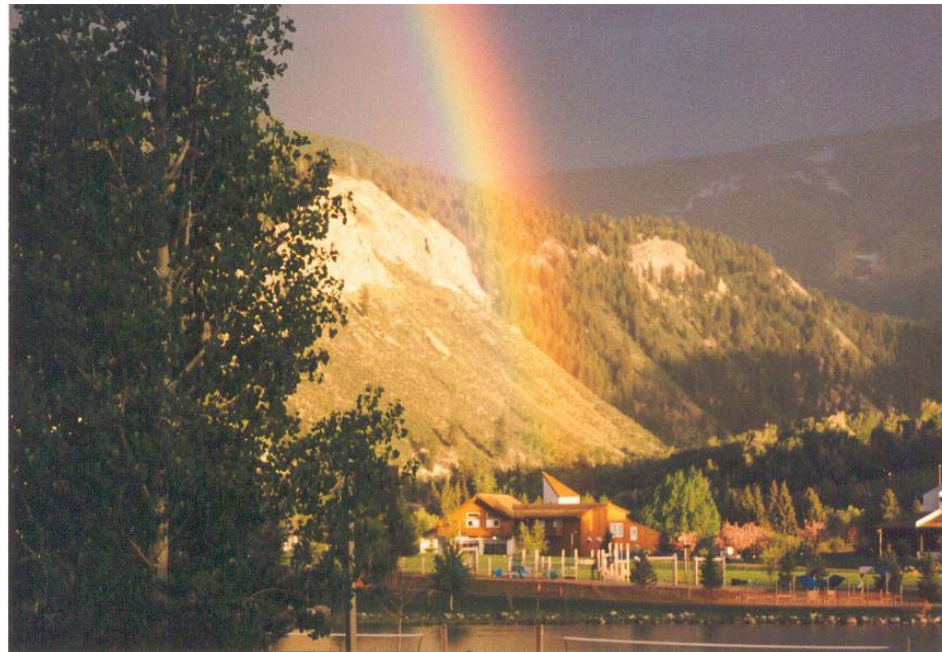


Avon, Colorado's

# Code of the West

Welcome to Avon, Colorado, we're glad you'll be our neighbor. Living in a mountain community may be different from anywhere you've lived before. Here's what you should know about Avon...



# Wildlife Ordinance

**What it is:** The Avon Town Council passed a law in 2004 to protect wildlife. This important piece of legislation is in response to what is seen as a growing number of bear encounters with humans and the Colorado Division of Wildlife's efforts aimed at getting local governments to enact laws to prevent human refuse from becoming a staple in wildlife diets. The main provision of the law revolves around trash containers and when they may be placed curbside for pickup.

## How it works:

Two types of containers are identified

**Wildlife Resistant-** Fully enclosed metal or plastic container or dumpster with a metal or plastic lid. The lid must have a latching mechanism which prevents access to the contents by wildlife

**Wildlife Proof-** Any refuse container which has been certified to be wildlife-proof by the CO Division of Wildlife, the U.S. Park Service or the U.S. Forest Service. The container must be secured by the actuation of a mechanical latching device; any container not so secured shall not be deemed wildlife proof.



## When containers can be placed curbside

Regular refuse containers shall be placed curbside at or after 6 a.m. the morning of pickup

Wildlife-resistant and wildlife proof containers may be placed curbside 6 a.m. the day before pickup

All containers must be re-secured in an appropriate manner before the end of the same day. Regular containers must be kept within a fully enclosed and secured structure.

## Containers must be labeled

All residential containers shall have the premises address and unit designation permanently affixed thereon and clearly

visible

## Birdfeeders

Between April 15<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>, all bird feeders must be suspended on a cable or other device so that they are inaccessible to wildlife, and the area below the feeders must be kept free from the accumulation of seed debris.

# Smoking Ordinance

## What it is:

In 2005, the Avon town council passed a law prohibiting smoking in certain places in order to protect public health and welfare in public places and places of employment; to guarantee the right to breathe smoke-free air; and to recognize that the need to breathe smoke-free air shall have the priority over the desire to smoke.

## How it works:

Smoking is prohibited within a 25 feet perimeter of any entrance, passageway, operable window, ventilation system or other opening of an enclosed smoke-free area.

-Examples of places where smoking **is not** permitted within a 25' perimeter:

Bars, restaurants, patios, decks, outdoor seating areas, outdoor recreation areas, soccer fields, ball fields, playgrounds, grandstands, public restrooms, public meeting rooms, grocery stores, convenience stores, private offices, places of

employment, employee lounges, hallways, lobbies, elevators, common areas and public places.

-Examples of places where smoking **is** permitted: private residences unless used as childcare, adult care, or healthcare facilities, 10% of guest lodging rooms, private clubs that have no employees, outdoor uncovered parking lots for upper levels of parking garages in compliance with the 25-foot perimeter rule, and retail tobacco stores.

The state of Colorado is also smoke-free, but only dictates a 15 feet perimeter. The Avon law supercedes the Colorado law because part of the Colorado law indicates that local municipalities may adopt more restrictive laws. Unincorporated areas of Eagle County also follow the same laws as Avon.

