

YREKA CITY NEWSLETTER

Back to School & Traffic Safety

By: Chief Brian Bowles



School is almost here again and many children will soon be walking or riding their bikes to school. All drivers need to be on the lookout. Children may dart out into the street at a moment's notice. Please slow down and drive cautiously, especially around schools. Children should always walk on the sidewalk, look both ways when crossing the street, use crosswalks, and make eye contact with drivers of oncoming cars before stepping out in front of them. Parents, if your child is one of the many kids riding a bike to school, remember they have to wear a helmet. Helmets must be worn at all times, even for short trips, because it can save your child's life. Also, please park your vehicle next to the curb when dropping your child off at school. Over the last several years, there has been an increase in double parking which is dangerous and illegal. Please take a few extra moments and park in a safe spot. The busiest drop-off and pick-up times are between 7:30am and 8:30am, as well as between 2pm and 3:30pm.

The Yreka Police Department wants each child to be safe on their way to and from school. Thank you and have an enjoyable new school year!

Kitchen Best Management Practices to Reduce Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG)



This is the second article in a series designed to educate residents of Yreka about fats, oils and grease (FOG) and ways to prevent FOG from excessive build-ups. FOG cause blockages and overflows in sanitary sewer lines and are a state and nationwide concern.

All kitchens produce FOG, although most of the FOG that causes problems is produced from commercial kitchens in restaurants and institutions. However, even residential kitchens can produce large amounts of FOG.

Changes in kitchen cleanup practices can significantly reduce FOG, and education in ways to reduce FOG is a main component of the City's FOG Source Control Program.

The California FOG Workgroup and the National Restaurant Association suggest that the most effective and least costly ways of preventing FOG deposits is dry cleanup in kitchens, and solid waste disposal or recycling of waste grease.

Kitchen best management practices (BMPs) are recommended as follows:

- Prevent pouring excess or waste fats, oils and grease down the drain. Instead, dispose in the garbage or as solid waste.

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Important Numbers

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Utility Billing
(530) 841-2386

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(530) 841-2383

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(530) 841-2300

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(530) 841-2370

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(530) 841-2365

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Kitchen Best Management Practices (continued from page 1)

- Scrape and dry clean service ware, utensils and cooking equipment before washing, and dispose of debris in the garbage or as solid waste.
- Limit use of garbage disposals to non-greasy food materials such as fruits and vegetables.

For commercial kitchens in restaurants or institutions:

- Clean FOG in screens and filters with paper, fabric or granular material, away from drains, and dispose of as solid waste.
- Contain FOG spills before going into drains, clean-up with paper, fabric or granular material, and dispose of as solid waste.

For more information, visit our website at ci.yreka.ca.us/utilities/fog and learn how to help prevent excessive FOG build-ups.

Community Work



For the second year in a row, the Siskiyou County Office of Education's (SCOE) Transition Summer Community Work Crew spent three weeks working with the City's Public Works Department on a number of projects in parks and other areas around the City. Some of the projects the crew worked on were painting water tanks, clearing noxious/invasive weeds such as Dyer's Woad (also known as Marlahan Mustard) from around Greenhorn Park, and cleaning up areas of the City's Service Center and the City's parks. The SCOE's program is designed to encourage students to explore different career opportunities and gain valuable work experience.

Sizzlin' September Car Show & Shine

Saturday, September 14th
Downtown Yreka: Miner & Broadway

- ◇ Car Show
- ◇ Poker Run
- ◇ Cruise Night
- ◇ Trophies, Raffles, Music, Vendors



For more information or to register, please contact the Yreka Chamber of Commerce at (530) 842-1649.

You're invited! **OL' NUGGET'S 40TH BIRTHDAY BASH**

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and other debris in the streets.**