



# Winterville at Work!

**ELECTRIC UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Town of Winterville and Carolina Power Partners have partnered together with Greene Lamp Community Action to be able to provide a one-time energy assistance credit to qualifying customers.\*

\*Utility account must be held in applicant's name and income verification is required.

Applications may be picked up at Customer Service

**Winterville Utilities Electric Rate Change "Power Cost Adjustment (PCA)"**

Due to changes in the energy market, the Town had to react to remain financially secure. The Town has absorbed these increases for the past several months stabilizing rates for as long as possible.

We realize that this increase will be an unpleasant change for our customers, so please know that we appreciate your patience as we continue to navigate these challenging times.

Please contact Customer Services at (252)756-2221 ext. 8009 with any questions or concerns.

**Important Dates**

**Monday, April 6th**  
4:00 pm  
Agenda Review Meeting  
Executive Conference Room  
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**Monday, April 10th**  
7:00 pm  
Regular Town Council  
Town Hall Assembly Room  
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**Monday, April 17th**  
7:00 pm  
Planning and Zoning Board  
Town Hall Assembly Room  
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**Tuesday, April 18th**  
7:00 pm  
Board of Adjustment  
Town Hall Assembly Room  
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**Tuesday, April 25th**  
6:30 pm  
Recreation Advisory Board  
Operations Center  
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**Thursday April 27th**  
7:00 pm  
Human Relations Board  
Executive Conference Room

**OTHER RESOURCES**

Please see the Town's Area Resource List at the link below:

[https://www.wintervillenc.com/Data/Sites/1/media/resource\\_list\\_update\\_20202023.pdf](https://www.wintervillenc.com/Data/Sites/1/media/resource_list_update_20202023.pdf)

**Spring Litter Sweep**  
**April 15-29, 2023**  
N.C. Department of Transportation  
Biannual Cleanup Drive  
Volunteer Locally!

Share your clean-up images at: #LitterSweepNC

Forms, posters, and telephone listings are available on our website  
[ncdot.gov/littersweep](https://ncdot.gov/littersweep)

**Town Offices Closed**  
**Friday, April 7, 2023: Good Friday Holiday**

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**April Energy Saving Tips**

- ◆ During warmer months, close blinds, shades and drapes on the sunny side of your home to help keep your home's temperature cooler and reduce the work for you AC. Open shades during cooler months to let the sun warm your home.
- ◆ Don't leave your electronics on all day long. Only turn on your computer, monitor, printer and fax machine when you need them.
- ◆ Using your ceiling fan will allow you to raise the thermostat setting about 4 degrees with no reduction in comfort.
- ◆ Use ceiling fans. Cooling your home with ceiling fans will allow you to raise your thermostat four degrees. This can help lower your electricity bills without sacrificing overall comfort.
- ◆ Install window treatments. Energy efficient window treatments or coverings such as blinds, shades and films can slash heat gain when temperatures rise. These devices not only improve the look of your home but also reduce energy costs.
- ◆ Set the thermostat. On warm days, setting a programmable thermostat to a higher setting when you are not at home can help reduce your energy costs by approximately 10 percent.
- ◆ Use bathroom fans during and after baths and showers until the humid air has been evacuated. Bathroom fans suck out heat and humidity from your home, improving comfort.

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## BEWARE OF THE GREASE GOBLIN

### Did You Know...

Most sanitary sewer backups occur between your home and the Town's sewer main? You can help prevent a costly and unsanitary overflow by following a few simple steps:

#### Do

- \* Scrape excess grease in a container and dispose of it in the garbage.
- \* Place food scraps in waste containers or garbage bags for disposal with solid wastes, or start a compost pile; promote use of scraping prior to washing.
- \* Place a wastebasket in the bathroom to dispose of solid waste. Disposable diapers, condoms, and personal hygiene products do not belong in the sewer system.
- \* Promote the concept of "3 R's": Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

#### Do Not

- \* Pour grease, fats, and oils from cooking down the drain.
- \* Use the toilet as a wastebasket.
- \* Use the sewer as a means of disposing food scraps.

## Yard Waste

### Are You Contributing to Storm Drain Blockage?

If you are placing your grass clippings, leaves, limbs, or other debris in the streets, storm drains, or drainage ways; then the answer is yes. You are contributing to storm drain blockage. These not only create a visible nuisance, but it creates major problems:

- It causes a traffic hazard due to vehicles turning out to miss it.
- As it rains the waste is washed down into the storm drain system and builds up, which in turn causes flooding problems.
- Do not place grass clipping, yards debris, or anything else in the storm drain ditches. These drainage ways must remain open and clear of debris to keep from flooding.

### Waste Pick Up By the Town

The Town of Winterville will **NOT** pick up any yard waste that is placed in the street. Yard waste must be placed behind the curb and away from utility poles and other services for the town to pick it up.

Chapter 98.028 of the Code of Ordinances prohibits placement of objects in streets, gutters, and other drainage ways.

## Parks & Recreation Programs and Event Registrations

For additional information please visit:

<https://www.wintervillenc.com/parks-and-recreation>  
or call 252-756-1487.

## Grilling Safety

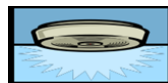


There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

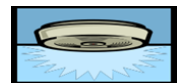
- \* Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- \* The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- \* Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- \* Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- \* **Never leave your grill unattended.**
- \* Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.
- \* Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.

## SMOKE ALARMS

If you need assistance with checking your **smoke alarms** or changing the battery, please contact the Winterville Fire-Rescue-EMS Department at (252) 756-2515 or email at [fireinspections@wintervillenc.com](mailto:fireinspections@wintervillenc.com)



**EMERGENCY DIAL 911**



**Water/Sewer Emergency Contact Phone: (252) 902-6327**

**Electric Emergency Contact Phone: (252) 902-6328**

**Fire/Rescue/Police Emergency Phone: DIAL 911**

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