



Town of Grifton

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

HURRICANE IRENE

As you know, the citizens of the Town of Grifton endured more than twelve hours howling wind and torrential rain on Saturday, August 27th. Some areas flooded. Electric service was lost. Many trees were broken or completely uprooted. Many homes were damaged. However, we all survived. I would like to thank all of those who has worked diligently to clean and repair their property.

If you received structural damage to your home from trees and/or Flooding, please see the attached flyers from FEMA. You may also check out www.fema.gov for more information.

Storm Debris

The Town hired independent contractors to collect and haul all vegetative storm debris left from Irene. The clean up process has been complete. Thus, the Town has resumed its normal leaf and limb pick up practices. The rules and procedures are as follows:

- Leaf and limb pickup will occur on Monday of each week. All leaves and small material must be bagged or placed inside a container that is not heavier than 50 pounds. Limbs must be cut into sections no more than 4 foot lengths and cannot exceed 6 inches in diameter. The Town will not pick up yard debris exceeding these size limits. The Town will also not pick up large piles of yard waste left by a professional landscaper or tree trimming contractor. The landscaper must be responsible for removing the materials.
- The Town of Grifton **does not** provide large bulk item or white good collection. This includes any non-household garbage or building material or debris. Large items and white goods can be taken to the Pitt County landfill station located on Weyerhaeuser Road. Any person placing large items or piles of limbs that are over the size limits on the roadside will receive a notice from the Town of Grifton to have these items removed. If they are not removed within 3 days after the date of the notice, the Town will have them removed and bill the property owner for the expense. If you have any questions regarding trash pick-up, please contact the Town Hall at (252) 524-5168.

COMING EVENTS

- October 1st: **Rabies Clinic** – 9am to noon – behind the Grifton Fire Department
\$7.00 per shot and \$14.00 per shot for livestock
For info, please call Marti Brinson @ 524-5305
- October 15th: **Silent Auction and Pig Pickin'** to benefit the Grifton Museum and
Indian Village - 6pm to 8pm at the Grifton Depot – including live
entertainment
Tickets are \$12 – for info, please call Wayne Hardee @ 525-2198
- November 11-12th: **John Lawson Days – Tri-centennial Commemoration**
For more info, please visit the following facebook address
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/John-Lawson-Days/214499358587395>
- Saturdays thru October: **Farmer's Market** – Town Commons from 8am to noon

Keep Grifton Beautiful!

As a reminder, 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!

Other Reminders:

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 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.

The Town would like to remind citizens with dogs that it is unlawful to allow dogs to run at large within the town limits. Any dog found to be running at large within the town will be picked up by the Grifton Police Department. Dog owners who violate the Town's animal control ordinance will be issued a citation for such violation. Please help us protect the well-being of your pets and the well-being of the community by obeying the Town's animal control ordinance.

If you have any questions or comments about Town of Grifton services, you can contact the Town Hall at (252) 524-5168.