



Around the Rock

Highlights of What's Happening Around Town

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Important Numbers

Town Hall.....295-5200
Planning & Inspection.....295-5240
Water/Sewer/Garbage.....295-5200
Parks & Recreation.....295-5222

Non-Emergency

Police Administration.....295-5212
Fire Administration.....548-2800

After Hours/Weekend Water or Sewer

Emergency.....295-5210
Emergency Police & Fire.....911

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

11/10/2020 6:00 p.m.
12/08/2020 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

11/19/2020 5:30 p.m.
12/17/2020 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

11/19/2020 3:00 p.m.
12/17/2020 3:00 p.m.

BRAAC

11/10/2020 9:00 a.m.
12/08/2020 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Town Offices Closed

Veterans Day
November 11th

Thanksgiving
November 26th – 27th

Christmas
December 24th, 25th & 28th

New Year's
January 1st



Blowing Rock Parks & Recreation

Christmas in the Park/Lighting of the Town & Christmas Parade

Cancellation:

The Town of Blowing Rock has made the difficult decision to cancel the Christmas in the Park/Lighting of the Town Festival and Christmas Parade for this year. The decision was not easy for our department as we know this event gets the Holiday Season started for our Town. We had constant communication and collaboration with numerous state and local agencies through our decision-making process. Ultimately, the best decision was to protect the health and safety of our residents and their families, visitors, and staff.

Please feel free to contact us at 828-295-5222 for any additional information or questions.

Semi-Annual Water Line Flushing in Blowing Rock to Take Place November 9th – 13th

The Town of Blowing Rock is planning the second of its two semi-annual flushing of the water lines to take place Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday November 9th - 13th. This important preventive maintenance routine will help ensure water system customers have sustained levels of high water quality by removing sediment and deposits from the more stagnant areas of the system.

Some customers may briefly experience a temporary discoloration of water in the immediate vicinity of the flushing activity. If this happens in your area, please run your cold-water faucet to flush out the service line to your property. For rare but occasional extended discoloration please contact Town Hall at (828) 295-5200 with your service location and we will work to clear up any issues. Thanks so much for your understanding and support through this necessary maintenance process.

Fats, Oils & Grease Education

How to Prevent Fats, Oils, and Greases from Damaging Your Home and the Environment

Home garbage disposals do not keep grease out of the plumbing system.

These units only shred solid material into smaller pieces and do not prevent grease from going down the drain. Commercial additives, including detergents that claim to dissolve grease, may pass grease down the line and cause problems in other areas.

The results can be:

- Raw sewage overflowing in your home or your neighbor's home;
- An expensive and unpleasant cleanup that often must be paid for by the homeowner;
- Raw sewage overflowing into parks, yards, and streets;
- Potential contact with disease-causing organisms;
- An increase in operation and maintenance costs for local sewer departments, which causes higher sewer bills for customers.

Sewer overflows and backups can cause health hazards, damage home interiors, and threaten the environment. An increasingly common cause of overflows is sewer pipes blocked by grease. Grease gets into the sewer from household drains as well as from poorly maintained grease traps in restaurants and other businesses.

Where does the grease come from?

Most of us know grease as the byproduct of cooking. Grease is found in such things as:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Meat fats | <input type="checkbox"/> Food scraps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baking goods | <input type="checkbox"/> Sauces |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lard | <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking Oil | <input type="checkbox"/> Shortening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Butter and margarine | |



(Avoid disposing of these items down your kitchen sink)

Too often, grease is washed into the plumbing system, usually through the kitchen sink. Grease sticks to the insides of sewer pipes (both on your property and in the streets). Over time, the grease can build up and block the entire pipe.

What can customers do to help?

The easiest way to solve the grease problem and help prevent overflows of raw sewage is to keep this material out of the sewer system in the first place:

- Never pour grease down sink drains or into toilets.
- Scrape grease and food scraps from trays, plates, pots, pans, utensils, grills, and cooking surfaces into a can or the trash for disposal (or recycling where available).
- Do not put grease down garbage disposals. Put baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and empty the drain baskets/strainers for disposal.
- Speak with your friends and neighbors about the problem of grease in the sewer system and how to keep it out. Call your local sewer system authority if you have any questions

Clean sewer line



Grease filled sewer line