## Quit Smoking

If you are a smoker and would like to quit, there are resources available to assist you. Please contact Colorado Quitline at 1-800-639-QUIT (7848) or log onto [www.co.quitnet.com](http://www.co.quitnet.com)



# Animal Control

## What it is:

Avon has several laws regarding pets and their care in public and private places. These laws are strictly adhered to.

## How it works:

### Special events

Dogs are not permitted in Nottingham Park during special events. This is true even if the dog is on a leash. Please leave your pets at home when attending an Avon special event.

### Pet Waste

Pet owners may not allow the depositing of fecal waste material by their dog within any public park or other landscaped public area within the Town. Any waste material must be promptly removed from the public park or other landscaped public area or deposited in a trash container. All parks in Avon conveniently provide “mutt mitt” stations which provide plastic bags to dispose of waste material.

### Leashes

All pet must be under the control of his or her owner at all times while in Avon. The definition of control is physical restraint or influence over a cat or dog by means of a leash, cord or chain no longer than ten (10) feet in length. It is the duty of any owner or keeper of a dog or cat to keep such dog or cat under control to prevent the dog or cat from:

- (1) Running at large;
- (2) Becoming a danger to persons or property;
- (3) Trespassing on the property of another;
- (4) Being a public nuisance



### Construction sites

It is unlawful for a dog owner or keeper to allow his or her dog to enter or remain on a construction site unless it is restrained by a leash, chain or cable of no more than ten (10) feet in length, or it is contained in a secure animal enclosure.

### Animals in vehicles

It is unlawful for a dog owner to leave within the open portion of a vehicle parked on public property a dog which is creating a danger to persons or property, or both, in the immediate vicinity thereto or to leave any domestic companion animal confined within a vehicle so as to place said animal in undue stress or danger of extremes in temperatures.

# Roundabouts

## What it is:

There are 10 roundabouts, the modern day traffic circle, in Avon.

A roundabout is a circular intersection designed for two main reasons: to calm traffic and to decrease traffic delays and congestions. Operations are improved by smooth flowing traffic, with less stop and go than would be experienced at a signalized intersection.

Roundabouts also offer a safe environment for pedestrians. Colorado state law dictates that vehicles must yield to pedestrians at all times. In addition, pedestrians crossing the street at a roundabout only have to deal with one-way traffic flow. For instance, a person crossing west to east would look to the left for a break in traffic, then cross to the middle island. Next, the person would look to the right for a break in traffic and complete the crossing. A misconception is that people cross the street through the roundabout. The crossing is in front of the roundabout.

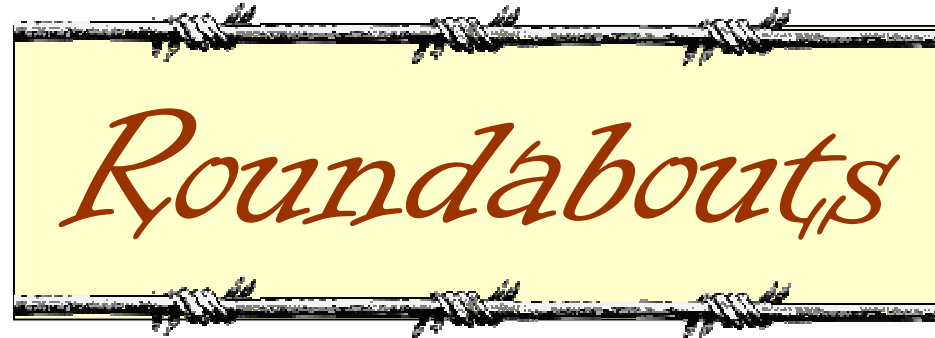
For someone who's never driven in a roundabout, they can be intimidating. We're here to tell you there's nothing to be intimidated about! There are simple rules to follow when

driving roundabouts. Follow them and you'll have no problems.

## How it works:

Slow down: Speeds of 15 mph or less are adequate in the roundabout

Yield: Vehicles must yield to the left before entering a roundabout



Entering: Once inside the roundabout DO NOT STOP. The vehicle in the roundabout has the right of way.

Stagger your vehicle: While in the roundabout, stagger your vehicle with those around you. Give yourself some room

Destination signs: Look for destination signs and exit in that direction.

Exiting: Remember to check your mirror, look to the right and use your turn signal

Miss your exit: No problem, just go around one more time

## Avon History

The Town of Avon is located in the stunning Rocky Mountains of Colorado along the scenic Eagle River. The town serves as a gateway to the world-class Beaver Creek Resort and is eight miles west of world-famous Vail. It is a home rule municipality in Eagle County, with the county seat located 20 miles to the west in the Town of Eagle. The early Eagle River Valley, including the area that was to become Avon, was first inhabited by the Utes. These great Native American horsemen spent winters in the mild climate to the west and returned to, in their language, “the shining mountains”, each summer to hunt mule deer, elk and the great buffalo.

