PINETOPS NEWS

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Fall has definitely arrived. Leaves, leaves are everywhere. Here is a guide for disposing of leaves.

When raking up leaves, put them at the edge of your yard for pick up. Please do not put them in the street. Also, don’t put them in plastic bags. Leaves and other yard debris are taken to the county landfill and placed in a separate location from other trash. Large limbs are to be kept separate from piles of leaves. The truck that picks up leaves tries to make rounds every day. Due to the volume of leaf collection, the driver may not be able to get to all of them in a day.

**Garbage and Recycling Cart Placement**- When putting your garbage and recycling carts by the street, the cart should be placed so the back of the cart is facing your house. Leave at least 3 feet between the carts and be sure the lid closes all the way. Do not put leaves and other yard debris in your cart.

Other items such as building material should not be mingled with yard waste.

**Recycling**- Empty paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls, plastic items with a 1 or 2 in a triangle on the bottom of the container, newspaper, magazines, junk mail, glass bottles, and jars, are some of the items that can be recycled. If you have cardboard boxes for disposal, break them down so they will save space and fit in your cart. You can also get more into your can but crushing aluminum cans and compressing plastic containers. Items such as light bulbs/fluorescent lights are not recyclable.

Items such as microwaves, tires and electronic must be disposed of by the home/ business owner. These items should be delivered to the county landfill. White goods such as washing machines and refrigerators can be picked up by the Town. Please call the Town Hall to schedule a pickup for these items.

The Town has an all-call phone system to keep our citizens informed of upcoming events. If you are not on this list and would like to be, call the Town Hall so you can be added. If you have changed your phone number, please let the Town Hall staff know as soon as you can so you won’t miss any messages. You can receive messages by phone, text message and the Town’s website. [www.townofpinetopsnc.com](http://www.townofpinetopsnc.com)

We are excited to let you know that several new businesses have recently opened in Pinetops. These include a thrift store on 105 N 1st St, pawn shop on 103 SW 1st St, party rental furniture on 203 W Burnette St, and spa options at 112 SW 1st St.

The Town office is now open for the public to attend Board of Commissioner meetings in person. Due to adherence to social distancing restrictions, in-person attendance is currently limited to 6 citizens. Anyone wishing to attend in person can do so by calling the Town Hall office to register for a Board meeting. Upon arrival at the meeting, proof of vaccination will be required for attendance.

**Water-Sewer Rate Increase**- Effective March 1st, 2022 there will be a 15% increase in water and sewer rates. For the average customer with a monthly usage of about 5,000 gallons of water, this will result in an approximate $6.55 increase in your monthly bill for water and sewer charges. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns you may call the Town office.

**HOLIDAY HOURS-** The Town Hall will be closed Dec. 23rd, Dec. 24th, and Dec. 27th for Christmas and Dec. 31st for New Years. Garbage will be picked up on Tuesday, Dec. 28th.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEARS!

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