

CITYgram

Spring/Summer 2024

CityofGraham.com



WATER BILL PAYMENTS HAVE CHANGED

Utility Account Id: - Utility Account PIN:

New Utility Account Information

The City of Graham recently completed a utility billing software upgrade. As a result, all customers have been assigned a new account number as well as a 4-digit pin to be used for online payments. Customers will need the new account information in order to pay utility bills online or over the phone. March water bills provided the new account number and 4 digit pin to all residents, but please call City Hall at (336) 570-6700 if you still need this information or need help with making payments.

Graham Celebrates Arbor Day

Did you know that Graham is recognized as a **Tree City USA** community? Join the City of Graham Appearance Commission & Tree Board in April to celebrate Graham's trees and Arbor Day events with engaging opportunities and information to spark your curiosity and enhance your knowledge about trees! Learn more at www.GrahamRecreationAndParks.com. #ArborDayInGraham



City Council

Mayor Jennifer Talley
Mayor Pro Tem Ricky Hall
Council Members:
Joey Parsons
Bobby Chin
Bonnie Whitaker

Boards & Commissions

Are you interested in serving on one of the City's Boards and Commissions? If so, please go to www.CityofGraham.com, click on Your Government, Boards and Commissions, About Volunteering, and Apply. If you have questions, contact City Clerk Renee Ward at 336-570-6700.

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provides residents with information related to City happenings. Comments or questions may be sent to the City Clerk at 336-570-6700 or rward@cityofgraham.com

THE NEIGHBORS ARE WATCHING!

SEE SOMETHING. SAY SOMETHING.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

If you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch contact the Graham Police Department at gpdcares@cityofgraham.com

HAPPY EASTER

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

MEMORIAL DAY

Remember and Honor

Independence Day



NCWRC Habitat Enhancement Project at
Graham-Mebane Lake

Graham-Mebane Lake

3218 Bason Road, Mebane, NC
27302 • (919) 563 - 6544

Come relax on the water and enjoy the views of Graham-Mebane Lake. The lake offers canoe and kayak rentals available on a first-come basis (April - October); jon boat rentals are available year-round. Bring your own canoe/kayak or rent one of ours! Visit our website to learn more about hours of operation, lake fees, and boat rentals, and take a glimpse at the programs and events planned for 2024, including the season-long Big Bass Tournament, Bank Fishing Catfish Tournaments, family programs, and more!

Opt Outside and Take a Walk

Visit our website for a listing of Graham's parks with paved accessible mixed-use trails, walking tracks, Downtown Graham walking routes, as well as hiking trails!



www.GrahamRecreationAndParks.com

Youth Athletics

Summer Sports Camps

Registration Dates: May 1 - June 30

Lacrosse Camp • Dates: July 8 - 11

Basketball Camp • Dates: July 15 - 18

Flag Football Camp • Dates: July 22 - 25



Fall Youth Athletics Registration Dates

Fall Soccer Registration: June 1 - August 1 • Ages: 4 - 14

Flag Football Registration: June 1 - August 1 • Ages: 6 - 12

Outdoor Concerts

Graham Recreation & Parks offers two concert series during the summer months: Thursdays at Seven Concert Series in Downtown Graham and the Musical Chairs Countywide Outdoor Concert Series at Bill Cooke Park. Grab your lawn chair for music and fun for the whole family!

Learn more and view the band lineup for 2024 on our website.



Juneteenth in Graham

Save the Date: Saturday, June 22

For All Ages • Cost: Free

Location: Bill Cooke Park

Come out to Bill Cooke Park for food trucks, visit with community groups, enjoy family activities and games, and experience stage performances.



Graham Historical Museum

The Graham Historical Museum, located at 135 W. Elm Street, showcases hundreds of artifacts and photos depicting the early days of Graham. Museum hours of operation are every Friday and Saturday from 10:00am - 2:00pm, admission is free.

Group tours are welcome. Visit our website to learn more about upcoming museum programs and exhibits.



We Are Hiring!

View positions and apply online at www.CityofGraham.com!



Pay Your Water Bill Online

www.cityofgraham.com
A convenience fee will apply

Utility Account Id: <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>	Utility Account PIN: <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Enter"/>
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Pay Your Water Bill by Bank Draft

The City of Graham offers the option to set up an automatic draft from your checking account to pay your water bill. Customers that choose this option are drafted on the 18th of each month with **no additional convenience fees**. You can sign up at City Hall or access the bank draft form online at <https://wipp.edmundsassoc.com/Wipp/?wippid=GRAM>. Completed forms can be mailed to City Hall | PO Drawer 357 | Graham, NC 27253 | or left in the overnight drop box.

Convenient ways to **PAY YOUR TAXES!**



Pay by phone:
Call 336-570-6700 - Option 9.

Pay online: www.cityofgraham.com
Scroll down to Quick Links and select PAY TAXES

Register or log in.

Note: A convenience fee of 2.95% will be charged when using a debit/credit card.

SPRING INTO FIRE SAFETY

As the temperatures rise and we step into the warmer months of April through June, it's crucial to prioritize fire safety in our homes and communities. The City of Graham Fire Department urges all citizens to take proactive measures to prevent fires and keep our loved ones and properties safe.

