

Small Business Websites

The Yreka Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Siskiyou EDC and the City of Yreka, are offering the free development of a splash internet web page for qualified businesses within Yreka. Qualified businesses must also be Chamber of Commerce members. A splash page is an entry-level way for a small business to use the internet for marketing. The web page creates a link to a page that is hosted on the Yreka Chamber of Commerce Website. The splash page is displayed as a link to a page that provides the business with a full-page ad in the form of a professionally designed web page. Businesses can use the page to promote their location, services, hours and specialty products. Web splash pages are ideal for businesses that may not have a storefront, such as a home business or businesses that don't already have a website. This website design project is funded by a Community Development – Planning and Technical Assistance Grant. Applicants must be a qualified micro-enterprise or low-income business. For more information, please call the Yreka Chamber of Commerce office at (530) 842-1649.



Splash web page for local business:
Don's Sporting Goods

Yreka Chamber of
Commerce Website:
www.yrekachamber.com

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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

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Mayor

Jim Griffin
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Councilmember

David Simmen
Councilmember

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Councilmember

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Frozen Water 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, what to do if your pipes freeze, and services provided by the City.

PREVENTION MEASURES:

- Disconnect all the outdoor hoses, if possible.
- Shut off the valve to the outside tap then run the faucet so

the water in the line drains out. It is important to know that pipes usually freeze when they are closest to outside walls and the most vulnerable pipes are those running through unheated areas like crawlspaces.

- Try to 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. Additionally, if specific pipes freeze regularly, turn on the cold tap so water continuously trickles during cold weather.

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- Insulating wraps for pipes near outside walls may be beneficial, but it may be necessary for a plumber to move pipes installed in areas 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. Then open the doors to vanity cabinets so warm air can circulate around the pipes under your sinks.

WHAT DO I DO IF MY WATER PIPES ARE FROZEN?

After water freezes in your pipe, the water flow will be cut off. The ice will expand and your pipes will be at risk of splitting if the clogs are not thawed promptly. When dealing with frozen pipes, it is important to act fast. A frozen pipe can turn into a broken pipe, transforming a small inconvenience into a big problem. To thaw frozen pipes, follow these steps:

- Find and turn off the main valve that brings water into the house.
- After turning off the main valve, trace the pipes around your house to locate the other shut-off valves.
- To thaw the pipes, you can use (a) a blow dryer, (b) a space heater for pipes under a sink or (c) electric pipe wraps.
- When thawing your pipes, keep in mind, you should NEVER use a torch or open flame to melt an ice clog.
- Monitor the pipes as they thaw because they may have cracked when they froze and may start to leak as they thaw.

THE CITY CAN HELP WITH TURNING OFF YOUR WATER SERVICE, BUT CERTAIN FEES APPLY

The City would like to remind you that any water valve on your property is your responsibility. The City of Yreka encourages all property owners to install a "Customer Shut-Off Valve" on the customer side of the water meter. If, for any reason, you must call the City of Yreka to request water turn-off, water turn-on or meter-reading assistance, the following fees will apply:

- ⇒ Turn-off for scheduled customer repairs or meter-reading assistance: \$50
- ⇒ Emergency turn-off fee (during regular hours, Monday – Friday 8am – 3:30pm): \$75
- ⇒ Emergency turn-off fee (after regular hours, including weekends and holidays): \$150
- ⇒ After hours call-out fee (to re-establish water service): \$100

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.

Bicycle Transportation Plan



Yreka cyclists and the City of Yreka have collaborated to apply for a State transportation grant to replace and repair drainage inlet grates on bicycle routes located on and adjacent to Oregon Street. The project has been proposed by local bicycle enthusiasts, and in cooperation with the Public Works Department, these volunteers have prepared the grant application on behalf of the City. This project will address an important safety consideration for bicyclists, increase the visibility of bicyclists as a part of the community, and implement several goals of the Bicycle Transportation Plan. Please contact Jeannette Hook at (530) 841-2336 for more information.