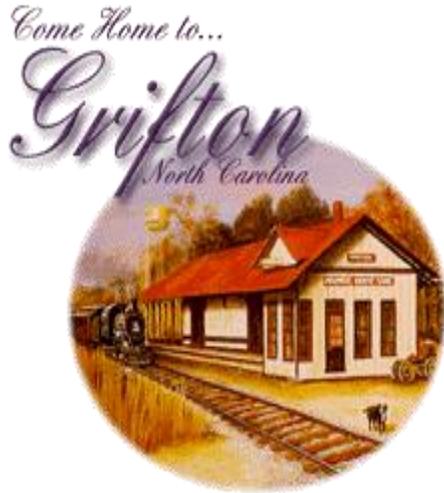


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# Town of Grifton

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Greetings! This newsletter contains some important information and reminders for our community.

### Events Coming Up!

Christmas and New Year's Closings and Garbage/Recycling Pickup

Christmas Holiday

12-24-18 Closed

12-25-18 Closed

Garbage only pickup on Friday December 28, 2018

New Year's

1-1-19 Closed

Garbage and Recycling will be picked up on Friday, January 4th, 2019

### The Town of Grifton 2017 Annual Water Quality Report is now available.

The report can be viewed in its entirety at [www.grifton.com/Grifton%202017%20CCR.pdf](http://www.grifton.com/Grifton%202017%20CCR.pdf)

### Keep Grifton Beautiful!

The Town of Grifton wishes to encourage all citizens and business owners to help make and keep Grifton beautiful. While town officials and volunteer organizations work hard every day to make the town visually appealing, all citizens need to work together to keep our community beautiful. Please take steps to regularly mow and maintain yards and other property. Take steps to ensure that trash, debris, and other refuse does not accumulate on your property. Overgrown grass and debris on property is not only a violation of town ordinance, but it is a public health nuisance that serves to harbor rodents and other vermin. By working together, we can all create and maintain a beautiful community!

### Reminder Section:

The Town has a **junk car** ordinance that the Police Department and Town Manager are responsible for enforcing. The Town's definition of a junk car is: (1). A motor vehicle that does

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not display a current license plate lawfully upon that vehicle; (2). Is partially dismantled or wrecked; (3) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it was originally intended to be moved; (4) Is more than five (5) years old and worth less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Each home is allowed to have one vehicle described above as long as the car is covered with an approved covering and it is located in the rear yard, out of view from the street. If you have any questions concerning this ordinance, please contact the Police Department or Town Hall. Remember, the Town does have the right to remove the vehicle after official notification.

### **Fats, Oils and Grease**

Fats, Oils and grease represent the most serious enemy of our sewer lines. When these items are dumped down the drain it forms large, thick grease balls that clog pipes. Clogged pipes can result in sewer backups and spills; create environmental problems, cause traffic tie-ups or even flood homes and businesses. Also, when sewer pipes back up on private property, the homeowner or business owner is responsible for the cleanup. Please do not pour fat, oil or grease down drains or garbage disposals and please do not use hot water to rinse grease off cookware, utensils, dishes or surfaces.

### **Please see the following new ordinance that will become effective 1-1-2019**

#### **Prohibit accumulation of leaves, grass clippings, etc. on public ways**

(a) Authority of ordinance. The section is enacted pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 160A-174 as an exercise of the police power granted to the town.

(b) Prohibitions. It shall be unlawful for any person to blow, place, or allow to be placed leaves, grass clippings, or any debris from his or her premises on a public street or sidewalk, in the grass strip between a paved sidewalk and street, in any area that pedestrians would be expected to use to walk upon parallel to a public street, or in the median strip within a public right of way. This section shall not apply to the following: the accumulation of leaves along a curb line of a public right of way for the purposes of collection by a private leaf collecting contractor (provided the leaves are promptly collected by the contractor); **the accumulation of limbs along the curb line of the public right of way for the purposes of collection by the Town of Grifton under the street pick-up policy guidelines established by the Town;** the placement of debris and limbs during a recognized and approved State of Emergency; or to contract mowing within North Carolina Department of Transportation right of ways.

(c) Criminal Penalty. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a class three misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to punishment in accordance with G.S. 14-4. Unless otherwise provided, the maximum fine for a misdemeanor violation is five hundred dollars (\$500.00). This criminal penalty is in addition to any civil penalties that may be charged.

*Grifton is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*