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# City News



Thank you for the opportunity to serve the City of Laurinburg over the past four years as City Manager. I began my new job as the Alamance County Manager on April 6. I truly want to thank this community for accepting me and my family and

making us a



part of this wonderful community! I am very thankful to the Mayor and City Council, Staff and citizens for the support that they have given me as well. I wish you nothing but success and happiness in the future, and thanks again.

# What is Recyclable?

Newspaper and inserts; Aluminum cans; Steel Cans; All Plastics (with a #1 - #7 on the bottom); Clear, Brown, and Green glass containers; Magazines; Mixed Office Paper; Corrugated Cardboard; and Used Oil (secured in a plastic bottle with a tight cap).

# **Conserving Water**

Spring has sprung and with the warm weather approaching us we at the City of Laurinburg would like to remind everyone that we have been very fortunate in years past with our water supply. However, the drought does affect the aquifer where our water comes from. So, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that conserving water today will hopefully ensure water tomorrow. You can contact our office at 910-277-0214 for additional information on conserving water.

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## Calendar of Events

### 2009/10 Budget Public Hearing

City Council Chambers June 16, 2009 7pm

### **City Council Regular Monthly Meetings**

City Council Chambers May 19; June 16; July 21 7 pm

### **Memorial Day**

City Offices Closed May 25, 2009

### **Independence Day**

City Offices Closed July 3, 2009

# Holiday Sanitation Schedule

### <u>MEMORIAL DAY</u>

Monday's route will be picked up on Tuesday, May 26th.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY

All Commercial Dumpsters scheduled for Friday, will be picked up on Thursday.

# Water Conservation Tips:

- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- For a drink of cold water, keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. This way every drop goes down you and not the drain.
- Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks.
- Water your lawn and garden in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.
- Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.
- Spreading a layer of organic mulch around plants retains moisture and saves water, time and money.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk and save water every time.
- Collect the water you use for rinsing fruits and vegetables, then reuse it to water houseplants.
- If water runs off your lawn easily, split your watering time into shorter periods to allow for better absorption.
- Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.
- Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn shades roots and holds soil moisture better than if it is closely clipped.
- When cleaning out fish tanks, give the nutrient-rich water to your plants.
- Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Designate one glass for your drinking water each day or refill a water bottle. This will cut down on the number of glasses to wash.
- Grab a wrench and fix that leaky faucet. It's simple, inexpensive, and you can save 140 gallons a week.
- Water your plants deeply but less frequently to encourage deep root growth and drought tolerance.
- Use a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.

Please remember water is a precious commodity that we cannot live without. So when you think of water think about conserving it.