Here are some essential fire safety tips to keep in mind this season:

- 1. Check Your Smoke Alarms:** Ensure that smoke alarms are installed on every level of your home and within each sleeping area. Test them monthly and replace batteries as needed. Working smoke alarms save lives!
- 2. Create an Escape Plan:** Develop a fire escape plan with your family. Identify two ways out of every room and establish a meeting point outside. Practice your escape plan regularly, especially if you have children or elderly family members.
- 3. Grill Safely:** If you enjoy outdoor grilling during the warmer months, make sure your grill is placed away from structures, overhangs, and anything that can catch fire. Keep a fire extinguisher nearby and never leave the grill unattended while in use.
- 4. Properly Dispose of Yard Waste:** Spring cleaning often involves yard work. Be mindful of how you dispose of yard waste such as leaves, branches, and grass clippings. Store them curb side and away from your home. Don't burn yard waste and alert the city for pick-up.



- 5. Be Cautious with Outdoor Activities:** Whether you're camping or enjoying outdoor recreational activities, exercise caution with fire. Always follow local regulations, use designated recreational fire pits when available, and never leave fires unattended.
- 6. Be Mindful of Electrical Hazards:** With more outdoor activities, the use of electrical appliances may increase. Inspect cords for damage, don't overload outlets, and keep electrical devices away from water sources.
- 7. Teach Fire Safety to Children:** Educate children about fire safety practices such as stop, drop, and roll, and the importance of not playing with matches or lighters. Encourage them to report any fire hazards they notice.
- 8. Stay Informed:** Stay updated on local fire regulations, bans, and advisories thru our social media platforms. Be vigilant during dry or windy conditions and adhere to any fire safety guidelines provided by authorities.

Practice these fire safety tips to keep our community safe. Questions? Contact us at the City of Graham Fire Department. Let's make this season safe and enjoyable for all!



[Schedule A Tour | Visit | go to www.cityofgraham.com/fire-program-request/](http://www.cityofgraham.com/fire-program-request/)

FOG

FAT • OIL • GREASE
contain it, don't drain it

In the kitchen, fats, oils and grease (FOG) comes mostly from pre-rinsing dishes or washing pots and pans. When FOG is allowed to go down the drain, it cools in the wastewater system and sticks to pipes, creating FOG buildup. The buildup causes clogs and backups in homes and businesses, wastewater overflows and spills onto private property, streets and into local surface waters. FOG buildup also increases the cost of maintaining the City of Graham's wastewater treatment systems, hence effecting rates and can create public health problems.

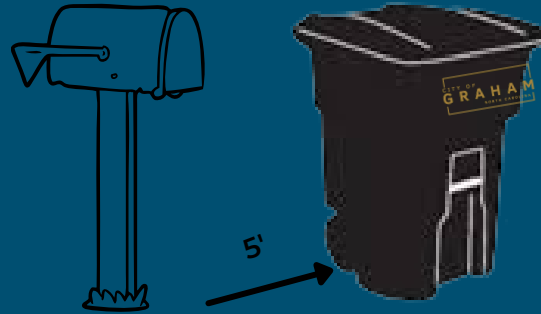
How can you help?

The best way to handle fats, oils and grease is to scrape them off into the trash or pour them into containers, allow to cool and then place the container into the trash. Just contain it, don't drain it.

Curbside Garbage Collection



Leave space around your carts to help us serve you better. Wheels should face your house or business.



- Trash bins must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m.
- Placed 5 feet from mailboxes, vehicles, or other objects
- All waste must be within the container

Sanitation

Schedule Change for March 29, Good Friday

There will be no garbage collection on Friday, March 29. Friday routes will be collected on Monday, April 1.

Schedule Change for July 4 - Independence Day

There will be no garbage collection on Thursday, July 4. Thursday and Friday routes will be collected on Friday, July 5.

ITEMS NOT COLLECTED:

Building materials, home improvement - landscape timber - contractor waste - logs - stumps - masonry - rocks - dirt - tires - liquids - paint - batteries - auto parts - sealed containers - hazardous waste - concrete - lawn mowers - tv's - computers - electronics - cardboard

BULK ITEMS:

stoves, dryers, washing machines, refrigerators, water heaters, mattresses, box springs, discarded house furniture can be collected on a CALL IN BASIS - after the first 2 items, there will be a \$22.00 fee for each additional item.

No Changes

Monday, May 27,
Memorial Day

Collection will follow the regular schedule.

Monday, September 2,
Labor Day

Collection will follow the regular schedule.

For future Holiday Schedules, please visit our website:
www.CityofGraham.com



Biweekly Recycling Pickup is every Other Wednesday

Month	Tues	Wed
April	2, 16 & 30	3 & 17
May	14 & 28	1, 15 & 29
June	11 & 25	12 & 26
July	9 & 23	10 & 24
August	6 & 20	7 & 21
September	3 & 17	4 & 18

Bulk Pick-up

The City offers bulk pick-up of items such as white goods, water heaters, and furniture that are too large to fit into a solid waste can on a call-in basis only.

Sanitation does not pick up electronics, construction debris, liquid, auto parts, or hazardous materials. Items, except for hazardous materials, can be disposed of at the Alamance County Landfill.

Alamance County Landfill sponsors hazardous materials collection days, for scheduled events. Florescent tubes outside of the County collection days, A&D Environmental will accept them for a fee.

Alamance County Landfill
2701 Austin Quarter Road, Graham NC
Phone: (336) 376-8902
Solid Waste Director: Richard Hill
Email: richard.hill@alamance-nc.com

A&D Environmental
3149 Lear Drive | Burlington, NC 27215
Phone: (336) 229-0058

Please call 336-570-6709, ext. 7, between 7AM - 4PM - Monday thru Friday to schedule a bulk pickup.

Recyclables are collected every other week.

Recycling Rules to follow: place all recyclables in the recycle cart, don't place recyclables in garbage containers, **set recyclables at the curb by 6:00 am** on collection day, place carts at least **five feet** away from garbage containers.

If you have questions, please call Republic Services at (336)714-4303 or (336)-387-1904.