

Important Numbers

**City Hall/
Utility Billing**
(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

John Mercier
Mayor

Bryan Foster
Mayor Pro Tempore

Deborah Baird
Councilmember

David Simmen
Councilmember

Joan Smith Freeman
Councilmember

Liz Casson
City Clerk

Rhetta Hogan
City Treasurer

CodeRED Emergency Alert System

All residents and businesses are encouraged to sign up for the CodeRED emergency alert system. You will 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. To receive emergency information by text, phone call and/or email, visit the City's website at ci.yreka.ca.us and click on the CodeRED icon. If you need assistance signing up, contact the Yreka Police Department at (530) 841-2300.



To Flush or Not to Flush

The City's sewer (wastewater) collection and treatment system collects, treats and disposes of domestic and industrial wastewater generated within the City. Once wastewater has been treated, it is used to recharge groundwater. The City recently completed upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) to increase capacity and efficiency. The City continually works to repair, replace and clean the sewer mains in order to prevent sewer overflows and provide the best possible sewer service.

The Public Works Maintenance Division is responsible for maintaining the sewer system from the sewer mains and manholes in the streets to the WWTP. The WWTP is responsible for safely and effectively treating the wastewater that it receives and disposing of the waste that cannot be treated.

The lateral from the City's sewer main to your home is the responsibility of the tenant/homeowner. Flushing items down the toilet such as 'flushable wipes', feminine products and medication can create a huge mess and an expensive plumbing bill. Throw these items in the trash. Important information to note:

- ◆ Only toilet paper, water and human waste can be safely flushed down the toilet.
- ◆ Product labeling is often misleading. Items marked as "flushable" are regularly found to clog pipes and pumps throughout the sewer system.
- ◆ Flushing any trash can lead to service interruptions and expensive repairs to home and municipal plumbing lines. If a clog occurs in your home plumbing, the responsibility and cost of repairs falls to the tenant/homeowner. If a clog occurs in the municipal sewer line, the cost of repairs could be passed on to users in the form of higher utility fees.
- ◆ When a clog or breakdown occurs, untreated sewage can back up into your home and neighborhood.
- ◆ If untreated sewage backs up into the streets, it can enter our storm drains and waterways.

**Road Conditions
Phone Numbers**

Local (530) 842-4438
California (800) 427-7623
Oregon (800) 977-6368

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Snow Removal in the City

The depth of snow is monitored by the Department of Public Works and the Police Department. When the snow at the Police Station, 412 West Miner Street, is between 4-6 inches deep, the City usually begins snow removal. Visit our website at ci.yreka.ca.us/community/snow-removal for the complete snow removal policy and tips for snow removal.



Night of Lights

Don't miss all the fun on Friday, 12/4, starting at 6pm in historic downtown Yreka. For more info, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at (530) 842-1649 or visit their website at yrekachamber.com.



Annual Dog Licenses

City of Yreka dog licenses for 2016 are due between January 4 and March 1, 2016. Per City ordinance, any dog that resides within the City limits must be licensed through the City.

The Animal Control license fees for 2016 are:

\$29.00 for Spayed/Neutered (Altered) Dogs

\$58.00 for Unaltered Dogs

Any dog owner whose dog is not licensed by March 1, 2016, is subject to a penalty of \$10.00 for each unlicensed dog in addition to the license fee.

Prevent Frozen Pipes

Each winter City Hall receives numerous calls from residents asking what they should do about frozen pipes. Below are some useful tips for preventing frozen pipes. To learn more about preventing or thawing frozen pipes, visit the City's website at ci.yreka.ca.us/utilities/frozen-pipes.

- ◆ Disconnect all outdoor hoses.
- ◆ Shut off the valve to the outside tap then run the faucet so the water in the line drains out. Pipes usually freeze when they are closest to outside walls and the most vulnerable pipes are those running through unheated areas like crawlspaces.
- ◆ Keep the pipes warm by opening vanities under sinks and raising the temperature in areas with exposed pipes by turning up your thermostat or using a space heater. If specific pipes freeze regularly, turn on the cold tap so a small stream of water continuously drips during cold weather.
- ◆ Insulating wraps for pipes near outside walls may be beneficial, but it may be necessary for a plumber to move pipes that are too vulnerable to the cold.
- ◆ If you leave your house for an extended time during winter, do not turn your thermostat completely off. Set the thermostat for 60 degrees and make sure all windows are completely sealed to ensure that no heat will escape. Open the doors to vanities so warm air can circulate around the pipes under your sinks.



Any plumbing from the water meter to the property is the responsibility of the property owner/tenant. The City of Yreka encourages all property owners to install a "Customer Shut-Off Valve" on the customer side of the water meter. If you need the City of Yreka to turn water off or on, certain fees may apply. If you have an after-hours water emergency and would like the Public Works Department to respond and turn off your water, call the Yreka Police Department at (530) 841-2300 (press 9 for dispatch) to request assistance. Alternatively, you may call a plumber.