adjustment to our policy needs to be provided we will post it in our next bulletin. Below is the contact information for the suppliers, which can be used to check on availability.

Mitchell Application Guide: (888) 724-6742

*Motor Manuals are now obtained at MATCO*

Motor Application Guide- Motor Repair Manuals: MATCO.com (see your MATCO Truck)

## Refusal to Test Vehicles

The Utah County Vehicle Emissions Ordinance (9.28) requires that when an emissions test is requested “the mechanic **shall** perform the inspection in the testing mode of the approved analyzer” and “performing a screening test...shall be a violation”. We have had many stations refusing to test vehicles. This is a violation and may result in **suspension for the station and/or mechanic**.

The following are three potential situations related to this and the proper procedures and penalties.

1. If a vehicle owner provides paperwork (registration or title) verify it is accurate and correct by comparing it to the vehicle. If an inaccuracy exists, use the information obtained from the vehicle for the test and notify the owner of the discrepancy. **If they don't provide paperwork, get the information from the vehicle and perform the test.**
2. **If there is an obvious emissions failure, informing the owner prior to testing and recommending repairs first, is a form of pre-screening and a violation. The correct procedure is to perform the test and document the failure.**
3. If an obvious failure exists and you tell the vehicle owner not to test it “to keep it out of the system”. It is not only a **failure to follow proper test procedures** but also an **“intentional and flagrant violation”** which may result in the **maximum penalty**, as per APPENDIX D.

We understand that sometimes these actions are well intentioned. The idea may be to save a customer the charge for testing a car that will obviously fail. HOWEVER, you are not selling a pass, you are charging for a test! By not testing and documenting the failed vehicle it skews the data and paints the inaccurate picture that the emissions program is no longer necessary.

This has come to our attention through our undercover program and also through **phone calls from the public** where testing has been refused because the owner did not have any paper work. Violations that cause public complaints or cause misrepresented failure rates, are taken very seriously.

Station owners must make sure **all** staff are following these procedures. Stations that fail to follow the ordinance will be penalized even if a certified emission mechanic was not involved.

## Technician Practical

All technicians planning to renew and participate in 2021 must receive a practical during the 2020 year prior to December 31, 2020. The easiest way to accomplish that is with your station auditor, at your shop. Technicians should make every effort to seek out the auditor and perform a practical before the end of the year. Non-compliant technicians will be suspended and they will need to **schedule** a time to come to the Tech Center. A practical **must be completed before** the suspension will be lifted. Those **not** wishing to renew for 2021 do not need a practical.

## **Contact information:**

County	801-851-7600	<a href="http://www.utahcounty.gov">www.utahcounty.gov</a>
OPUS	800-695-4377	<a href="http://www.OpusInspection.com">www.OpusInspection.com</a>