

CITY GRAM



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Protect Yourself: Identity Theft



The NC Attorney General reports that about 300,000 people are victims of identity theft in NC each year. According to the Federal Trade Commission (www.ftc.gov), identity theft occurs “when someone uses your personally identifying information... without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes.” This type of theft can occur in many ways – through phone calls, via computer, searching trash, or outright theft. Thieves use stolen identities to open/use credit card accounts, obtain utilities, open fraudulent bank accounts and loans, to obtain government benefits, to get a job or medical services, or even to give false information when they are arrested for other crimes. There are many ways to prevent identity theft. You should monitor all of your accounts and check your credit report on a regular basis. You should also carefully protect your important documents and properly destroy the ones you no longer need. Carefully protect all of your passwords, be wary of email messages that request your username and password, and always shop on secure websites. Protect your social security number from telemarketers and scam artists.

What can you do if you find that you have been victimized? You can file a police report, file a complaint with the FTC, and contact the agency or company who contacted you about the fraud. For more information about identity theft, check the information provided on the following websites: www.ftc.gov & www.ncdoj.gov.

In order to help you protect yourself from identity theft, The Graham Police Department will hold a Community Shred Event on November 17th from 10am until noon in the parking lot of the Police Department. Please bring your outdated documents and small electronics for safe shredding and recycling.

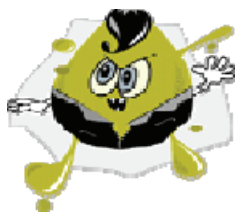
CITY OF GRAHAM LEAF COLLECTION

The City of Graham will conduct curbside leaf collection on **Monday, October 29, 2012 thru Friday, January 25, 2013.** Leaves may be piled next to the curb or edge of pavement. Please do not place leaves on the pavement or in the street. Leaves mixed with tree branches or hedge clippings will not be collected as they tend to clog the machines. If you choose to put your leaves into containers, they must be containers that can be dumped and left on your property. If you are going to use containers please use containers that are 32 gallon or less with handles and they should not weigh more than 50 lbs. when full.



Leaves packed into trash bags will not be collected!!

The City is divided into eight collection sections similar to the garbage collection routes. One collection truck handles four sections, beginning with one and moving through the four sections, then starting over again. There is no specific day for collection within a section.



BEWARE OF THE GREASE GOBLIN!!!

DO:

- Scrape excess grease in a container and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Place food scraps in collection containers.
- Place a wastebasket in the bathroom to dispose of solid wastes. Disposable diapers & personal hygiene products don't belong in the sewer system.
- Promote the concept of "3 R's":
- **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!**

DO NOT:

- Pour grease, fats & oils down the drain.
- Use the toilet as a wastebasket.
- Use the sewer as a means of disposing food scraps.



Alamance County Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers is a program geared at helping communities, schools and law enforcement work together to prevent and solve crime. Our local Crime Stoppers program was started by the Burlington Police Department in 1981. This program now provides tips to all Alamance County Law Enforcement Agencies and the Graham Police Department is represented at the monthly board meetings. Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization that operates solely from community donations.

In 1998, Crime Stoppers partnered with the Alamance/Burlington School System to place a Campus Crime Stoppers program in all of the local high schools and middle schools. Since the program's inception, it has led to the recovery of over \$1,000,000 in stolen property and drugs from tips called into the system. Crime Stoppers has paid out over \$70,000 in rewards to tipsters. By calling Crime Stoppers, anyone can give information about a crime anonymously. If the tip leads to a successful case clearance, the person who gave the tip will receive a cash reward of up to \$2,500 for the information. To provide a tip, please call 336-229-7100. The tip giver always remains anonymous (tipsters are referred to by an informant number only) and all calls are confidential. Additionally, law enforcement agencies can use the Crime Stoppers program to get the word out about unsolved cases. Information about these cases are broadcast on local television, print media, radio, and on the Crime Stoppers website.

**CITY FUNDS DOWNTOWN
FAÇADE GRANT PROGRAM**

The City of Graham will allocate \$10,000 for the annual Downtown Façade Grant Program, which provides matching funds for exterior improvements to non-residential structures in the Downtown Historic District. For example, if a property owner wants to repaint their building or install a new awning, he or she may apply for this grant. Up to 50% of the costs may be reimbursed if approved by the City of Graham Historic District Commission. The deadline to apply for the funding is **October 31st**. A month after this date, a Historic District Commission meeting will be held to approve the applications and to allocate funding. If you are not sure if your property is eligible for the funding or if you would like more information on the Downtown Façade Grant Program, please call or visit <http://www.cityofgraham.com/planning.htm>

Fifth Annual Court Square Car Show
October 6, 2012

- Centre of Performing Arts 10:00
- Hip Pocket 11:00
- Band of Oz 1:00
- Car Show Registration 8:30-10:30
- Judging starts at 11:00 and Awards 3:00
- Crafts, food, fun and children's activities

Just a friendly reminder that all City of Graham garbage containers must be placed at the curb by 8:00 a.m. on your scheduled day of collection and shall be removed promptly after being emptied. Recycling containers must be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Wednesdays and shall be removed promptly after being emptied. No garbage/recycling containers of any kind shall remain upon any public street or any public lane or alley after the day of collection.



HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULES:

Thanksgiving Holidays : November 22nd & 23rd. There will be no garbage collection on Thursday, November 22 & Friday 23. Wednesday & Thursday routes will be collected on Wednesday, November 21st. Friday routes will be collected on Monday November 26.

Christmas Holidays: December 24, 25, 26, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. No garbage will be collected on these days. Tuesday and Wednesday routes will be collected on Thursday, December 27. Thursday and Friday routes will be collected on Friday December 28.

There will be no yard waste collection December 24, 2012 through January 3, 2013.

New Year's Day: January 1, 2013, Tuesday. No garbage collection on Tuesday January 1, 2013. Tuesday and Wednesday routes will be collected on Wednesday January 2, 2013.

Recycling Schedule

OCTOBER	3rd	17th	31st
NOVEMBER	14th	28th	
DECEMBER	12th	26th	
JANUARY	9th	23rd	
FEBRUARY	6th	20th	
MARCH	6th	20th	

Set recyclables at the curb by 7:00 am on your collection day. Place carts at least 5 feet from garbage containers, mailboxes, parked cars or other obstructions. All cardboard must be completely flattened and no larger than 3 feet by 3 feet. Questions: Call Waste Industries at 229-0525.



The City Gram provides residents with information concerning City happenings. Comments or questions may be made to Martha Johnson, City of Graham, PO Drawer 357, Graham, NC 27253 or call 336-570-6700.

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Remember to vote
 Tuesday,
 November 6th

GRAHAM CHRISTMAS PARADE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2012 10:00 AM. The parade sponsored by the Graham Area Business Association features local bands, floats, antique cars, various church and civic organizations, clowns and SANTA.. For more information call 229-4221.

