



ROCK HILL

SOUTH CAROLINA

Clemson University Cooperative Extension Offers Residents Tips For Landscape Health

With the start of more stringent watering restrictions, representatives from the Clemson University Cooperative Extension offer these tips on how to maintain healthy landscaping.

Lawns

If your lawn is already in a weakened state, applying water once per week with no additional rainfall will probably not help much. It may be best to allow the lawn to go dormant and then reestablish the lawn when conditions improve.

If your lawn looks pretty good at the moment, then watering it once per week may help maintain it in a relatively healthy state. One thing you would not want to do if dry weather continues is to push it with high applications of nitrogen fertilization.

When you do water, make sure you are irrigating efficiently. Applying 3/4 inch of irrigation will effectively wet the top four to six inches of soil. Many irrigation systems may apply water faster than the soil can absorb it. If you are getting runoff from the lawn before 3/4 inch of water has been applied, you may want to cycle your system to turn off when runoff begins, and then back on again several hours later to complete the 3/4 inch of irrigation needed. Applying more than 3/4 inch of water on our clay soils is not efficient because you are wetting the soil beyond the root zone.

If runoff is occurring too quickly during an irrigation cycle, you may need to have the soil core-aerated. The soil needs to have enough moisture to core-aerate to a depth of at least two inches to make it worthwhile. Topdressing with compost to fill in the aeration holes will help improve the soil over time.

Shrubs and Trees:

Wait on landscaping installation projects until November when we have cooler temperatures.

Mulch existing beds so they have a mulch depth of two to four inches. This will help cool the soil and slow down evaporation of soil moisture.

Hand watering, or using drip irrigation or soaker hoses is more efficient than overhead sprinklers.

Most established trees and shrubs will not require weekly watering, whereas annuals and shallow-rooted perennials may. Pull back the mulch and check the soil moisture to make sure you need it.

Timing

All watering should be done in early morning to increase efficiency and reduce disease problems

As much as 30 percent of overhead irrigation is lost to evaporation if you water during the hottest part of the day

Most diseases need 12 to 14 hours of available moisture to infect leaf tissue – this is why it is not advisable to water late in the day where leaves will remain wet all night long.

For more information about landscaping, gardening and plant health during this drought period, visit the Clemson Extension website at <http://hgic.clemson.edu> or South Carolina residents can call the Home & Garden Information Center at **1-888-656-9988**.

Important Numbers

for 24-Hour Automated Service

803/329-5555 Outage Reporting
803/329-5588 Billing Inquiries and
 Payment Processing

Other Important Numbers

803/325-2500 Customer Service
 Requests
803/329-5610 City-Maintained
 Road Pothole Reporting
803/327-6186 State-Maintained
 Road Pothole Reporting

Water restrictions enacted

Due to below average rainfall and crucially low lake levels, Rock Hill and its wholesale water customers have implemented mandatory water restrictions. During these severe drought conditions, the Rock Hill and its wholesale customers urge consumers of public water to help maintain the health, sanitation and safety of our communities by adhering to the mandatory water restrictions.

To learn more, please tune to City Channel 19, visit the city's website at www.cityofrockhill.com or call the city's water hotline at **803/326-2450** for current drought status information.

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Rock Hill Parks Foundation

Holiday News

Merry Christmas!! What are you going to ask Santa to bring you this year? A football, new baseball glove or even a pretty doll? How 'bout all this and more? The Rock Hill Parks Foundation is participating in the 2nd Annual Festival of Trees. The Trees will be displayed in participating downtown businesses as part of ChristmasVille, Thursday, November 29th through Sunday, December 2nd. The Rock Hill Parks Foundation tree will be located in the front window of McHale's Pub on Main Street.

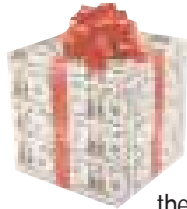
Bid on your Christmas wishes and make the dreams of many come true. Proceeds from the winning bid of the "Come Play With Us!" tree will benefit various PRT youth programs, environmental education, neighborhood facilities, area parks, gardens, and special community events and activities.

Please feel free to contact Merritt Croom at **326-3787** if you would like to be a sponsor for our tree, would like to donate a gift, or have any questions.

