



WELCOME

Utilities: The base rate for residential **water service** is \$27.00 for up to 3,000 gallons with the July 1, 2007 billing. This is the minimum charge. Meters are read on or about the 15th of each month, March through October. You will be billed on the first of the month following the reading. You are billed on the following schedule:

3,001 and up \$.65 per 1,000 gallons.

Please do not park on top of, or so close to your meter that the meter reader is unable to access your meter, especially between the 15th and 22nd of each month. On going blockage of the meter will result in a fine.

Residential Sewer service is currently \$29.00 per month. Commercial customers who use over 20,000 gallons of water per month will be charged an additional \$.25 per 1,000 gallons over 20,000 plus the base rate.

Garbage rates are \$7.90 per month for a 35-gallon container provided by Sanitary Disposal, Inc. and \$13.20 per month for a 90-gallon cart. Garbage is picked up early Thursday morning, so please put out your garbage the night before. Please use garbage sacks.

Late Charges: any account not paid in full by the 25th day of the month will be charged a \$6.00 per month late fee each month there is a balance due.

Deposit/Turn off/on fees: a deposit of \$75 is required from each customer per unit before utility service will be provided. This fee will be reduced to \$40 if a reference is provided showing the customer is in good standing with their previous utility provider. **Customers who have had accounts in the past and who left a balance or had poor credit are required to pay a \$100 deposit.** All customers must complete an application for service.

This deposit will be kept by the city until the customer moves out or until service is disconnected for failure to pay. If water is shut off for nonpayment the deposit may be transferred to pay off the account balance and a new \$100 deposit will be required before service is restored. The following charges will be assessed to disconnect/restore service whenever the water is turned off: During crew work hours (9 am to 2:15 pm)-\$20; After Hours-\$30. Temporary turn offs, (for repairs to plumbing) usually are not charged a reconnect fee if performed during work hours, and if the crew only makes one trip to turn the water on and off within a 3 day period. **Anyone turning on water that has been turned off or disconnected by the city without obtaining prior approval will be charged with theft of service and violation of the city utility code.**

CITY OF ECHO

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Dog Licenses: The city's dog control ordinance requires that all dogs be kept confined to your property unless on a leash and that any animal over six months old be licensed (rabies shots cannot be issued until the dog is approximately 6 mos. old). Proof of a current rabies vaccination is required before a license can be issued. The license fee is \$12 per year unless the dog is spayed or neutered, in which case the fee is \$4. Licenses are issued for the period from January 1 through December 31. If you move in during the middle of the year, you are still required to license the pet within 10 days, but the fee will be prorated. It is also a violation of the dog control ordinance to allow dog(s) "make prolonged noise", i.e. barking.

A one-time warning may be mailed when the city receives a complaint. However if the problem persists the complainant must sign a formal complaint and then a citation into municipal court will be issued. The maximum fine is \$250 plus state court assessments. To make a complaint you need to provide the name of the dog's owner and/or address, time and date, as we cannot, of course, serve the dog.

Library: The library is located in city hall. It is open Monday-Friday 9 am to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday evening from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. It will be closed during council meetings and court sessions. The library is part of the Umatilla County Special Library District and as such we can borrow library materials from other district libraries as well as most other libraries in Morrow, Union, Baker & Grant counties.

Please check in at the office before entering the library. To obtain a library card, you will need to bring in a current picture ID such as a driver's license. The library offers videos, audio books and public access computers with Internet access, as well as books. Large collections of local history and Oregon Trail books, antique books, books on trees and fire fighting are housed here. A large collection of Vintage Clothing and accessories also is housed here and displays are scattered around the building.

Police: The city contracts for police protection. **For emergencies only dial 9-1-1. Otherwise phone 966-3651** to reach the county dispatcher. An emergency is not a barking dog, or a robbery that happened the night before. Please do not tie up the 9-1-1 lines with non-emergency calls.

Recycling: Newspapers, cardboard, tin, aluminum and glass can be recycled at the city-recycling center located between the post office and Masonic Lodge. Further information is available directly from Sanitary Disposal, Inc. 567-8842.

