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## Will Jordan Lake Rules Affect You?

Following the Stormwater Phase II and Jordan Lake public forum, a citizen advisory group formed to discuss these environmental programs. This group has met several times in the last couple of months. As a focus, the group is attempting to identify financial and other impacts of the stormwater and Jordan Lake rules that will affect our City and Alamance County. The new rules mandate extensive stormwater runoff controls and will require the City to meet more stringent limits for wastewater discharge into the Haw River. As a result of these unfunded mandates some growth will be restricted and increases in utility rates will be required. City staff continues to monitor these environmental regulations and assess their impacts. Keeping citizens involved and aware of these concerns is important.

## Holiday Fire Safety

With the holidays fast approaching, fires due to cooking, decorations, entertaining and home heating will be on the rise. The Burlington Fire Department wants to remind you of ways to keep your holidays festive and free of tragedy.

Nationwide, an average of 310 home fires occur when Christmas trees are ignited. These fires cause an estimated annual average of 14 deaths, 40 injuries and \$16.2 million in property damage.

Approximately 18,000 home fires were started by candles resulting in 130 deaths, 1350 injuries and \$333 million in property damage. Twice as many candle fires occur in the month of December than any other month. Decorations ignited by candles is the number one cause of these fires.

Please observe the following fire safety tips during the holiday season:

- Use flame-resistant, flame-retardant or non-combustible decorations when possible.
- Keep candles away from decorations and other combustible material and never use candles to decorate Christmas trees.
- When installing lights, follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation/maintenance.
- Carefully inspect new and previously used light strings and replace damaged items before use.
- Do not overload extension cords.
- Keep children and pets away from light strings and electrical decorations.
- Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.
- Never leave cooking unattended. This is the number one cause of home fires in the U.S.
- Smoke outside or provide deep-sided ashtrays.
- Properly dispose all smoking material.
- If smoking is allowed indoors, always check between and under upholstery and cushions and in side trashcans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach and away from children.
- Test your smoke alarms and let overnight guests know your fire escape plan.
- Have your heating system/chimney inspected prior to use.

The Burlington Fire Department wishes you a fire-safe holiday season! For more information, call 229-3557.

2007 City of Burlington Sanitation Division  
 Holiday Schedule  
 Recycling and Garbage Collection

**\*Note: There are two changes in the recycling schedule  
 – See Thanksgiving/Christmas**

**New Year’s Day Monday, January 1, 2007**

Will collect Monday route on Tuesday, January 2.  
 Will collect Tuesday route on Wednesday, January 3.

**Dr. King Birthday Monday, January 15, 2007**

Will collect Monday route on Tuesday, January 16.  
 Will collect Tuesday route on Wednesday, January 17.

**Easter Monday Monday, April 9, 2007**

Will collect Monday route on Tuesday, April 10.  
 Will collect Tuesday route on Wednesday, April 11.

**Memorial Day Monday, May 28, 2007**

Will collect Monday route on Tuesday, May 29.  
 Will collect Tuesday route on Wednesday, May 30.

**Independence Day Wednesday, July 4, 2007**

No change in schedule.

**Labor Day Monday, September 3, 2007**

Will collect Monday route on Tuesday, September 4.  
 Will collect Tuesday route on Wednesday, September 5.

**Thanksgiving Thursday & Fri., November 29 & 30, 2007**

Will collect Thursday route on Wednesday, November 28.  
 Will collect Friday route on Wednesday, November 28.  
 No yard waste or bulk trash collection on Thursday & Friday routes.

**\*Recycling Change:**

Will collect Thursday route on Wednesday, Nov. 28  
 Will collect Friday route as scheduled.

**Christmas Tuesday, December 25, 2007**

Will collect Monday route on Wednesday, December 26.  
 Will collect Tuesday route on Thursday, December 27.  
 Will collect Thursday route on Friday, December 28.  
 Will collect Friday route on Saturday, December 29.  
 No yard waste or bulk trash collection the week of December 24.

**\*Recycling Change:**

Will collect Monday, December 24, route as scheduled.  
 Will collect Tuesday, December 25, on Wednesday,  
 December 26.



**Holiday Happenings**

*Harvest Hayride*

Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 6:00pm-9:00pm  
 All Ages  
 Admission: \$5.00 per vehicle  
 Lake Cammack

Families are encouraged to come out to Lake Cammack to enjoy a horse-driven buggy or tractor ride around the lake area with luminaries lining the path. Then sit back and enjoy musical entertainment, clowns, roasting marshmallows around the campfire and even decorate a pumpkin for your home at the open shelter near the lake. We will also be selling hotdogs and drinks. For more information call 421-3872.

*Burlington Holiday Parade*

Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>  
 10:00am  
 All Ages  
 Admission: Free  
 Downtown Burlington



*Christmas In The Park*

December 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 6:00pm-9:00pm  
 All Ages  
 Admission: Free, excluding horse drawn wagon rides  
 Burlington City Park

Come and enjoy Christmas entertainment, free amusement park rides, a live nativity scene, hayrides with horse-drawn wagons, and refreshments during this festive time of the year. City Park will be decorated with thousands of lights throughout the amusement area. Santa Claus will be making a guest appearance to get those last minute items, and Mrs. Claus will also be there to hand out treats for the children. During this special time, Burlington Recreation & Parks would like to thank everyone for all of your support through the year. For more information call 222-5030.

**Share Your Love**

**Visit The Pet Adoption Center This Holiday  
 To Find Your Next Best Friend!**  
 221 Stone Quarry Road-Burlington  
 Monday-Friday 8am-5pm Saturday-10am-4pm Closed Sunday's & Holidays  
**336-578-0343 www.burlingtonNC.gov**