Enjoy some holiday cheer at McHale's Pub and get all of your Christmas shopping done in one spot and support the Rock Hill Parks Foundation. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Featured gifts under the tree are (4) Wachovia Championship Golf Tickets: Monday thru Sunday with Clubhouse access Football and sports card hand signed by NFL Carolina Panther Mike Rucker, Red iPod Shuffle, Sports Equipment Bucket, Come See Me Gift Basket, Glencarin Garden & PRT Gift Basket, Sports Memorabilia, Athletic Wear, and additional wonderful gifts for the recreation enthusiast!

'Tis the Season for Giving



Looking for the right size, the right color, the perfect gift? Let us help you with your holiday shopping.

Consider a "Holiday Gift Contribution" made to the Rock Hill Parks Foundation in someone else's honor or memory. The Gift Recipient will receive a personal acknowledgement from the Foundation advising them of your gift and outlining the wonderful facilities and programs that will be supported in their honor or memory of a loved one.

The purpose of the Rock Hill Parks Foundation is to enhance park facilities, programs and ongoing leisure service needs; to provide a revenue source beyond our parks annual operating funds; to offset growing costs through public support and private donations; to work with the community to invest in their future.

In the spirit of the holiday, we ask that you please consider the Rock Hill Parks Foundation when making your Holiday gift list and year end charitable donations. Donations can be designated to the program or facility of your choice. To place your Honorarium or Memorial, and for more information about the Rock Hill Parks Foundation contact Merritt Croom at **326-3787**.

A Story With Santa In The Garden



Saturday, December 1st at 12 Noon in the Glencairn Garden. Come join Santa for holiday fun as he reads "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" on the new Vernon Grant Performance Stage. Children and adults alike can enjoy hot chocolate and will receive candy canes and reindeer antlers compliments of the Rock Hill Galleria. After the story children are invited to tell Santa what they want for Christmas while parents are welcome and encouraged to take photographs.

ChristmasVille 2007 Event Highlights

OVER 70
FESTIVITIES
IN 4 DAYS



Thursday

November 29 – 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Festival of Trees Four Day Silent Auction begins – 11 a.m. – ends 4 p.m. on December 3.

Art Market – Opens today 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. (runs through Sun.) – 135 E. Main Street.

Lighting of the Village – Opening Ceremony – 6:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Main Street at Elk Avenue – **Spectacular entertainment that begins with a mass hand bell choir by seven Rock Hill**

churches, followed by dazzling moments from the York County Ballet, the Winthrop University Rockhettes, and soloist Jerry Helton as we wait for the village to light up at approximately 7 p.m.! See website for rainout location.

Deck the Hall Holiday Concert & Sing-Along – 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. – City Hall Plaza – Featuring performances by Saluda Trail Middle School Band and Oakdale SPICE Club. Join the Finley Road 5th graders in a holiday sing-along. Bring blankets! Event cancelled in case of severe weather.

The Snow Ball – 7:15 p.m. – The City Club. See website for ticket information.

Friday

November 30 – 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Holiday Market Place Gift Village – Opens today 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. (runs through Sun.) – Freedom Center Family Life Building – Caldwell St.

ChristmasVille Food Court – 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. (runs through Sun.) – Elk Avenue/Black Street lot.

Santa's VIP Parade Party – 5:30 pm -7:30 pm – Freedom Center Sanctuary – 215 E. Main. Join Santa's favorite friends for a comedy show, dinner and reserved viewing area for the parade. See website for ticket information.

Rock Hill Holiday Parade – 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. – **This year's theme is "Home for the Holidays."** Parade route begins at Winthrop University on Oakland Avenue, to White Street, to Wachovia parking lot near Dave Lyle, to Main Street, ending on Main at Saluda Street. Enjoy food vendors in Black Street lot and additional entertainment on Main Street before and after parade. Cancelled only in extreme weather.

Saturday

December 1 – 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.



First Annual ChristmasVille Classic Miniature Golf Tournament – Sat & Sun – registration form on website.

Reindeer Romp – 10 a. m. – 12 noon – Freedom Center – Oakland Ave entrance – .06 mile run for ages 6-13. First 350 participants receive free reindeer antlers. Awards for best holiday attire. Registration form on website.

Polar Bear Park – 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. – Caldwell Street.

Horse Drawn Carriage Rides – 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. – Main Street.

