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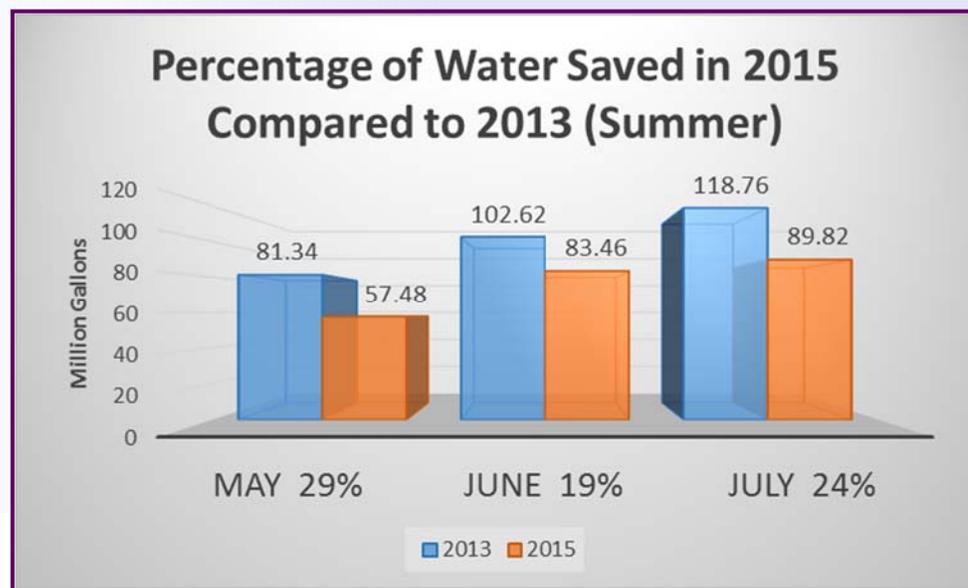
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## Water Conservation & State Mandates

On April 1, 2015, Governor Brown issued the fourth in a series of Executive Orders on actions necessary to address California's severe drought conditions, which directed the State Water Board to implement mandatory water reductions in urban areas to collectively reduce potable urban water usage by 25% statewide. This should equate to approximately 1.2 million acre-feet of water saved over the next nine months.

To reach the statewide 25% reduction mandate, the emergency regulation assigned each urban water supplier (serving more than 3,000 connections) a conservation standard that ranges between 4% and 36% based on their residential gallons per capita per day (R-GPCD) for the months of July - September 2014.

The City of Yreka is among 61 other water suppliers that are required by the State to reduce potable water use by 32%. Although high temperatures and dry conditions in June and July are making it difficult to reach our conservation goal, individual efforts are making a difference. July and August are usually peak months for water use, yet water production was reduced by almost 29 million gallons in July. Keep up the good work and thank you for helping us make progress towards the State mandate. See the City's website for water conservation ideas, tips and resources.



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## Fall Leaves



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

Street sweepers are NOT designed to pick up leaves. They are designed to remove fine particulate matter from the street. If piles of leaves are left in the streets, the operator must drive around them to prevent clogging the machine. Leaves must be properly disposed of and not blown or dumped into the street. The California Vehicle Code and the City of Yreka Municipal Code prohibits the placement of leaves and other debris in the street.

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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.

Leaves are a valuable free material for composting, mulching and enriching your soils. Check out the article at <http://ci.yreka.ca.us/community/composting> for more info. In early November, the Yreka Community Garden and its partners will be collecting leaves at various drop-off sites throughout Yreka. Leaves can also be burned with a valid Burning Permit that can be obtained free of charge at City Hall. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## School & Traffic Safety

The Yreka Police Department and Police Chief Brian Bowles would like to remind the residents of Yreka to use extra caution when driving near schools or when dropping off and picking up students. U-turns are generally not safe or recommended near schools, especially when students are being dropped off (7:45 AM to 8:45 AM) or picked up (2:30 PM to 3:30 PM). The Yreka Police Department is also increasing patrols near schools.

Please Remember:

- Students and other pedestrians should ALWAYS use a crosswalk. Crossing mid-block should not be done around schools because it is very dangerous.
- Park your vehicle next to the curb; double parking is dangerous and illegal.
- Do not make illegal U-turns. U-turns are illegal if there is a vehicle approaching within 200 feet, if the U-turn movement affects other vehicles, or if the U-turn constitutes a hazard. U-turns are potentially dangerous and should not be done near schools.



## Foothill Drive Reconstruction



The City of Yreka Department of Public Works will start a project in early September to reconstruct North Foothill Drive from approximately I-5 to the City limits east of Juniper Drive. The contractor, Tullis Inc. of Redding, CA, will replace aged water lines and install new sewer lines under Foothill Drive before laying a new asphalt surface. If sufficient funds remain in the project, a portion of South Foothill may also be resurfaced.

Residents and businesses will receive advance notice when their water service will be disrupted in order to make connections with the new water line. Locations affected by parking restrictions along Foothill Drive will be posted 48 hours in advance.

Funding from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) will pay for the street work and the City's

water enterprise fund will contribute to upgrading the water mains. The sewer lines will be paid for by the property owners.

Traffic lanes will remain open, however motorists and pedestrians are advised to watch for trucks and other construction equipment and use extreme caution if they have to use the affected streets. It is advisable to use alternate routes to avoid the construction areas if possible.

Please contact Jeannette Hook, Administrative Assistant, at (530) 841-2336 if you have any questions.