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OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2024

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THAT SITS
ON A HILL
CANNOT
BE HIDDEN**



P.06 Fall is in the Air!



P.08 'Tis the Season...



A Message From Your Public Works!

The Public Works Department would like to remind you that Solid Waste and Street Department hours are Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Please Note: Your trash can should be rolled to the curb by 7:00 a.m. for collection, and should be removed from the curb by the next morning.

You can schedule the Solid Waste Department to collect additional garbage bags or other roadside debris by paying the \$20.00 fee (per pick-up truck load) at the Public Works office.

A 5' x 5' x 5' pile of limbs will be collected from the curb each week at no-charge. Larger piles of limbs may be collected by scheduling these with the Public Works office and paying the appropriate fee.

As the winter holiday season approaches, we have provided the garbage schedule below.



VETERAN'S DAY

Garbage pickup will be running on a one-day late schedule. Ex: If your normal day is Monday, it will move back until Tuesday etc.



THANKSGIVING

Garbage pickup for the week of Thanksgiving will be as follows: Monday's and Tuesday's route will both be picked up on Monday. Wednesday's route will be picked up on Tuesday, and Thursday's route will be picked up on Wednesday.



CHRISTMAS

Monday's route will be collected on Monday, December 23, with all remaining days collected on Thursday and Friday. Please have your cans placed at the road by 7:00 a.m. on Thursday morning. We will empty them as soon as possible.



Contact the Codes and Inspections department with any questions, by calling 704-734-4599.



Change your air filters every 1-2 months.



Replace the batteries in your carbon monoxide detectors.

Cooler Weather Approaching

With cooler weather approaching, it's time to start thinking about turning on your home's gas heating system. The following are a few simple tips to help make your home safe during the fall and winter months.

1. Change Filters

Dirty filters will not allow the proper amount of air to pass through the system, which may lead to a furnace failure or decreased efficiency of the system. Typically, filters should be replaced every month or two.

2. Carbon Monoxide Detector

Replace the batteries in your carbon monoxide detectors. If your home doesn't currently have carbon monoxide detectors, it is recommended to install detectors outside of each bedroom.

3. Clean Vents

Clean accumulations of dust and debris from your supply vents.

4. Clean Around Your Furnace Keep the area around the furnace free of combustible materials.

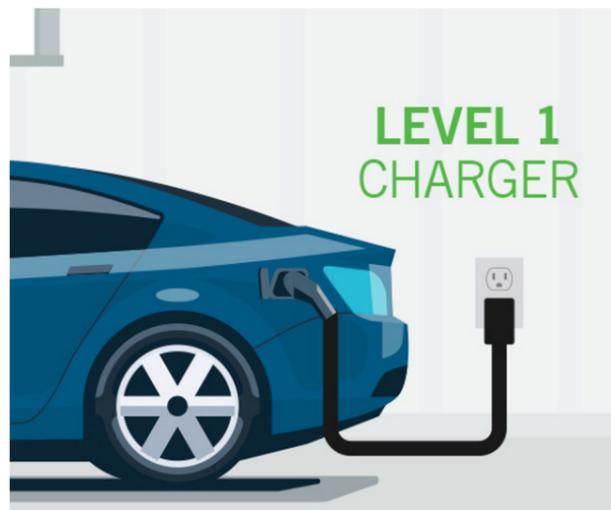
5. Schedule a Tune-Up

It is recommended to have a qualified HVAC contractor come out to perform a tune-up prior to turning on your furnace.

6. Look, Listen, and Smell

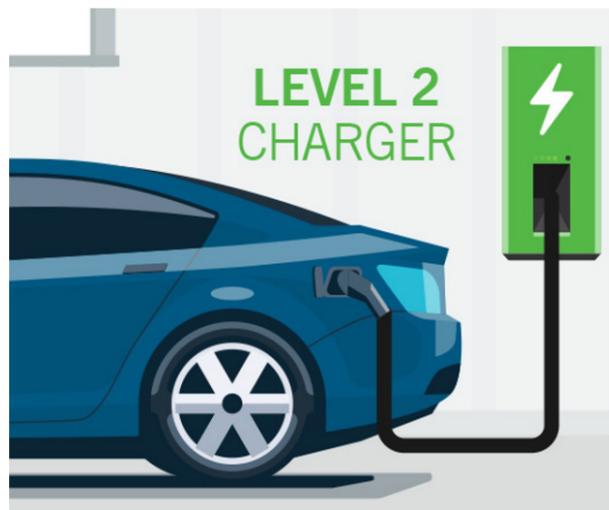
Flames in your burner should be a steady blue flame. Yellow or orange flickering flames indicate a problem. Listen for questionable noises while the furnace is on. If you view any of these conditions turn off the gas supply to the furnace and contact a qualified HVAC contractor. If you smell gas, do not light other gas appliances and do not turn on any electrical light switches. Immediately evacuate the home and call 911.

Electric car charging is easier than you think. You can charge at home now that it's inexpensive and convenient. Electric car charging is the same as the standard residential electric rate, which varies but is typically less than fuel costs. Two types of residential EV chargers are on the market, and you can choose which works best based on your car model and lifestyle.