Fire/Burning Permits: The Echo Rural Fire Protection District provides fire protection. This is a volunteer fire department. It is not a part of the City of Echo, but is a separate tax district with its own board of directors. **For emergencies call 9-1-1.** Burning permits may be obtained at city hall for \$1.00. (this is a service the city provides for the fire department. The city does not set policies or enforce burning regulations.)

The burning permit is good for a week, except during fire season. During fire season they are issued for one day, if conditions warrant it. Legal burning is limited to brush, yard clippings, paper and cardboard in residential quantities. **Burning permits are needed unless the burning is in an approved burning barrel.** The burning barrel must have a good screen and no holes. Anyone burning commercial quantities of paper products, rubber, diapers, toxic substances or non-combustibles may be cited. Burning Permit proceeds fund the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Umatilla County has an ordinance regulating smoke, which is based on environmental conditions. Before burning you must phone **1-800-305-2876** to see if it is a burn day.

Oregon Trail Arboretum: The arboretum is located just east of the School football field at the end of Neely Lane (named for Arnie Neely, Echo Public Works Sup. from 1983 to 2004, who died on October 29, 2004). You are welcome to walk around the site, enjoy the trees and tree boards. Further information on suitable ornamental trees or trees growing in the arboretum is available from Diane at City Hall. The library has a large collection of tree reference materials to aid in selection. The arboretum and all city parks close at dark. Memorial trees and donations are welcome and are listed on plaques, which hang in the bulletin board at the entry.

Echo Hills Golf Course: Our municipal nine-hole golf course is located on the east side of town. Rates are among the lowest in the area and residents of the City of Echo receive a membership discount. Tee times are required on weekends. Men's night is Wednesday. The course offers golf cart and club rentals; a proshop; snack bar; driving range; Manager: Randy Sperr; Phone 376-8244;

George Park: The George Park is the park located behind city hall. The park and gazebo can be used for weddings and other events. There is a charge for reserving the park and renting benches. The park closes at dark and no alcoholic beverages are allowed without council authorization.

Echo City Hall Auditorium/Community Center: The Echo city hall building was constructed in 1916 and renovated from 1997-2000. Besides housing the library and city hall offices the second floor is an auditorium with stage. The auditorium is rented out for weddings, receptions and other events. A contract and rate sheet is available at the office and on the city web site www.echo-oregon.com.

Historical displays and antiques are scattered throughout the building such as Fort Henrietta and Uilla Indian Agency archaeological site artifacts, vintage clothing and Native American Artifacts. Two large basalt rocks carved with Petroglyphs are located in the Pond Courtyard off the library.

Masonic Lodge Community Room: The city has obtained a lease from the Echo Masonic Lodge of the ground floor of the Masonic Lodge. This allows the ground floor/community room to be used by the public and Echo organizations at a minimal fee for meetings, showers, funerals, dinners, etc. Please contact city hall for the latest rates and rental information. Ph: 376-8411.

America In Bloom: The city has been competing in a program called America in Bloom that promotes community beautification and livability. As a result the city encourages the community to help with beautification efforts through an annual Beautification Contest and takes a strong position against nuisances and unsightly areas in town..

Fort Henrietta RV Park & Campground: The city owns and operates the Fort Henrietta RV Park and Campground located at the end of Main Street along the Umatilla River. Seven spaces with water/sewer/electrical and cable are available for nightly or weekly rental. Two pull thru spaces with water and electrical are also available. Camp Hosts Gloria and Gilbert Rodriguez are located in the RV located next to the restroom and can provide rental information and rates.

Fort Henrietta Historical Park: The Fort Henrietta Park is located between Main and Bridge Streets along the Umatilla River. The National Park Service has named the park a National Historic Oregon Trail Site because the it was the site of the Lower Crossing campground on the

Oregon Trail and was mentioned in many Oregon Trail Emigrant Diaries. Besides picnic facilities, the park is the site of a number of historic displays:

Blockhouse: replica of fort-style blockhouse such as may have been at Fort Henrietta. The National Park Service provided the two interpretive panels next to the block house.