Historic Old Town Trolley Tours – 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Strolling Dickens Carolers

Camel Rides to Bethlehem – 12 noon – 5 p.m. Main St.

Petting Zoo with Unicorn – 12 noon – 5 p.m. Main St.

Stories in the Garden with Santa – 12 noon – Glencairn Garden

Pancake Supper with Santa – 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Kinch's Restaurant – 123 Elk Ave. – \$6.

Jingle Bell Jazz – 3:30 PM – Freedom Center – 215 E. Main Street – Jazzed up holiday favorites by Northwestern and Rock Hill High School ensembles.

East Town Neighborhood Historic Homes Tour – 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Main Street and Confederate Avenue. Advanced tickets 329-7090.

Live from Las Vegas – *Tom Stevens* – 8 p.m. – *The Freedom Center - 215 E. Main Street* – This national touring star sells out huge venues all across the country. Billed as "the man of a 100 voices and incredible illusions," Tom sings holiday favorites from Dean Martin and Sinatra mixed with comedic impersonations. A must see! Tickets: \$20 at door. Advanced/group rates: \$15 for 4 or more. Call 803-329-7090.

Sunday

December 2 – Noon to 5 p.m.

Snow Village – Noon until it melts – Gettys Center parking lot on Caldwell Street. **20 tons of real snow!**

Gingerbread House Contest – The Gettys Center – all 4 days. Registration forms on website.

Blue Grass Christmas Hootenanny – 1p.m. & 3 p.m. – Main Street Stage – Entertainment on stage every 1/2 hour Sat/Sun.

Festival of Trees Wine Tasting – 2 p.m. – 4p.m. – 121 E. Main Street – Bidding ends at 4 p.m.!



"A Christmas Carol" – 2 p.m. – The Gettys Center Courtroom – 201 E. Main Street .

ChristmasVille Grand Finale – 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – City Hall Amphitheater on Black Street – **Show opens with the dazzling Winthrop University ChristmasVille Rockhettes**

followed by "Christmas in Dixie" presented by and featuring excerpts from NarroWay Productions' Broadway-style holiday show. Experience the excitement and joy of Christmas with over 30 costumed performers singing all your favorite holiday tunes, culminating with a show stopping candle-light tribute featuring a special arrangement of "Angels Among Us". Bring blankets and dress warmly. Rain or severe weather location: The Freedom Center Sanctuary – 215 E. Main Street.

For a complete list of events, please visit the ChristmasVille website at www.christmasvillerochhill.com.

Public Works Names a Star

The Recycling Star Program recognizes a resident every month who has been an exceptional curbside recycler. This could mean numerous bins at the curb, well prepared bins or consistent recycling habits. Each month a route driver selects a winner. The Recycling Star is presented with a free rolling recycle bin and recycled content prizes, as well as a certificate designating them as the Recycling Star.

October's Recycling Star is Marian Cline. Congratulations to Marian, who was awarded a free rolling recycling bin in

recognition of her excellent commitment to recycling in Rock Hill and the positive example she set.

You could be next month's Recycling Star. All you need is a bin to win! Don't have a bin? Need an extra? Call **329-5610** to request a recycle bin or for more information on the Recycle Star Program. **Keep recycling Rock Hill!**

Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

With the holidays right around the corner, you and your neighbors may begin wondering when will your garbage be picked up? Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day are the only two holidays on which trash collection does not follow the regular schedule. City of Rock Hill Public Works staff works every holiday except the fourth Thursday in November for Thanksgiving and December 25.

This year, the holiday schedule is as follows:

Thanksgiving

Thursday's solid waste collections will be postponed until the following day, Friday, November 23.

Christmas

Trash collections normally picked up on Monday, December 24 will remain on regular schedule. For the remainder of Christmas week, pick-ups will be scheduled as follows:



If your trash is normally picked up on:	During Christmas week, it will be picked up on:
Tuesday, December 25	Wednesday, December 26
Wednesday, December 26	Thursday, December 27
Thursday, December 27	Friday, December 28

New Year's Day

All scheduled collections will be operating on Tuesday, January 1, 2008.

Remember, Thanksgiving and Christmas days are the only two holidays which trash collection doesn't normally occur. Your garbage will be collected as scheduled on every other holiday, including New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, etc.