

# Powellsville

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debris pickup.

The items of concern are limbs, pine straw, pine cones and grass.

There has been an ongoing discussion about the North Carolina guidelines for burning these types of debris inside the town limits.

"No one can burn trash in the town within 1,000 feet of buildings and homes," said Commissioner Gerald Waters.

A citizen asked, "What am I to do with the trash?"

"You can have someone help you carry it off. If you get caught burning trash, you have been warned. It cannot be done," added Waters.

Another citizen expressed concern that with the amount of money being paid to the town, why couldn't the town have someone come around and pick up the debris?

"The town could look into finding a site for a compost pile for debris to be dropped off. But the site would have to be determined," said Mayor James Peele.

At the meeting, pamphlets were available from the Powellsville Attorney Ernie Carter.

The informational pamphlets contained information about burning debris from the North Carolina Division of Air Quality.

According to the information, newspaper, office paper, cardboard and other paper products are illegal to burn.

Plastics and other synthetic materials are illegal, as well as tires and other rubber products.

Asphalt shingles, oils, building materials including lumber and wood scraps are illegal to burn.

Buildings, mobile homes and insulated

coated wire are also illegal to burn.

Yard trimmings are questionable to burn but the individual must have a burner's permit and follow certain guidelines.

According to the information, burn piles must be at least 500 feet from occupied buildings.

Piles must contain only natural vegetative materials and must originate onsite.

Fires must be started after 8 a.m. and new materials cannot be added after 6 p.m.

Piles must be at least 250 feet from roads when the wind is blowing toward the roads path.

Individuals should not burn on code orange, red or purple days.

"Debris is a problem. Maybe the town could take one day a month and pick up all debris. But the problem is this will be an added expense," said Waters.

"Burning still happens though," added Peele.

"Yes, but people need to understand the laws," Waters replied.

The town of Powellsville Accountant Jennifer Evans suggested putting sign up sheets in the local churches for those who need yard debris picked up and one for those who would be interested in volunteering to pick it up.

"The town of Powellsville could have a community clean-up day," said Evans.

The Town of Powellsville Commissioners will host its next regularly scheduled meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 3 at Powellsville Town Hall.

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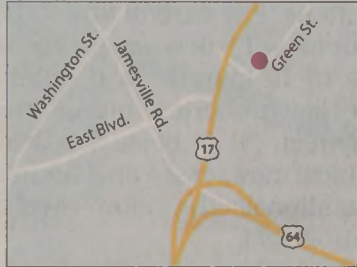
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