



Around the Rock

Town of Blowing Rock
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Highlights of What's Happening Around Town

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Important Numbers

Town Hall.....828-295-5200
Planning & Inspection.....828-295-5240
Water/Sewer/Garbage.....828-295-5200
Parks & Recreation.....828-295-5222

Non-Emergency

Police Administration.....828-295-5212
Fire Administration.....828-548-2800

After Hours/Weekend Water or Sewer

Emergency.....828-295-5210
Emergency Police & Fire.....911

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

09/11/2018 6:00 p.m.
10/09/2018 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

09/20/2018 5:30 p.m.
10/18/2018 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

09/20/2018 3:00 p.m.
10/18/2018 3:00 p.m.

BRAAC

09/06/2018 5:30 p.m.
10/04/2018 5:30 p.m.

TDA

09/04/2018 3:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Art in the Park:

September 8th
October 6th

Blowing Rock Fall Classic Bike Race

September 15th
8 a.m.

Blowing Rock Music Festival

September 15th
11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Last 2018 Farmer's Market of Season

October 11th

Halloween Festival

October 27th

Town Offices Closed

September 3rd for Labor Day
November 12th for Veterans' Day
November 22nd and 23rd for Thanksgiving

Semi-Annual Clean-up

The Town is planning the "Fall Semi-Annual Clean-Up" for the week of October 1-5. This pick-up includes white goods, yard debris (leaves, tree branches, etc.), mattresses, etc. **The Town can no longer pickup any containers with liquids such as paint cans or propane tanks, electronics, shingles, pallets or tires.** During this pick up, and anytime that you have yard debris, it should be separated into three piles: loose leaves, limbs, plants. Please do not block any ditches or drains. Residents do not need to call Town Hall to have their names put on a list. The Semi-Annual Clean-Up is offered in the fall and spring of each year. There is no charge for this service.



Yard debris should be separated into three piles: loose leaves, limbs, and plant debris.



Yard debris should not be placed into one pile for pickup.

**Watauga County Landfill will be accepting full paint containers from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, September 13th and Saturday October 13th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, contact the Watauga County Sanitation Office at (828)264-5305. The address of their collection site is 336 Landfill Road in Boone.*



Halloween Festival

Saturday, October 27, 2018



- 2:00 p.m. Matinee Showing of a Movie (TBA) at Blowing Rock Elementary School Gym
- 3-5:30 p.m. Games and Funhouse for Kids
- 3-8 p.m. Airwalks in Memorial Park
- 4-8 p.m. Hayrides Through Blowing Rock
- 5:30 p.m. Monster March (Line-up at American Legion)
- 6:00 p.m. Trick-or-Treat Downtown and Trunk-or-Treat at Blowing Rock First Baptist
- 7:00 p.m. Costume Contest (Sign up by 6:45 at the Rec Center)



After Costume Contest Moonlight Scavenger Hunt at Broyhill Park (Ages 6-13. Bring a Flashlight)

- 9:00 p.m. Evening Showing of the Movie at Blowing Rock Elementary School Gym

Solid Waste/Recycling Changes

New Rules affecting solid waste and recycling containers effective July 1, 2018 with new changes in blue.

- Solid waste/recycling containers shall be placed within ten (10) feet of the paved portion of the street or road serving the property **ON THE DAY OF TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION.**
- Containers must be placed street side **not before 5:00 p.m.** the night prior to the days of collection and no later than **7:00 a.m.** on the days of collection
- The solid waste/recycling container **must be removed from the curb by 7:00 a.m.** on the day after collection
- Town and Republic employees will retrieve solid waste/recycling containers that are enclosed in a bin
- Enclosure bins shall not be located closer than 6 feet from the edge of street pavement, not farther than 12 feet from the street, and shall not impede sight distances of neighboring driveways.
- Acceptable enclosure bins, constructed after July 1, 2018, must be opaque on four sides, at least 4 feet high, approved by the Public Works Director, and maintained in good condition.
- For additional information and the adopted ordinance see, <http://www.townofblowingrocknc.gov/home/showdocument?id=6075>

Short Term Rentals

On June 12, 2018, the Blowing Rock Town Council passed an ordinance that establishes a short-term rental permitting process for those areas of town where short-term rentals are allowed including CB, TC, GB, and O-I zoning districts, Chetola Resort, and Royal Oaks Condos. Short-term rentals are defined as the rental, lease, or use of an attached or detached residential dwelling unit for a duration that is less than 28 consecutive days.

