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# Yreka City Newsletter

## Weed Control: Springtime Maintenance Can Prevent Summertime Fires

Spring is upon us and temperatures will soon be rising. The weeds and grasses that have grown high will begin to dry out and present a serious fire danger. We encourage you to keep your home and grounds safe by doing preventative maintenance now. You can begin by cutting or mowing tall vegetation on your home property or vacant lots. If your parcel is large, the City accepts mowing a minimum 40-foot perimeter to a maximum height of four inches on all sides. If your parcel is small, the City requires you to mow the whole parcel. There are many other things you can do to make your home and grounds visually appealing and resistant to flames. We offer the following tips for your convenience:



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- Landscape with fire-resistant plants that store moisture (succulents).
- Plant greenery that grows low to the ground.
- Avoid planting bushes and shrubs close to structures.
- Space trees and plants away from each other.
- Keep tall shrubs away from the house. Flames can climb them ladder-style and ignite the eaves of your house.
- Clear roofs and gutters of leaves and pine needles.
- Avoid flammable conifers like pines, firs, junipers, and cedars.
- Trim branches six feet from the ground.
- Remove trash and dead trees, brush and shrubs from your property.
- To slow the spread of fire, thin dense groups of trees/bushes.
- Keep greenery pruned.



Taking these steps now will help protect your home later and could prevent wildland fires like those that have devastated our state in past seasons. The City of Yreka appreciates your effort in keeping your homes and surrounding areas fire-safe this summer.

Please contact the Building Department at 841-2322 for more information.

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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:

**Rory McNeil**  
Mayor



**David Simmen**  
Mayor Pro Tempore

**Robert Bicego**  
Councilmember

**Bryan Foster**  
Councilmember

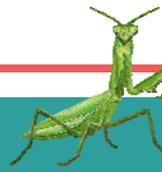
**John Mercier**  
Councilmember

**Liz Casson**  
City Clerk

**Rhetta Hogan**  
City Treasurer



## E Clampus Vitus #73 Fishing Derby - May 7



Come out to Lower Greenhorn Park on Saturday, May 7th, and join the Clampers for their 8th annual Kids' Fishing Derby. Registration is from 8am-9am and fishing is from 9am-12pm. Free hot dogs, chips & sodas for the kids. Prizes awarded at 12:30pm. All CA Dept of Fish & Game laws apply.

## Humbug Hurry-Up Saturday, May 21



The classic mountain bike race returns to Greenhorn Park in Yreka. SINGLE TRACK! The "Monster Mile." The "Chute." The "Hike-a-Bike." Free overnight camping in Greenhorn Park. Cash prizes and goodies. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Yreka and the Siskiyou Family YMCA.

Contact and registration:  
530-842-9622

[www.humbughurryup.com](http://www.humbughurryup.com)

Challenging expert course ~ 24 miles  
Fun sport course ~ 15 miles  
Friendly beginner course ~ 9 miles  
Free kids race ~ 1 mile



## Yreka Swap Meet

SATURDAYS (weather permitting)  
APRIL 2ND THRU OCTOBER 29  
8 AM - 2 PM

1712 FAIRLANE ROAD

The Yreka Swap Meet is a fun and exciting venue designed to bring the public together with various vendors, artisans, non-profit organizations, and more! Grab your friends and family and join the fun at the Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds! Visit [www.yrekaswapmeet.com](http://www.yrekaswapmeet.com) for applications or more information.

## Yreka Community Gardens



The Yreka Community Gardens, located on Knapp Street, will be having their first plant sale of the year on May 7th from 9am-2pm. Their goal is to develop a community garden where individuals, families and groups can grow nutritious vegetables and fruit for themselves and for community food banks. Check out their blog at : [yrekacommunitygardens@blogspot.com](mailto:yrekacommunitygardens@blogspot.com).

## Recycling

Spring cleaning can lead to recycling. Recycling is processing used materials into new products to prevent waste of potentially useful materials.

Recycling reduces the consumption of fresh raw materials, reduces energy usage, lessens air and water pollution, and lowers greenhouse gas emissions. Recycling is a key component of modern waste reduction. Recyclable materials include many kinds of glass, paper, metal, plastic, and electronics. Materials to be recycled are either brought to a collection center or picked up from the curbside, sorted, cleaned, and reprocessed into new materials bound for manufacturing.

### Recycling:

- Protects and expands U.S. manufacturing jobs and increases U.S. competitiveness.
- Reduces the need for landfilling and incineration.
- Prevents pollution caused by the manufacturing of products from virgin materials.
- Saves energy.
- Decreases emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change.
- Conserves natural resources such as timber, water, and minerals.
- Helps sustain the environment for future generations.



### Local Recycling Resources:

- ⇒ Yreka Transfer Recycling (drop-off & curbside pick-up) 842-9119
- ⇒ Ziggy's Recycling Service (curbside pick-up) 643-1869
- ⇒ Siskiyou Opportunity Center (drop-off) 842-4110
- ⇒ Yreka - Oberlin Road Transfer Station (drop-off) 842-5865

