

City Works



City of Burlington, NC - "Connecting the Triad & Triangle"

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Dates to Remember:

Holiday: Memorial Day

May 26

Mon. garbage and recycling collected 5/27
Tues. collected 5/28.

E-Waste Drop-Off

June 7th, 9am-2pm
222-5095

"July 3rd in City Park"

July 3rd
513-5469

Holiday: 4th of July

July 4
Fri. garbage and recycling collected 7/3.

Police Department Receives Accolades

The Burlington Police Department was recently reaccredited with Excellence by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). The Burlington Police Department has been CALEA accredited since 1989.



CALEA is made up of subject matter experts who establish best practice standards for law enforcement agencies. The Accreditation program requires CALEA assessors to evaluate an agency's performance in meeting or exceeding established benchmarks.

The Excellence Award is a highly regarded distinction, awarded for the effective use of accreditation as a model for delivery of enhanced public safety services and professionalism in management. Of all Law Enforcement Agencies in the United States, approximately 1% are capable of achieving the Excellence Award.

The Burlington Police Department is currently in compliance with 100% of all mandatory and non-mandatory accreditation standards. This means that the Burlington Police Department complies with every standard and meets every professional best practice available to any law enforcement agency in the country, without regard to agency size.

Of this distinction, Chief Jeffrey Smythe said, "This is a huge testament to the dedication and professionalism of our staff."

The Burlington Police Department submits to CALEA for reaccreditation every three years. Creation of and compliance with written directives is an ongoing process managed by the Department's executive team and supported by the Burlington City Council as the Department continues to strive to be a progressive and professional agency. Visit www.BurlingtonNC.gov/Police for more information.

Temporary Sign Enforcement

The City's Planning Department has deployed increased enforcement efforts to tackle illegal Temporary Signs. Currently, only one temporary sign is permitted per business location on individual lots; these signs must be placed at least ten feet behind the curb or edge of pavement on any public street and may not be placed in the right-of-way.



No signs are permitted in the public right-of-way with only minor exceptions including, City or State Highway signs, political signs, emergency warning signs, signs in the Central Business District (downtown), and limited temporary charity and community messages with proof of appropriate insurance.

Excerpts of the City Zoning Code in which temporary sign regulations are defined are available on the City's website here: www.BurlingtonNC.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6556.

Residents or business owners should call 336-222-5084 to report illegal signs, or with general signage questions.

Burlington Animal Services



It is the heart of puppy and kitten season. As adorable as they are, Alamance County deals with pet overpopulation and unwanted litters of puppies and kittens only

add to the problem.

What can you do? You can be sure to have your dogs and cats spayed or neutered. This routine procedure is performed at very reasonable rates by the City's Spay & Neuter Clinic of Alamance County. Surgery fees range from \$50 to \$90 and include general anesthesia, antibiotics and pain medication to ensure your pet's care and comfort. The clinic is located at 1919 South Church Street in Burlington. Call 336-570-6767 to schedule your pet's appointment today.

“Celebrate Summer with a New BFF!”

On June 20th and 21st, the Burlington Pet Adoption Center will run a 1/2 price special on all adoption fees for both cats and dogs.

Take advantage of the opportunity to spend the summer with a new best friend for only \$40 for dogs or \$30 for cats.



Adoptable pets at the Burlington Pets Adoption Center are spayed/neutered, have their rabies shot and are up to date on their vaccinations. Meet adorable adoptables at the Pet Adoption Center at 221 Stone Quarry Road in Haw River or check them out on their redesigned website at www.BurlingtonNC.gov/Pets.

Grass Clippings & Stormwater

Did you know grass clippings and other yard debris blown, raked or piled in the curb line of the street are considered a violation to Section 7 of the City's Stormwater Ordinance and may be subject to penalties or fines?

