

# Yreka City Newsletter

## Water Efficiency Program

The City of Yreka is beginning its annual Water Efficiency Program on July 1. The voluntary program will run for two months through August 31. You can help us keep our water tanks full during these hot summer months, when the demand for water is high, by following the Voluntary Watering Schedule shown below. This will allow us to have enough water for regular use and for emergencies such as fires and power outages. The Program has worked well for the last three years and with your help, we can make it work this summer too. We sincerely thank all those who participate.



### Voluntary Watering Schedule July 1 to August 31 (For outdoor sprinklers & irrigation systems)

**Even-numbered addresses:**

Days: Mon, Wed, Fri  
Hours: Before 11 am & after 6 pm

**Odd-numbered addresses:**

Days: Tues, Thurs, Sat  
Hours: Before 11 am & after 6 pm

**All addresses:**

Days: Sun  
Hours: Before 11 am & after 6 pm

Occasional outdoor use such as hand-watering, washing cars and filling small pools may be done any time on any day.

**Important Numbers**

City Hall/  
Water Division  
(530) 841-2386

Fire Department  
(530) 841-2383

Police Department  
(530) 841-2300

Public Works  
(530) 841-2370

Senior Program  
(530) 841-2365

**Elected Officials**

Tom Amaral  
Mayor

Jim Griffin  
Mayor Pro Tempore

Rory McNeil  
Councilmember

David Simmen  
Councilmember

Jason Darrow  
Councilmember

Liz Casson  
City Clerk

Michael Pavlik  
City Treasurer

## Yreka Chamber of Commerce Patriotic Family Festival

Saturday, July 4, 2009

11 am - Downtown Parade Starts at Jackson Street School  
(north on Oregon St, east on Miner St, south on Broadway & west on Jackson St)  
12 pm - Miner Street Park - Live Music, Food, Vendors, Kids Games



## Siskiyou Motor Speedway Fireworks Spectacular

Saturday, July 4, 2009

Gates open @ 5pm - Racing starts @ 7pm

Fireworks @ approximately 10pm

Mini Stocks, Super Stocks, Super 4's, Pro Stocks, & Modifieds

Made possible by the Siskiyou County Motorsports Association & donations from local individuals & organizations.

For more information, please contact Billy Jasmer at 841-0732 or 340-0127.

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## Tips & Tricks for Efficient Water Use

### Indoors:

#### *In the Kitchen...*

- When washing dishes by hand, avoid letting the water run while rinsing. If you have two sinks, try filling one with wash water and the other with rinse water. For only one sink, try using a spray device or just short bursts of water.
- Try to run your dishwasher & washing machine only when they are full.
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly; try composting instead.
- Instead of running the tap for cold drinks, keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator.
- Wash your fruits & vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water.

#### *In the Bathroom...*

- When it's time to replace a toilet or showerhead, consider buying low-flow or energy-efficient.
- Remember to turn off the water while you brush your teeth and wash your face.
- While you wait for hot water to come down the pipes, catch the cold water in a watering can for use on houseplants or in your garden.
- Drop your tissue in the trash instead of flushing it.
- Time your shower and try to keep it less than five minutes.

### Outdoors:

#### *In the Yard...*

- Minimize evaporation by watering in the early morning hours.
- Set a kitchen timer while watering your lawn to remind you to stop.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalks.
- Think about adjusting your lawnmower to a higher setting. Longer grass shades the root systems and holds soil moisture better than closely-cut grass.
- Avoid overwatering your lawn by using this trick: if you walk across your lawn and leave footprints, its time to water; if there are no footprints, save the sprinklers for another day.



### Checking for Leaks:

A leak can secretly use up water and cost you money. Use these tips to help find leaks so you can get them fixed.

- To check for hidden water leaks, read the water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter is not exactly the same, there is a leak.
- Try checking your toilet for leaks by putting a little food coloring in the tank. If color appears in the bowl without flushing, there is a leak.
- Leaky faucets should be fixed quickly; it could save 20 gallons a day!
- Know where your master shut-off valve is located. This could save water and prevent damage to your home in case of a leak or burst pipe.

**Ring Pool is now being operated by a non-profit organization called Yreka Splash. Visit their website at [yrekasplash.com](http://yrekasplash.com) or call (530) 842-6841 for information about pool hours, admission prices, swim lessons and swim team.**