The earliest Anglo-Americans visiting the area were probably hearty Mountain Men trapping beaver to supply fur for city folks' fashionable top hats. In 1845 a dashing adventurer, John Charles Fremont, led his California-bound expedition down the Eagle River through

present day Avon and caught what they called a “buffalo fish,” probably a mountain white fish or a very old cutthroat trout, at a riverside camp called “William's Fishery”. The famous Hayden Survey party came to the Eagle Valley in 1873 noting impressive geology near present day Minturn and Squaw Creek, near present day Cordillera.

Settlers arrived in the early 1880's, including George A. Townsend who "took up a homestead" of 160 acres, the legal limit, and built a house at the confluence of the Eagle River and Beaver Creek. Mr.

Townsend is said to have fancied the name Avondale for the area. At some point, Avon became its official name. Early pioneers, including Townsend, grew hay and raised cattle to feed hungry miners in nearby Red Cliff. Metcalf and Oscar Traer rode together to Central City to witness each other's paperwork “proving up” their respective claims under the federal Homestead Act. Homesteaders also worked together to dig essential irrigation ditches, sometimes using dynamite and a horse-drawn scoop called a fresno, some of which still supply irrigating water to Avon



Avon School 1933

today. As early as July 4, 1891, the Eagle County Times reported “Eagle County is a good place to visit, a better place to settle in, and the best place in the state for capitalseeking investment.”

In the 1920’s head lettuce was the crop of choice in Avon and neighboring Beaver Creek and Bachelor Gulch. Box cars stood at the Avon Depot, loaded with ice from the Minturn ice house (the ice had been cut the preceding winter at Pando up near Tennessee Pass) and readied for freshly cut lettuce heads delivered in crates by farmers and their ranch hands including wives. These refrigerated railcars shipped Avon crops as far as the east coast providing fresh lettuce weeks after the nation’s standard lettuce harvest was gone. Through the years Avon land produced cattle, hay, potatoes, peas, oats and, starting in the 1940’s, sheep. By this time most of Avon’s homesteading families were long gone but descendents of William Nottingham had stayed on and owned and operated nearly all of the land called Avon. By 1972 Vail had become one of the top destination ski resorts in the country and pressure mounted “down valley” in Avon for ranch land to be developed. One branch of the Nottingham family sold its controlling interest in the land to Benchmark Companies and the Town of Avon was incorporated on February 24, 1978. The new town was comprised of the land in present-day central and western Avon including the area that soon became Nottingham Park. After ten years, in 1988, Avon had a permanent population of 1,500 people. Another branch of the Nottinghams sold its land to companies owned by developer Magnus Lindholm, the area encompassing present day eastern Avon and the northern hillside. Residents continued to move to Avon and, in 1998,

Avon was home to over 3,000 residents. As of 2003, Avon’s population had doubled to 6,727 people living in 2,317 households.

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Lettuce Shed

# Contact Information

The Avon Municipal Complex is located at 400 Benchmark Road. The following departments may be reached at this location:

- Town Manager office 748-4010
  - Town Clerk office 748-4035
  - Business licenses
  - Human Resources 748-4010
  - Employment
  - Finance Department 748-4020
  - Sales Tax
  - Community Development Department 748-4030
  - Building Permits
  - Police Department 748-4040
- The PD is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. If you need non-emergency police assistance after hours, please contact Vail Dispatch at 479-2200.

The Swift Gulch facility is located at 500 Swift Gulch Road. The following departments may be reached at this location:

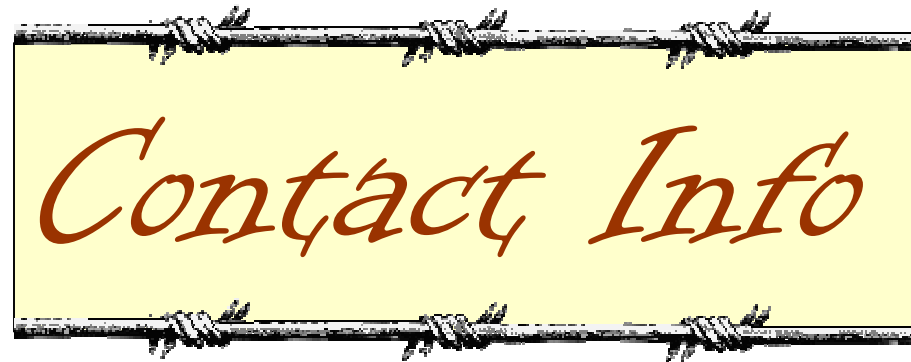
- Public Works 748-4100
- Parks, Streets & Roads, Plowing
- Engineering 748-4100
- Transportation 748-4120
- Bus Schedules

Fleet Maintenance 748-4130

Avon owns and operates its own 40,000 sq. ft. Recreation Center located at 351 Benchmark Road.  
Recreation Center 748-4060

Avon's website www.avon.org  
Police Department www.avonpolice.org  
Recreation Department www.avonrec.org

Avon's email address  
info@avon.org



## Other agencies in Avon:

- Avon Post Office 949-4057
- Avon Library 949-6797
- Eagle County Annex 748-2000
- Avon Elementary School 328-2950
- US Forest Service 845-5715
- Driver's License Frisco 668-5015
- Driver's License Glenwood 945-8229
- Public Health 949-7026
- Road Conditions 479-2226