

City Works



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Dates to Remember:

November 23
Christmas Parade
(222-5030)

November 28-29
City Offices Closed

December 13
Holiday Magic
(222-5030)

December 22
Christmas in the Park
(222-5030)

December 24-26
City Offices Closed

Holiday Waste Reminders

As the holiday season approaches, please take note of the slight modifications to the sanitation and recycling schedules that will occur as a result.



Thanksgiving Schedule (week of Nov. 24th):

SANITATION:

Monday & Tuesday routes will remain normal
Thursday & Friday routes will be collected on Wednesday, November 27th

RECYCLING:

Thursday & Friday routes will be collected on Friday, November 29th

Christmas Schedule (week of Dec. 22nd):

SANITATION:

Monday route will remain normal
Tuesday route will be collected on Thursday, December 26th
Thursday & Friday routes will remain normal

RECYCLING:

Routes will follow Sanitation Schedule.

Christmas Tree Disposal:

Live trees will need to be stripped of all ornaments and tinsel and placed at the curb on your normal trash collection day. Trees will be collected and taken to landfill for disposal.

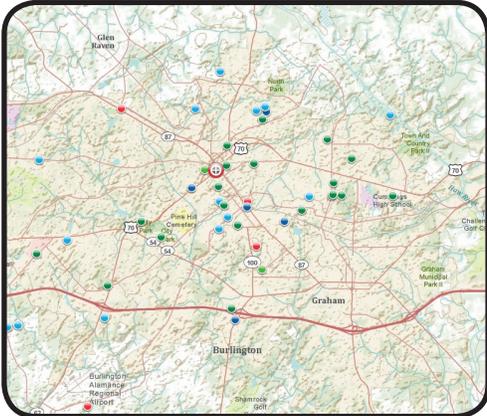
Artificial trees will be treated as bulk junk and collected as such. Those too need to be free of ornaments for easier handling.

Residents can also take their live trees to the Alamance County Landfill for a disposal fee of \$0.50 per tree.

Crime Data & Alarm Ordinance

Crime Data Available On the Web & On Your Phone

VIEW CRIMES ON
RAIDSONLINE



The Burlington Police Department and BAIR Analytics Inc. recently partnered to provide a new way for the public to stay informed about crime in Burlington. The Department now has an online crime map called RAIDS Online (www.raidsonline.com) that maps and analyzes crime data, alerts Burlington residents about crimes in their area, and allows the Burlington Police Department to quickly alert the public about crimes as they occur.

By visiting www.BurlingtonNC.gov/CrimeData, Burlington residents can view a map and grid with all of the crimes in their area and even sign up for neighborhood watch reports that automatically email a breakdown of recent criminal activity. RAIDS Online automatically syncs with the Burlington Police

Department's records system to keep crime information updated online and in the mobile app. RAIDS Online cleans and geocodes the crime data, then displays all of the incidents on a map. An analytics dashboard and some basic information about the incidents, including the type of crime, location type, block-level address, date and time of the crime are also available. Mobile applications are available for both android and IOS operating systems.

Of the RAIDS Online program, Burlington Police Chief Jeffrey Smythe said, "within the Burlington Police Department, we believe that knowledge is power and that is why we have partnered with BAIR Analytics to bring our residents this up-to-date crime data." Smythe added that, "making this data available in an easy to use dashboard, helps to make our Department more transparent in what we do."

Alarm Ordinance



Did you know that the City has an ordinance requiring all burglar, fire, and medical alarm systems to be registered with the City? This includes alarms located in any structure, including private homes. Registration is free, but if your alarm initiates emergency response and it has not been registered, you can be charged \$100 for the violation.

Visit www.BurlingtonNC.gov/Alarms or call Stan Moss (229-3528) in the Police Department or John Moyers (229-3577) in the Fire

Department to register your alarm system today.

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Avoiding Clogged Storm Drains

The unusually wet period during the early summer months provided the tree's root systems with an abundance of water which, according to researchers, promotes leaves to turn colors and fall later than normal. Because of this possibility, leaves from various types of trees have the potential to fall simultaneously instead of at different times throughout the fall season. Large amounts of leaves falling all at once could have major impacts on the area's stormwater system and surface waters.



Leaves, acorns, grass clippings and other debris contain high concentrations of the nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen, which are the most common causes of stormwater pollution in urban creeks, streams, lakes, and rivers. Although, many people do not realize it, the stormwater drains in and along all Burlington streets and rights-of-way carry stormwater runoff directly to nearby surface waters without any form of filtering or treatment. Therefore, any leaves or other debris that are placed in the street or in road side ditches will be washed down the drains with the next rain event.

The City has developed a leaf collection schedule which can be viewed on the City's website at www.BurlingtonNC.gov/leafcollection. In order to protect water quality, place your leaves in a designated spot in your yard behind the street curb or outside of any road side ditches. Also place leaves in your designated spot near your scheduled leaf collection pickup week as identified in the schedule.



There are various other ways to reduce stormwater pollution from falling leaves such as, starting a compost pile or mulching the leaves with your mower. Composting provides a low cost way to fertilize landscaped areas and gardens while mow-mulching the leaves helps fertilize the lawn.

Remember "Only rain down the drain." Do not mow, sweep, or blow leaves and other yard waste into the street. Keep curbside drains and ditches free of debris. If you have a lawn service, please be sure they comply as well. If you wish to report any suspected illicit discharge or dumping into a City street or storm drain please contact the Stormwater Division at 336-222-5140 or stormwater@ci.burlington.nc.us.

Alarm Ordinance Cont. & Preventing SSO

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Alarm Ordinance Continued

In 2004, an excessive false alarm ordinance was enacted. Four or more false alarms in any year is considered excessive and can result in civil penalties of at least \$50.00 per violation for police response and \$100-\$500 per violation for fire response.

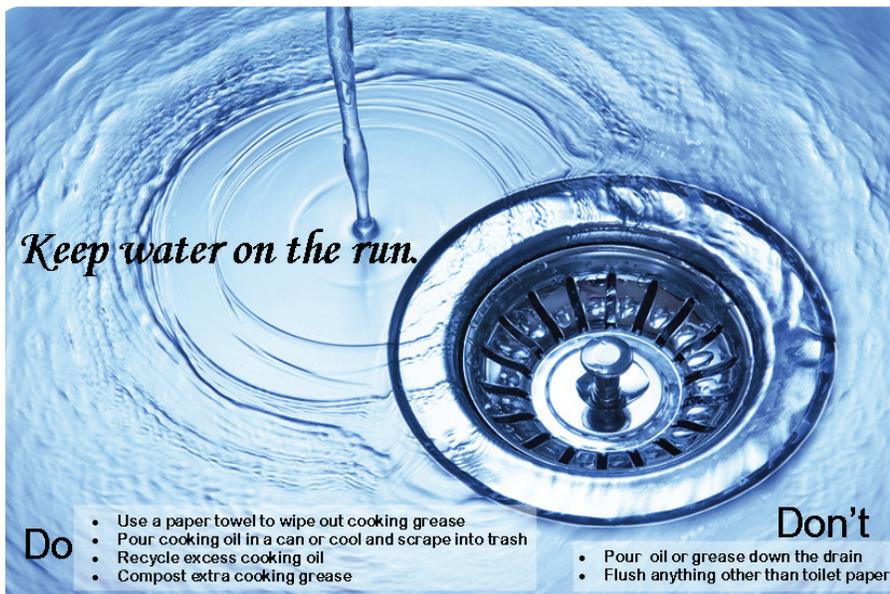
98% of all alarms initiated are false. Response to these false alarms wastes valuable emergency resources. After the enactment of the False Alarm Ordinance, the Burlington Police Department was called out approximately 100 fewer times per month in response to false alarms due to residents and business proprietors being more conscientious about the operation of their alarms systems.



How can you prevent false alarms from occurring?

- Memorize your alarm passcode
- Make sure everyone using the alarm is trained to operate and disable the system
- Be sure that sensors are adjusted so that harmless motion (such as fans) do not activate the alarm
- Have alarm equipment over five years old evaluated for upgrade
- Visit www.BurlingtonNC.gov/alarms for more tips to reduce false alarms

Keep Water on the Run



Did you know you can **prevent sewer backup** from entering *your home*?

Raw sewage can come through toilets, sinks, showers and washing machines. Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) are backups caused by clogs in underground pipes that wastewater runs through. The clogs can be triggered by fats, oils and grease. These substances congeal, blocking pipes and catching other debris that don't break down.

SSOs in your home can be **costly** to repair, **harmful** to the environment and a **threat** to public health. Slow running and slow draining water can be **signs** of an impending SSO.

If you notice slow water in your home, contact Water Resources at 222-5130.

