

Yreka City Newsletter

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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**

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City Treasurer**

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Back to School & Traffic Safety

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Yreka Police Department

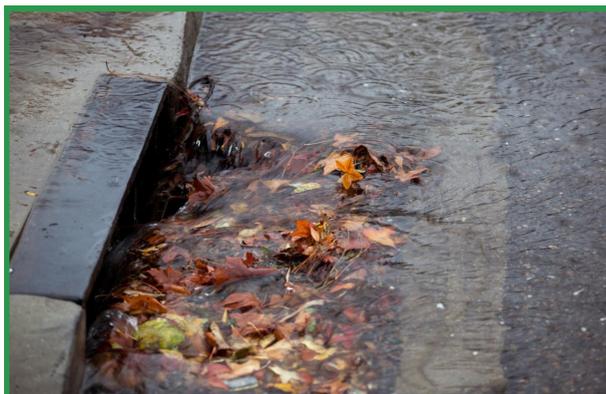
School is here again! As always, I am sure that summer went by too fast for most students. Many children are now walking to school or riding their bikes. All drivers need to be on the lookout, as children may dart out into the street at a moment's notice. Speeding cars colliding with



a person walking or riding a bike, especially a child, will most likely result in serious injury or death. Please slow down and use caution, especially around the schools. Children need to always walk on the sidewalk and look both ways before crossing the street. Teach them how to use the crosswalks and make eye contact with the 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 must wear a helmet. A bike helmet is the most important piece of biking equipment. It 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 few 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-8:30am and 2:00pm-3:30pm. The Yreka Police Department wants each child to be safe on their way to/from school. Thank you and have an enjoyable new school year!

Fall Leaves & Yard Debris

The City of Yreka is asking for your help in keeping the storm drains flowing this Fall.



Public Works sweeps the streets as frequently as possible when leaves are actively falling in an effort to keep storm drain pipes flowing. However, the street sweeper is not designed for leaves. Street sweeping is one method we use to stay in compliance with our State-Issued Storm Water Permit by removing fine sediment and small items of trash blown around by the wind.

Flooding problems in the street and on private property occur when leaves from private property enter the City Storm Drain System. Placing or blowing your leaves into the street violates the California Vehicle Code and the City of Yreka Municipal Code.

We encourage you to dispose of your leaves by composting or mulching. More information can be found online at ci.yreka.ca.us/community/composting. You can also haul them to the Oberlin Road Transfer Station; call (530) 842-5865 for the hours of operation and disposal fees.

Yreka Community Gardens will be holding two free leaf collection days in October or November, depending on when the leaves fall. Please email yrekacommunitygardens@gmail.com for more information or like and follow their Facebook page #YrekaCommunityGardens.

Battery Recycling - Did you know?

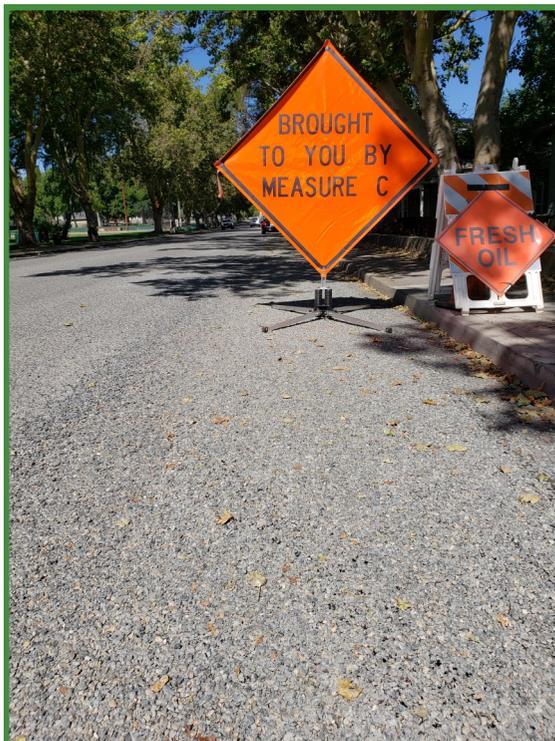
- You can drop off your smaller batteries for recycling at City Hall.
- There is no charge for this service.
- Separate your batteries by chemistry: Alkaline, Button Cells, Ni-Cd, Ni-MH, Lithium, Li-Ion and Sealed Lead Acid.
- Lithium and rechargeable batteries need to be individually bagged or have the terminals taped to prevent short circuits or fire.
- It is illegal to put batteries in the trash; they often contain toxic metals such as mercury and lead.
- The Siskiyou County Department of General Services runs this program. Visit their website at co.siskiyou.ca.us/generalservices/page/recycling for a helpful battery recycling guide with illustrations.



Pay Your Utility Bill Online!



The City of Yreka accepts Visa/MC payments for utility bills. Card payments are accepted online, in person at City Hall, or over the phone by calling our automated system at (530) 331-9107. To pay online, visit the City's website at ci.yreka.ca.us and click on 'Pay Your Utility Bill'. You can pay your utility bill, see your billing history and sign up for automatic payments. New users will need your account number and an email address to set up an account on the online utility billing portal. Utility Billing staff is available by phone at (530) 841-2386 or by email at finance@ci.yreka.ca.us for any questions.



Road Work Update

The Department of Public Works recently chip sealed approximately 3 ½ miles of streets (listed below). By coupling local Measure C Sales Tax and State SB1 Gas Tax funding, the City has made a large amount of progress on street repair in the past three years. Chip sealing lengthens the usable life of a street by protecting the asphalt underneath it from water damage. Additional work is scheduled for late fall or early spring and notifications will again be sent out prior to that work.

- Gold Street from Lennox to Jackson
- Miner Street from Fairchild to Gold
- Lane Street from Fairchild to Gold
- South Street from Shasta to Gold
- West Street from North to Lane
- French Street from Jackson to Meadowlark
- Meadowlark Lane from French to Evergreen
- Evergreen Lane from Meadowlark to Oregon
- Shasta Avenue from Evergreen to French