

Town of Rhodhiss

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Emergency: **CALL 911**

Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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The Town of Rhodhiss was incorporated February 16, 1903. Rhodhiss was named for John and Caleb Rhodes and their business partner, George Hiss who purchased 50 acres along the Catawba River in 1899 on which to build a textile mill. You may read about the history of Rhodhiss on our webpage or come by the town office. The Town is divided by Burke & Caldwell County with a bridge crossing the Catawba River connecting the two counties.

Elected officials of the Town are: Mayor Allen Spencer; Mayor ProTemp/Commissioner Mike Phillips; Commissioner Kendra Edwards; Commissioner Joyce Karn; Commissioner Donna Price

Town Meetings are held the **second Monday** in **each month** at the Community Scouts Building at 5:30 PM. Special meetings are posted at the town office.

Monthly utility payments are due when you receive them. Utility bills are **past due** after the **20th of the month** and will receive a late penalty. **You are subject to have your service disconnected without any additional notice.** If you do not have a deposit of \$200 on your account, you will be required to pay your deposit before service is reconnected. **Important information is posted on your utility bill.**

FAILURE TO RECEIVE UTILITY BILL DOES NOT EXCUSE RESPONSIBILITY FOR TIMELY PAYMENT OR SERVICE DISCONNECTED.

Trash pick-up for Caldwell County residents is on Tuesday and for Burke County residents on Wednesday. All **household garbage** is to be in YOUR **Town of Rhodhiss** trash can and must be at curb side. Do not use barrels, boxes or any other types of cans for trash cans. Any loose garbage **will not** be picked up by town workers. Boxes should be broken down for pick-up. No building materials, tires, glass, TV's, computers/printers or furniture will be picked up by the Town. If there is any change in your trash pick-up day because of holidays, notice will be posted on your utility bill, at the Post Office and/or the Town Hall.

There is a dumpster placed at Public Works on the Caldwell county side for your convenience by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** Monday through Friday. **You cannot put tires, building supplies, computers, paint, motors, batteries, car parts, hazardous chemicals, oil, yard waste, no tube TV's. NO TRASH FROM YOUR TRASH CAN in this dumpster.**

You CAN PUT: furniture, flat screen TV's, (General Household trash such as: toys, bicycles, etc.

Brush/Leaf/Grass/Limb Collection: Weekly (depending on the weather & emergency situations in town) Place all **BRUSH** in a straight pile at the curb or edge of road. **LIMBS** should be no longer than eight (8) feet and **turned in the same direction with the butt end at the road**. Limbs should be no larger than 6" in diameter. **Do not place any other trash on top of the limbs**. All roots, dirt balls and all nails must be removed to prevent damages to the machine and for safety reasons. **LEAVES** – place large amounts of loose leaves in garbage bags for regular garbage pick-up or rake to the side of road (**not in the road**). Ordinance # 21, indicates that yard trimmings (grass) cannot be blown in the street. **GRASS** may be placed in garbage bags for regular garbage pick-up. **Do not blow grass**

clippings into the street. It clogs the storm drains and eventually gets into streams or other water sources and causes accidents with motorcycles, bicycles and cars.

GREASE and greasy foods can clog our sewer. Grease can cause unhealthy and costly situations for the environment and for your home. You can collect cooled kitchen grease in a container and throw it away in your trash. Do not rinse it down your drain. