

# City Works



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

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## Dates to Remember:

### **Haw River Hustle 5K**

November 23, 8am  
Haw River Trail  
222-5030

### **City Offices Closed**

November 27 & 28  
December 24, 25 & 26

### **Holiday Special Events**

See page 4 for Details

### **Last Roundup of the Guacamole Queens**

Paramount Theater  
December 18-21  
222-8497

## 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. 23rd):

**SANITATION:**

Monday & Tuesday routes will remain normal

Thursday & Friday routes will be collected on Wednesday, November 26th

**RECYCLING:**

Routes will follow Sanitation Schedule

### Christmas Schedule (week of Dec. 21st & Dec. 28th):

**SANITATION:**

Monday (12/22) route will remain normal

Tuesday (12/23) route will remain normal

Thursday (12/25) route will be collected on Tuesday, December 23rd

Friday (12/26) route will be collected the following Monday, December 29th

**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.



# Lock It Up & Housing Input Meeting

## Lock It or Lose It

The Burlington Police Department wants to remind you to “lock it, or lose it!” No one wants to be the victim of a crime, but you increase your risk of being a victim of theft if you leave GPS units, phones, your purse, or other valuables visible in your vehicle.

Burlington Police Department reports that 53% of Burlington’s reported breaking & entering of autos were committed on unlocked vehicles. This is a result of people leaving valuables in view and not locking their vehicles. You can dramatically reduce the risk of being a crime victim by always locking your vehicle and hiding money, cell phones, tools, check books, luggage, cameras, GPS units, and anything of value or personal identification.



### Always:

- Lock doors and take keys with you
- Park in secure and well lit locations
- Don't leave valuables in plain sight; lock them in the trunk or take them with you
- Call the Burlington Police Department at (336)229-3500 to report a crime or suspicious activity

## Consolidated Plan Input Meeting

The City of Burlington will hold a community meeting for public input on needs relating to affordable housing, neighborhood and community development, and homelessness in Alamance County. Comments received will be used to develop the City’s Consolidated Plan for 2015-2020. The Consolidated Plan, required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, describes housing, neighborhood, and community needs and establishes how the City will address these needs over a five-year period.

### Meeting details:

Tuesday, January 20, 2014 at 5:00PM  
Mayco Bigelow Community Center at North Park  
849 Sharpe Rd.  
Burlington, NC 27217



For questions please contact Shawna Tillery at (336)222-5094 or stillery@ci.burlington.nc.us.

# FOG in the Drain & Leaves

## Pain in the Drain

A few simple steps can keep you from having a pain in the drain! Did you know that Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) can cause expensive and messy sewer overflows? If they are allowed down the drain, over time the fats, oils, and grease in products that you use to prepare food, such as butter, gray, sauces, cooking oils, and lard can build up in your pipes.

One of your best weapons against finding yourself with a pain the drain, is a rubber scraping spatula. Scrape food scraps and oil residue into the garbage or a tin can (so the grease can solidify before disposal). Keeping FOG out of the drain will keep money in your pocket.



FOG are not the only things that need to be kept out of the drain and toilets. Don't ever flush q-tips, wipes (even if they claim to be "flushable"), floss, or diapers. These items also contribute to pipe clogs and sewer backups.

Do you have questions about fats, oils, and grease? Contact the City's Water Resources Department at (336)222-5133.

## Leaf Collection Reminder

Loose leaf collection is underway in Burlington. Your zone map and schedule were delivered in your September/October edition of the City Works newsletter. You can find collection information at [www.BurlingtonNC.gov/LeafCollection](http://www.BurlingtonNC.gov/LeafCollection) or you can call (336)222-5005 for more information.

A few guidelines to note as you prepare your leaves for collection are listed below:

- Pile leaves behind the curb or on the shoulder of the street by 7:00am on the Monday of your collection week
- Do not pile leaves in the street, in drainage ditches, or over water meters
- Do not park on or in front of leaf piles
- Leaf piles cannot contain gravel, limbs, glass, or any other solid debris

# Holiday Safety & Holiday Happenings

## Be Fire Safe Through the Holidays

While the holiday season can be a joyous time, it can unfortunately be one of the most dangerous. The Burlington Fire Department would like to offer some tips for preventing fires and staying safe this holiday season.

### Thanksgiving Safety

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stove-top
- Stay in the home while cooking your turkey and check on it frequently
- Keep children at least 3 feet away from the stove
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food, liquids, and steam
- Keep the floor clear to prevent tripping hazards
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button



### Christmas Tree Safety

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched
- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2” from the base of the trunk
- Make sure the tree is placed 3 feet away from any heat source such as fireplaces, radiators, candles, vents or lights
- Add water to the tree stand daily
- Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory
- Replace any string of lights with worn cords or loose bulb connections
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed

Contact the Burlington Fire Department's Fire Prevention Division at (336)229-3132.

## Burlington Recreation Holiday Happenings

**Burlington Christmas Parade:** November 22 at 10:00am

The parade begins on Front Street in Downtown Burlington and continues down Worth Street, Davis Street, Spring Street, Maple Avenue, and Main Street before ending at the YMCA.

**Holiday Magic, A Dickens Christmas:** December 12 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Downtown Burlington transforms into a winter wonderland during this spectacular event. Take a horse and carriage ride, go snow sledding, listen to the carolers, eat, shop, and more!

**Christmas in the Park:** December 22 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Burlington City Park lights up as Santa comes to hear last-minute Christmas wishes. Take a hayride, enjoy some hot cocoa and take in the sights and sounds of Christmas at the park.