

# TOWN OF PINETOPS NEWSLETTER

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## Spring Cleaning

It's about that time again for gardens and yards to be spruced up for the season. During this time, we ask for your patience with yard waste pick up as we work hard to serve all our customers. Wednesdays are for yard waste collections (i.e. leaves, limbs, and grass clippings). Limbs should **NOT** be over 4ft long and 6 in wide to be collected, they also need to be separate from loose leaves and grass clippings to be properly disposed of. If you have some bulk items such as furniture, mattresses, or an old bicycle from spring cleaning we will collect those items from the curbside on Thursdays. Paint cans are allowed if empty or the paint is dried; kitty litter or dirt can be put in the container to dry it down. Here is a list of items we will **NOT** collect: Appliances (i.e. refrigerators, freezers, washers/dryers, microwaves), electronics (i.e. televisions, laptops, desktops, printers, etc.), fluorescent light bulbs, thermostats, or thermometers with mercury, nor canisters with any hazardous materials such as gas or oil. We are always willing to answer questions at the town hall, by phone or in person, if you find you need something disposed of that's not listed here.

## Garbage Guidelines

This is a friendly reminder about garbage pick ups to ensure your garbage is collected each Monday without a hitch. Garbage cans should be placed at the street with the metal bar facing the street on Sunday night to be picked up. Carts should be brought back from the streetside as soon as possible. No obstructions should be placed on top of or beside the can. If you have multiple cans, please space them out as much as 3 ft apart for the truck arm to be able to grab without bumping each other. The lid of the garbage can should be fully closed to not throw trash to the ground when the arm picks it up. Our garbage collections system is automated. There is only one operator who stays inside the vehicle. **WE THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE FOR KEEPING THE TOWN CLEAN AND SAFE.**

## City Ordinances

With Summer quickly approaching grass is sure to be growing at a quick rate. Maintenance of premises is the duty of homeowners, occupants, or the person in charge of a property to keep it free & clear of any accumulation of brush, undergrowth, garbage, trash, or other refuse which constitutes a fire or health hazard within city limits. Grass should **NOT** be left in the street. This would include keeping the grass mowed even on vacant properties/lots and removing any abandoned & junk vehicles that are wrecked, dismantled, cannot be self-propelled or moved in the way it was originally intended to move, and doesn't display a current license plate.

The Town does have leash laws for pets outside the home. Owners are to be always in control of pets, even on the pet owner's property. Keeping livestock (i.e. chickens, cows, pigs) is unlawful within city limits. Violators could be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$50 in fines if against the code. If still unsure of the law, note we have adopted Edgecombe County's animal control laws to duly enforce the code.