

# Yreka City Newsletter

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### Important Numbers

City Hall/  
Water Division  
(530) 841-2386

Fire Dept  
(530) 841-2383

Police Dept  
(530) 841-2300

Public Works  
(530) 841-2370

Senior Program  
(530) 841-2365

### Elected Officials

Joan Smith Freeman  
Mayor

Deborah Baird  
Mayor Pro Tempore

Robert Bicego  
Councilmember

Duane Kegg  
Councilmember

Norman Shaskey  
Councilmember

Liz Casson  
City Clerk

Rhetta Hogan  
City Treasurer

## Back to School & Traffic Safety

By: Chief David Gamache, Yreka Police

School is here again! As always, I'm sure that summer went by too fast for most students. Many children are now walking to school or riding their bikes. All drivers need to be on the lookout, as children may dart out into the street at a moment's notice. Speeding cars colliding with a person walking or riding a bike, especially a child, will most likely result in serious injury or death. Please slow down and use caution, especially around the schools. Children need to always walk on the sidewalk and look both ways before crossing the street. Use the crosswalks and make eye contact with the drivers of oncoming cars before stepping out in front of them. Parents, if your child is one of the many kids riding a bike to school, remember they must wear a helmet. A bike helmet is the most important piece of biking equipment. It must be worn at all times, even for short trips, because it can save your child's life.



Also, please park your vehicle next to the curb when dropping your child off at school. There has been an increase in double parking over the last few years, which is dangerous and illegal. Please take a few extra moments and park in a safe spot. The busiest drop-off and pick-up times are between 7:30am-8:30am & 2:00pm-3:30pm. The Yreka Police Department wants each child to be safe on their way to/from school. Thank you and have an enjoyable new school year!

## Fall Leaves & Yard Debris



The City of Yreka, Department of Public Works, is asking once again for your help in keeping the streets clean and safe this fall. **Please do not put leaves in the street!**

Public Works sweeps the streets as frequently as possible in the fall when leaves are falling. It is important to keep leaves out of the street because they obstruct the flow of water in the gutters and prevent water from flowing into drainage inlets. Blocked drainage inlets cause flooding

problems in the street and on private property. Large piles of leaves in the street or wet leaves can also be dangerous for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

The California Vehicle Code and City of Yreka Municipal Code prohibit the placement of any type of debris, including leaves, into the streets. We encourage you to dispose of leaves with your regular garbage pickup or by taking them to the Oberlin Road Transfer Station. Composting is also a great option. During burn season (typically November thru May) leaves and yard debris can be burned with a valid Burning Permit. For City residents, these can be obtained free of charge at City Hall. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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**QUESTION:** When do I need to get a building permit?

**ANSWER:** Building permits are required for a number of projects, including:

- Reroofs (residential & commercial)
- Building, enlarging or altering a structure
- Installing water heaters, monitors or wood stoves
- Installing a retaining wall more than 4' high
- Decks attached to the dwelling unit
- Decks exceeding 200 square feet in area that are more than 30 inches above grade at any point, are not attached to a dwelling and do not serve an exit door
- Installing a retaining wall more than 4' high
- Above-ground pools that are more than 24" deep and all below-ground pools
- Building a one-story detached structure (such as a shed) that is larger than 120 square feet
- Electrical or plumbing work that is more extensive than typical minor repairs



To find out if your project needs a building permit, call the City of Yreka's Building Department at (530) 841-2325 or drop by City Hall at 701 Fourth Street.



Are you signed up for the CodeRED emergency alert system? All residents and businesses are encouraged to sign up to be notified by your local emergency response team in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts. Examples include: evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices and missing child reports. Visit the City's website at [ci.yreka.ca.us](http://ci.yreka.ca.us) and click on the CodeRED icon. If you need administrative assistance signing up, contact the Yreka Police Department at (530) 841-2300. You can choose to receive alerts by text, phone call and/or email.

**ARE YOU TIRED OF WRITING CHECKS FOR YOUR CITY OF YREKA UTILITY BILLS EACH MONTH?**

**NEVER WRITE A CHECK AGAIN! WE HAVE ELECTRONIC BILL PAY! PAYING YOUR WATER/SEWER/LANDFILL/FIRE BILLS EACH MONTH CAN BE EFFORTLESS. YOUR MONTHLY BILLING CAN BE DEDUCTED ELECTRONICALLY FROM YOUR CHECKING OR SAVINGS ACCOUNT ON THE TENTH OF EACH MONTH. IT IS AS SIMPLE AS COMPLETING THE FORM BELOW AND PROVIDING A VOIDED CHECK! RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO CITY HALL.**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC PAYMENT**  
 City of Yreka, 701 Fourth St, Yreka, CA 96097 (530) 841-2386

I hereby authorize the City of Yreka to initiate automatic payments to be taken out of my checking account each month from the financial institution named below for all charges actually incurred for the utility account described below. I acknowledge the origination of ACH transactions to my account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

<b>BANK INFORMATION:</b>	<b>UTILITY INFORMATION:</b>
Financial Institution: _____	Account # _____
Address: _____ Phone # _____	Account Name: _____
City / State / Zip: _____	Service Address: _____
Routing # _____ Account # _____	(If different from above) Mailing Address: _____
	City / State / Zip: _____
	Printed Name: _____ Phone # _____
	Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE INCLUDE A VOIDED CHECK

This authorization will remain in full force and effect until the City of Yreka has received written notification from the account holder of termination. Both parties reserve the right to terminate this authorization upon the written notice to the other. In the event of a notice of termination, the City shall have up to 60 days to act upon the notice.

**COMPLETE FORM AND RETURN TO CITY HALL WITH A VOIDED CHECK.**