

The City of Yreka is going PAPERLESS!!!

In the next couple of months, the City of Yreka Water Department will be rolling out their Paperless Billing Program. For utility customers, convenience is the number-one reason to enroll in paperless billing. Instead of waiting for a paper bill in the mail, customers can quickly access their bill from their email inbox. Paperless billing fits into customers' busy 24/7 schedules and helps reduce stress.

Paperless billing also gives customers an opportunity to help the planet. Everyone is encouraged to sign-up for E-bills through our Online Web Portal located at yrekacityutilitybill.merchantransact.com. Here you can choose to go completely paperless. By choosing this option your bill will be emailed monthly. Newsletters and Annual Reports currently provided on paper will also be attached for your convenience. This is also the perfect time to sign-up for Autopay with your Debit or Credit card. Autopay is ran every 10th of the month and it avoids residents from getting late fees.



PREPARING FOR WINTER

Leak Detection– Finding and fixing leaks will not only save water and money, it also prevents damage to your home from rot, mildew, freezing and settling. For more information about water efficiency, check out the City's website at ci.yreka.ca.us/utilities/water-leaks or call the Water Efficiency Coordinator at 530-841-2356.



Frozen Pipes– During cold winter months pipes can break and cause expensive water and repair bills. To learn more about preventing or thawing frozen pipes, visit the City's website at ci.yreka.ca.us/utilities/frozen-pipes.

Snow Plowing– The Department of Public Works will typically start to plow the streets when a snow depth of **6** inches is measured at the intersection of Discovery Street and Northridge Drive. Main travel routes and intersections will be plowed first and not all streets will be plowed. In the event of a large snow storm, Public Works will deploy its snow plowing equipment to clear the streets. The City **ONLY** clears streets within the City limits. The snow plows will do one sweep of the street until a second pass is deemed necessary by the City. Snow is removed from the middle of the street which means the snow will pile up on both sides of the street. Residents should expect plowed snow in their driveways and are responsible for its removal. Public Works also encourages residents to **NOT** park their cars on the street during snow storms as they may have to shovel to get their cars out. Also, according to City code, snow may not be removed from a driveway and placed into public property, such as placing it in the street. Excess snow on the curb line can block the flow of water and create flooding problems.

Road Conditions
Call 511 from your cell phone
California - (800) 427-7623
roads.dot.ca.gov
Oregon - (800) 977-6368
tripcheck.com

Public Works is asking for your help in keeping the storm drains flowing this Fall



The Maintenance Division deploys our street sweeper as frequently as possible to keep gutters clean and storm water infrastructure operational. **However, the street sweeper is not designed to pick up leaves.** It is utilized as our primary Best Management Practice (BMP) to stay in compliance with our State-issued Storm water permit by removing fine particulate matter, trash, and debris blown by the wind. **Placing or blowing leaves into the street is against the California**

Vehicle Code and the City of Yreka Municipal Code. Large accumulations of leaves from private property can plug storm drainage inlets and underground piping. When stormwater infrastructure is not operating at full capacity it results in flooding in the City right of way and private property during heavy storm events.

The City highly encourages composting and mulching for leaf disposal. If this is not an option for your household, leaves can be hauled to the Transfer Station at 2420 Oberlin Road.

Yreka Community Gardens on Knapp Street is scheduled to have a leaf collection drive this Fall, and they will be accepting clean loads of leaves. For more information, you can email any questions to yrekacommunitygardens@gmail.com or find Yreka Community Gardens on Facebook.

Thank you for helping keep your streets clean and stormwater infrastructure operational.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors save lives and it's that time of year again for a maintenance check on devices! Have you tested your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries? Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide devices should be tested and have their batteries changed annually to ensure proper functionality! Smoke alarms should be installed in all existing and new dwelling units and located in each sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, on each additional story of a dwelling, and not less than 3 feet horizontally from the door or opening of a bathroom. Carbon monoxide detectors should be installed in all existing and new dwelling units and located outside of each separate sleeping area, on every occupiable level of a dwelling unit including the basement, and where a fuel-burning appliance is located within a bedroom or its attached bathroom. Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors should be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and devices that no longer function properly should be replaced.



The City of Yreka will continue to have a burn ban in effect until an acceptable level of precipitation has been reached. Until then, no dooryard burning is currently allowed. Fire Chief Lemos also recommends everyone perform an annual maintenance on both heaters and wood stoves prior to use. All wood burning appliances—fireplaces, woodburning stoves and inserts require cleaning to remove soot and extremely flammable creosote deposits which can ruin your chimney pipe and become a fire hazard.

WE'RE HIRING!!!

The City of Yreka is seeking an experienced individual for the position of **Staff Accountant**. This is a professional level class where incumbents provide specialized fiscal compliance support to the City's Finance Department. For more information please visit ci.yreka.ca.us/312/Job-Opportunities