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**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**  
Joan Smith Freeman  
Mayor

Duane Kegg  
Mayor Pro Tempore

Deborah Baird  
Councilmember

Paul McCoy  
Councilmember

Norman Shaskey  
Councilmember

Liz Casson  
City Clerk

Rhetta Hogan  
City Treasurer

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## Yreka Police Department



The Yreka Police Department has moved into its new facility at 1400 Fairlane Road from its prior location, an antiquated Carnegie Library Building. The Grand Opening was held on February 11th. Among the speakers were Mayor Pro-Tempore Duane Kegg, Police Chief David Gamache, and Erin Ryan from the office of Congressman Doug Lamalfa. Ms. Ryan presented Ex-Chief Brian Bowles with a Congressional recognition, and Chief Gamache acknowledged Chief Bowles' dedication

to the new YPD building project. The ceremony was followed by tours of the new station.

The project has taken many years and a great deal of time and energy from past and present City Council members, Police Chiefs, and City staff. The architect, Dennis Dong of Calpo, Hom & Dong, worked closely with previous Police Chief Brian Bowles to design the new space. Robert Nichol Construction, Inc., transformed the old multi-tenant building into a beautiful, functional, secure Police Department building with modern dispatch facilities, multiple interview rooms, an Emergency Operations and Training room, locker rooms and an exercise room.

### Kiwanis Club Easter Egg Hunt



Date: Saturday, April 20th  
Time: 10 AM SHARP!  
Location: Miner Street Park

### Battery Recycling



You can drop off your batteries at City Hall for recycling.

Lithium and rechargeable batteries need to be individually bagged or have the terminals taped to prevent short circuits or fire. This program is operated by the Siskiyou County Department of General Services.



- Renew your 2018 business license by March 31st.
- Dog license renewals for 2019 are available at City Hall and due by March 4th. The \$10 penalty will be applied to delinquent accounts on March 5th. Citations will be issued for unlicensed dogs starting May 1st.

**Have you recently purchased property or are you moving in or out of a home in Yreka? We understand that moving is hectic and we hope the tips below will help make your moving experience easier in establishing/discontinuing City utility services. If you have more questions, please call our office at (530) 841-2386.**

## **MOVING IN:**

**IF YOU ARE A NEW OWNER AND WILL BE LIVING IN THIS HOME:** You are responsible for the monthly water, sewer, landfill and fire tax bill. To sign up for services, you will need to come to City Hall at 701 Fourth Street. Each owner listed on the Assessor's Parcel Record will need to provide their photo identification and Social Security Number. A \$75.00 non-refundable account set up fee is required, payable by cash or check.

**IF YOU ARE A NEW OWNER WHO WILL BE RENTING OUT THIS HOME:** You will need to determine if you want to pay the City of Yreka monthly utility bill (see above) or if you want your tenant to pay the bill. If the tenant is to pay, call this office and notify us that the home is to be occupied by a tenant. The tenant will need to come to City Hall and sign up for utility services. (See next paragraph for tenant procedures.) Tenant will be billed for water, sewer and landfill only. Fire tax billings must be billed to the owner of the property.

**IF YOU ARE A TENANT:** Check with your landlord to see who is responsible for the water, sewer and landfill bills. This information should be listed on the rental agreement between you and your landlord. If your rental agreement says that the tenant is responsible for the monthly water, sewer and landfill bill, you will need to come to City Hall at 701 Fourth Street to sign up for service. You will need to show proof of occupancy with a valid rental agreement, provide photo identification and Social Security Number for each tenant listed on the rental agreement. A \$75.00 non-refundable account set up fee is required, payable by cash or check.



## **MOVING OUT:**

**IF YOU ARE AN OWNER WHO HAS SOLD YOUR HOME:** It is your responsibility to terminate your utility services with the City of Yreka. Failure to terminate may result in additional charges to your account. When your home sells, you will need to provide us with the date escrow will close, the name of the new owner (if known) and your forwarding address and phone number. We will read the water meter, prepare your final bill to coincide with the escrow closing, and send it to the provided forwarding address.

**IF YOU ARE AN OWNER LEAVING YOUR HOME AND RENTING IT OUT:** If your home is to become a rental, you must call this office and notify us that the home will be occupied by a tenant. You will need to provide us with your forwarding address, phone number, the name of the tenant(s) and the effective move-in date. We will read the water meter, prepare your final bill, and send it to the provided forwarding address once the tenant has signed up for City services for that property. Tenants can only be billed for water, sewer and landfill services. Fire tax billings must be billed to the owner of the property. When tenants move out, the water, sewer and landfill billings will automatically be put back into the owner's name, even if the property is vacant.

**IF YOU ARE AN OWNER LEAVING THE HOME VACANT (pending sale/foreclosure):** You will need to provide us with your forwarding address and phone number. You will continue to be billed for the water base rate, sewer, landfill and fire regardless of whether the water is on or off. Billings will continue until the home is sold to a new owner, rented, or the City receives notification from lender accepting responsibility for future billings.

**IF YOU ARE A RENTER OR TENANT:** It is your responsibility to terminate your service with the City of Yreka. Failure to terminate may result in additional charges to your account. You will need to provide us with your forwarding address, phone number and give us a future date you would like services taken out of your name. We will read the water meter, prepare your final bill and send it to the provided forwarding address.



**Daylight savings time will start on Sunday, March 10th. This is a great time to change your clocks & your smoke alarm batteries. Spring ahead 1 hour!**

## **Interesting Facts About Water**

- Only 1% of the Earth's water is suitable for drinking
- A gallon of water weighs 8.34 pounds
- The average human body is made of 65% water
- Water covers around 70% of the planet's surface