Standar 120v Wall Outlet

- Up to 5 miles of range per hour
- No installation required – every EV will come with a standard Level 1 charger that you can drive home and plug into the wall
- Best used for overnight charging and low-mileage daily driving – a good option for plug-in hybrid vehicles because of their smaller batteries
- J1772 connector or Tesla connector (comes with vehicle)



240v (Dryer Plug) Outlet

- Average of 25 miles of range per hour
- Charger will need to be purchased and installed by a qualified electrician – can be either hardwired or plugged into an existing 240-volt outlet (dryer plug)
- Best for quick charging at home – can get a full charge from empty overnight (8-10 hours)
- J1772 connector or Tesla connector (comes with vehicle)

Buying a Charger

Depending on your needs, there are several charger types and levels available. Your car's battery size and your home's power level are two things to think about when purchasing a Level 2 home charger.

Determine how fast you need the charger to be and your price range – generally an additional 10 amps at 240 volts will yield around 10 miles of range per hour.

You'll need to engage an electrician to ensure that you choose an at home charger that fits your home's power capabilities and has the infrastructure to support it.

EV chargers need to be UL certified. It's important to ensure they are safe and

have passed all the mandatory guidelines.

Smart chargers have Wi-Fi connectivity. These chargers can be monitored and controlled by your smartphone or connected to your home assistant (Alexa, Google Home, etc.).



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Installing a Charger

It's easy and convenient to charge your EV overnight while you sleep. It will be ready to go for the day when you wake. To get started, follow these steps:

1. Consider your Charging Needs - Determine what works best in your home.

2. Hire an Electrician

3. Research and Buy - Research the types

Do I Need a Charging Station?

● 120v outlet will charge up to six miles per hour

● 240v can charge your vehicle up to six times faster

● Charging time depends on vehicle type, driving habits and how much energy is stored in your battery.

and prices of chargers that fit your needs and purchase.

4. Get it Installed - Have your licensed electrician install your charger and start charging!

How Much Will it Cost

The cost of charging EVs depends on the size of the battery and how much electricity you use.

For customers who drive less than 40 miles a day, at 11 cents per kilowatt-hour (the national average), it should cost less than \$1 to \$1.50 a day to fuel an EV. Your electric bill will likely go up, but your monthly gasoline expenses should drop considerably more.



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Saluting Our Veterans

"Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened"

Veterans Day, observed annually on November 11, is a poignant occasion that honors the sacrifices and bravery of all military veterans who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Originally known as Armistice Day, it marked the end of World War I on November 11, 1918. The day has since evolved to recognize all veterans, regardless of when or where they served.

Veterans Day is more than just a holiday; it is a day of remembrance. It invites us to reflect on the courage, dedication, and selflessness of those who have donned the uniform to protect our freedoms and way of life. Each veteran carries unique stories and experiences, from the battlefields of foreign wars to the peacekeeping missions and humanitarian efforts. Acknowledging their service is vital in understanding the profound impact they have had on our nation.

For many veterans, the journey does not end upon returning home. Many face physical and emotional challenges long after their service. Veterans Day serves as a reminder of these sacrifices, encouraging us to offer support and gratitude to those who have fought for our liberty. It also emphasizes the importance of advocating for veterans' rights and ensuring they receive the care and resources they need.



Celebrating Veterans Day fosters a sense of community. Parades, ceremonies, and gatherings provide opportunities for citizens to come together and express their appreciation. Schools often participate by organizing events to educate students about the significance of the day, instilling values of respect and gratitude in the next generation. These communal activities not only honor veterans but also strengthen the bonds within our communities.

On Veterans Day, we are reminded that honoring our veterans is not limited to a single day. It encourages us to actively engage in supporting veterans throughout the year. Volunteering, donating to veterans' organizations, and advocating for policies that benefit veterans are meaningful ways to show our gratitude.

Veterans Day is a solemn yet uplifting occasion that calls us to remember, honor, and support those who have served. It is a day that emphasizes the importance of gratitude and recognition, reminding us

of the enduring legacy of our veterans and the values they fought to uphold. Let us take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks and commit to supporting those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.



**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
BRING OUT THE
KID IN ALL OF US!**

Kick off the Christmas season by joining us at Patriots Park on Friday night, November 22, for our traditional Tree-Lighting Ceremony. We

will have special guest with us as we prepare to light up the park and make memories with our family and friends.



Saturday December 7th



**CHRISTMAS PARADE
3:00 P.M.**

*Holiday Express
at Deal Park*

Thursday, December 12
4:30pm-6:30pm
Deal Park Walking Track,
211 N. Cleveland Ave.

Train Ride,
Story,
Cocoa,
and Santa!



Tis The Season To Be Jolly

Hop on the Holiday Express for a train ride around the Deal Park walking track!
Walk the storywalk and read *The Polar Express*, eat cookies, drink hot chocolate and see Santa!
This program takes place at the Deal Park walking track, located next to the Kings Mountain YMCA.

**VISIT WITH
SANTA CLAUS**

SATURDAY'S
DEC. 7
DEC. 14
DEC. 21

Christmas
KINGS MOUNTAIN

Patriots Park
220 S Railroad Ave.
Kings Mountain, NC 28086

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