Section 7-Illicit Discharges states:

"No person shall cause or allow the discharge, emission, disposal, pouring, or pumping directly or indirectly to any stormwater conveyance, the waters of the State, or upon the land in manner and amount that the substance is likely to reach a stormwater conveyance or the waters of the State, any liquid, solid, gas, or other substance, other than stormwater."



Any amount of grass clippings and bits of leaves that are blown into the street after lawn maintenance can be just as bad as other forms of litter. They clog up gutters and storm drains, and what doesn't get stuck ends up in the nearest waterway (stream, pond, lake, and/or river) causing further problems. The nutrients produced by the decomposing grass and leaves fuel excessive growth of aquatic weeds and algae, having a negative impact on water quality.

To maintain your lawn properly, mow high and mow often, so that you only take off about 1/3 of the length of the grass. Leave the clippings on the lawn and sweep any that fall on paved surfaces back onto the lawn where they will naturally decompose and fertilize. You can also rake and blow clippings into a compost pile for use in gardens or landscaped areas. If you use a lawn maintenance company, please be sure they do not blow or dump yard waste into the street or down the storm drains. The property owner can be held liable for any violations created by a maintenance company.

Four advantages to recycling grass clippings are:

- **Save Water:** Grass clippings are 75-85 percent water and decompose quickly which returns moisture to the soil.
- **Save Money:** Reduces the need to buy fertilizer and the need for watering because grass clippings are mostly water and nutrients.
- **Reduce Waste:** Recycling your grass clippings reduces the use of plastic bags and landfill space.
- **Healthier Lawns:** As grass clippings breakdown, they slowly release nutrients (nitrogen, potassium, and phosphorus) back into the soil.

For residents that prefer not to recycle their grass or yard debris, the City provides a yard waste collection service through the Sanitation Department. Any yard waste that is properly containerized, as well as yard waste of small volume, less than 4 feet in length will be collected on the same collection day as household waste. Visit the Sanitation Department website www.burlingtonnc.gov/Sanitation for more information about this service.

Remember – there's no treatment or filtering of stormwater between the drain on your street to the nearest body of water. Even though grass clippings, leaves, and soil are natural forms of debris, when they are put into the storm drain they can destroy the balance of our waterways. If you would like more information please contact the Stormwater Division at 336-222-5140 or stormwater@ci.burlington.nc.us.

Protect your Property with ReportIt

The Burlington Police Department encourages all residents to use a free online system that will help keep track of valuable personal property. ReportIt is a free, secure, online service allowing citizens to record serial numbers and upload images of their valuables. Should those items ever be stolen, having this information greatly assists the Burlington Police Department in quickly and accurately identifying your property. Residents can access the site at reportit.leadsonline.com.



The ReportIt service is a part of LeadsOnline, an online system that works with police across the country to track and recover stolen property. The Burlington Police Department uses LeadsOnline to help track and recover stolen property; everything from jewelry to sporting equipment to electronics, computers, and cameras.

Residents can store unlimited serial numbers, item descriptions, pictures, and scans of receipts so items can be more easily identified in the event of theft. This record may also come in handy when filing claims with insurance providers in the event of loss. Interested residents can register for the free service at reportit.leadsonline.com and begin building their personal property inventory list.

Keep Fats Oils & Grease Out of Drains

**WANTED:
YOUR DRAIN'S
WORST ENEMY**



**The
Grease
Goblin**

**LAST SEEN
Loitering in Sinks
and Drains**

**WANTED FOR
Causing Sewer Overflows**

Don't Feed the Grease Goblin!



- ✓ Put oil and grease in collection containers
- ✓ Remove oil and grease from kitchen utensils, equipment, and food preparation areas with scrapers/towels/brooms
- ✓ Keep grease out of wash water
- ✓ Place food scraps in collection containers



- ⊘ Pour oil and grease down drains
- ⊘ Wash fryers/griddles, pots/pans, and plates with water until oil and grease are removed
- ⊘ Use hot water to rinse grease off surfaces
- ⊘ Put food scraps down drains

Help keep this guy out of your drains and in the hands of the proper authorities!



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