Rental agreements and contracts for less than 28 days are not permitted in zoning districts where short-term rentals are not allowed. This ordinance amendment **does not** expand the areas where short-term rentals are allowed. The following provides a summary of the main points of the new ordinance:

- A zoning permit must be initially obtained for each dwelling unit that is to be rented for a period of less than 28 days. The zoning permit for short-term rental must be renewed annually. The permit is not valid until a satisfactory inspection is completed.
- A local contact person or management company must be listed and available to respond to complaints or emergencies within two (2) hours.
- Sufficient off-street parking must be provided for each bedroom to be rented. The parking space must meet the minimum dimensional requirements in Section 16-20.6. Short-term rental units that exist on July 1, 2018 are grandfathered with respect to parking, but each bedroom added after this date requires an additional parking space.
- Adequate trash and recycling containers must be provided. If collection containers are kept in an enclosure bin, the bin must meet minimum design standards defined in the Town Code.
- The dwelling unit must be equipped with operable smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors consistent with the NC Building Code.
- The 911 address must be posted on the front of the house or dwelling unit with 3.5-inch reflective numbers according to Section 7-17 of the Town Code. The 911 address must be clearly posted on the interior of the dwelling unit to notify tenants in case of emergency.
- Permits may be revoked upon repeated substantiated complaints resulting in violations of the Town Code related to noise, trash, pets, parking, etc. If the Town receives three (3) complaints within one (1) year that lead to violations of the Town Code, the permit may be revoked for a period of one (1) year.

Semi-Annual Water Line Flushing

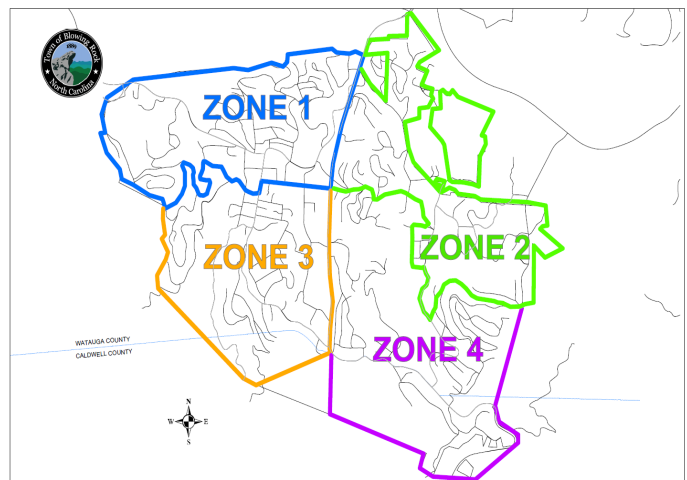
The Town of Blowing Rock is planning the second of its two semi-annual "flushing" of the water lines to take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, November 6th, 7th and 8th, 2018. This important preventive maintenance routine helps ensure our system customers have sustained levels of high water quality by removing sediment and deposits from the more stagnant areas of the system. Some customers may briefly experience a temporary slight 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 address and we will work to clear up your water.

Brush Collection Zone Program Reminder

In our efforts to continuously improve service levels, we have developed a zonal approach for brush collection. Our goal is to have this service provided in a more predictable manner for residents in a way that is more efficient for staff.

The Town has been divided into four zones as shown in the map to the right. For reference purposes, the middle of the map where all the zones align is Valley Boulevard (321). Generally, residents in each zone can expect to have their curbside brush collected in the respective full week of each month. For example, Zone 1 will be collected in the first week of the month, Zone 2 in the second week of the month, etc. Please plan to have your brush out as early in your designated week as possible so all brush is not put out toward the end of your respective collection week and we can fully complete each zone in that zone's designated week.

The zone based brush collection schedule for September, Zone 1 will be collected the week of September 3-7, Zone 2 will be collected September 10-14, Zone 3 will be collected September 17-21, and Zone 4 will be collected September 24-28. In October, Zone 1 will start collection the first full week of the month on October 1, Zone 2 will start the week of October 8, etc.



For a full list of streets sorted alphabetically showing the scheduled weeks of collection, please visit www.townofblowingrocknc.gov where there is a link at the top of the website. If you have any questions, please contact Town Hall at (828) 295-5200.