

City of Echo

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For Office Use only:

Acct# _____

Receipt # _____

Amount of Deposit \$ _____

San. Disp. Contact(time/date)

APPLICATION FOR UTILITY SERVICES

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____ email address: _____

Street Address: _____

Renter___ Owner___ Cell Phone #: _____ Work Phone #: _____

Date Service Required: _____ water/sewer Date Garbage P.U. needed _____

Garbage Service: Yes No (please circle)

Type of Service: 35-gallon cart ___ 90-gallon cart ___

Have you lived in Echo before and been on utility service: _____ When _____?

Deposit/Turn off/on fees: Property Owner: (proof of ownership required): \$75. New Customer/Renter: \$150. Returning Customer in Good Standing: \$75. Returning Customer in Poor Standing: \$200. (This includes a \$30 non-refundable deposit.)

In Good Standing is a customer who:

1. Paid off account balance within 60 days of vacation.
2. Received no more than three (3) delinquency notices in the last calendar year.
3. Was never disconnected for failure to pay.

In Poor Standing is a customer who:

1. Left owing a balance
2. Had 3 or more overdue notices in the last year of service.
3. Were disconnected for failure to pay.

Any/All outstanding funds owing to the city must be paid before an account will be established and service connected.

Due Date/Late Charge: Payment is due by the 20th of each month. If payment has not been received by the 21st of the month, a late charge of \$15.00 will be added to the bill.

Failure to pay: At any time after the due date, the city may send a notice to the applicant giving a ten (10) day notice to pay the bill or services will be discontinued. The amount due must be paid by that date or the water will be shut off and garbage service stopped. **A reconnect fee plus the full amount owing must be paid in full to have service restored.**

RECONNECT FEES:

- **DURING CREW WORK HOURS (9AM TO 3 PM)-\$50**
- **AFTER CREW WORK HOURS/HOLIDAYS-\$100**

I (We)_____ have read and understand the above information and hereby swear that all the information on this application is true and correct. I(We) agree to assume full responsibility for all financial obligations at the indicated service address and adhere to all rules and regulations as stated herein and within the city utility codes. I (We) understand the utility bill must be paid before the 25th of each month. I (We) understand that interest and late charges on unpaid account balances is carried forward to next month's bill. If it is necessary to refer this account for collection, I (We) agree to pay reasonable attorney fees and collection costs, including any collection fees charged by a collection agency, even though no suit or action is filed. If a suit or action is filed, the amount of such reasonable attorney fees and collection costs shall be fixed by the court or courts in which the suit or action, including any appeal therein, is tried, heard, or decided.

I (We) also agree to provide the City of Echo with at least 24 hours' notice of intent to close account in writing. I (We) understand that I (we) will be held responsible for water, sewer and garbage charges and any applicable interest, penalties, or late charges until I do notify the city directly. I(We) also agree to notify the city immediately of any address change. I(We) understand that the City of Echo will share account information with our credit collection company of record. I(We) understand that the utility billing charges are for the period from the 15th to the 15th of the month and the actual bill will be generated on the 1st of the following month, as a result the billing is always at least two weeks behind the actual usage.

Signature of Applicant

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Place of Employment

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Date of Birth

Driver's License or Ore. ID Card #
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Welcome

Utilities:

Water meters are read after the 20th of each month. You will be billed on the first of the month following the reading. You are billed on the following schedule:

0-5000 gallons \$42.85 (This is the minimum charge.)
5,001 gallons and up \$1.50 per each 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. Ongoing blockage of the meter will result in a fine.

Residential Sewer service is currently \$60.00 per month.

Commercial customers who use over 20,000 gallons of water per month will be charged an additional \$.40 per 1,000 gallons over 20,000 plus the base rate.

Garbage rates are \$17.05 per month for a 35-gallon container provided by Sanitary Disposal, Inc. and \$28.16 per month for a 90-gallon cart. Garbage is picked up early Thursday morning. Please use garbage sacks for extra garbage. You will be billed for any extra garbage.

Late Charges: Any account not paid for in full by the 20th day of the month will be charged a \$15.00 per month late fee. Any account not paid for in full by the 20th of the month billed will receive a shut-off notice giving until the stated date of the following month to pay. If not paid by the 10th of the following month, the account will be disconnected, and garbage stopped.

Deposit/Turn off/on fees: **Property Owner:** (proof of ownership required): \$75. **New customer /Renter:** \$150 Returning Customer in Good Standing: \$ 75 Returning customer in Poor Standing: \$200 **In Good Standing: 1)** Paid off account balance within 60 days of vacation. **2)** Received no more than three delinquency notices in the last calendar year **3)** Was never disconnected for failure to pay.

In Poor Standing: 1) Returning customers who left owing a balance **2)** Had 3 or more overdue notices in the last year of service **3)** Were disconnected for failure to pay.

Deposits 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 (less the \$30 nonrefundable deposit) may be transferred to pay off the account balance and a new **\$200** deposit will be required, and the account will have to be paid in full before service is restored. The following charges will be assessed to disconnect/restore service whenever the water is turned off:

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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.

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 \$15 per year unless the dog is spayed or neutered, in which case the fee is \$5. 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) to "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 may be issued. The maximum fine is \$250 plus 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-Thursday 9 am to 5:00 pm Friday 8am to 3pm. 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.

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.

Police: The city contracts for police protection. **For emergencies only dial 9-1-1.** Otherwise phone 541-966-3651 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 recycling center located between the Railroad Tracks and the Fire Department.

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.** Legal burning is limited to brush, yard clippings, paper, and cardboard in residential quantities. A 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. Umatilla County has an ordinance regulating smoke, which is based on environmental conditions. Before burning phone **1-800-305-2876** to see if it is a burn day.

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; Phone 541-376-8244.

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

Echo City Hall Auditorium/Community Center: The auditorium is rented out for weddings, receptions, and other events. A contract and rate sheet are available at the office and on the city website.

Echo Skate Park: As the result of donations, grants and business donations, golf tournaments, dances and raffles, the Echo Skate Park has been developed on a section of Front Street just south of Main Street adjacent to the Fort Henrietta RV Park. A small playground area and 1/2 court basketball area is located behind the skate park. This park and all city parks are open during daylight hours. Rules are posted on the site.

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. Camp Host John McKee (541-815-1475) is 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 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 several historic displays the Covered Wagon Museum an 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. The Fire Museum is Echo's collection of antique fire equipment is on display and push button controllers provide information about the equipment and history of firefighting. The County Jail is 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 and reconstructed.

Other Organizations and Businesses:

Echo Cemetery	541-969-5858	Echo Community Church	541-376-8108	Echo
Museum	541-376-8150	Echo Fort Storage on Main	541-376-8345	
Post Office	541-376-8351	Echo Ridge Winery	541-376-8100	
Oregon Trail Honey Farm or	541-376-8414	City RV park	541-571-3597	
& Desert Springs Water		Echo School	541-376-8436	
Sno Road Winery	541-376-0421	Post Office	541-376-8351	
Echo Secured Storage	541-376-4444	H & P Cafe	541-376-0406	
Echo Golf Course	541-376-8244			
His design thrift shop	541-376-5544			

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

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