Covered Wagon Museum: unmanned display of covered wagon and type of items that would have been loaded in the wagon; interpretive panels provide further information as do push button controllers

Fire Museum: Echo's collection of antique fire equipment is on display and push button controllers provide information about the equipment and history of fire fighting.

County Jail: The puncheon log building in the park was the original county jail located in Umatilla in the 1860s and moved to the Cunha Ranch across the river from the park where it was used as a smokehouse. It was moved to the park a few years ago and reconstructed.

History Boards: Two panels provide information about the history of Echo.

Chinese House OR & N Museum: This museum is located across the street from city hall on the corner of Bonanza and Bridge Streets. Railroad tools and artifacts and artifacts representing the Chinese Railroad Laborers, historic photographs and Echo advertising items are among the items on display at this small museum. Two interpretive panels outside the door provide historical information. Antique farm equipment is also on display outside the building. The museum is open by appointment only. Call city hall at 376-8411 M-F from 10 am to 4 pm to make an appointment

Other Organizations and Businesses:

Masonic Lodge	567-5857	Echo Cemetery	376-8260
Methodist Church	376-8154/8205	Echo Museum	376-8150
Fort Henrietta Foundation	376-8411	Echo Boosters	376-8411
(local historical society)		(promotes town, Christmas & charitable activities)	
Echo Hotel/Flying Buffalo Saloon	376-8354	Martin's Antique stripping shop	376-8452
H & P Cafe	376-8573	Red Express Cafe & Deli	376-5588
Krystal Ice	376-8123	Post Office	376-8351
Oregon Trail Honey Farm or		City RV park	571-3597
& Desert Springs Bottled Water	376-8414	Echo Quarterback Club	
Echo Garden Club (meets 3rd Tues.)		Kiwanis	376-5588
Echo School & PTA	376-8436	Fort Storage	
Oregon Trail Mini-storage			
(541)443-2422			

City Government:

Mayor Richard Winter

Council Members: Ed McCallum, Jeanne Hampton, Phyllis Shovelski, Pat Wood, Pasquale Anolfo; Jerry Gaunt

Area Attractions:

Oregon Trail Ruts--east and west of town--maps/guides available around town;

David Koontz Gravesite (an Oregon Trail emigrant who died along trail) interpretive panel;

Cemeteries: Echo Cemetery/Nolin/Foster & Baumgardner pioneer cemeteries are located in or near Echo. All feature interesting old gravestones. The large Cunha Plot cross is one of the most notable features of the Echo Cemetery. The cemetery offers wonderful views of town. The Oregon

Trail Guide at city hall provides directions to all but the Nolin Cemetery.

Echo Historical Museum: The museum is housed in one of the ten National Register of Historic Places buildings in Echo. It was constructed in 1920 and was the Echo Bank. Displays include pioneer implements and relics, historic photographs and newspapers, Native American artifacts. The museum is operated by a volunteer board of directors and is open April through October on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and by appointment.

Historic Building Walking Tour & National Register Properties—Ten Echo properties are on the National Register of Historic Places. These historic sites are: City Hall, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Echo Methodist Church, Koontz House, Cunha Farmstead, Koontz Building, Echo Museum, Echo Masonic Lodge, Echo Hotel, Edwards Building;

A brochure is available at city hall and Echo businesses that provides information on these historic buildings as well as other historic buildings in the central commercial district and northwest section of town.

Website: Check out our website www.echo-oregon.com for more information on Echo and its history. Links to the city code, cultural resource guide and city newsletters are found here.

TREE CITY, USA: The City of Echo is Oregon's smallest Tree City and one of only 3 Tree Cities in Eastern Oregon (Echo, LaGrande & Baker). Echo's involvement in this program has been constant since 1989. The city operates a number of Programs as part of the Urban Forestry Program including donation of a free tree to new business and homeowners (owner occupied only) and a 50/50 tree program (10-12 trees available for 1/2 price). The annual Tree Fair is held along with the elementary school Science and Book Fairs the 3rd Thurs. in April.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: National Night Out is the first Tuesday in August in the City Park each year. Prizes for the Beautification Contest are awarded during NNO.

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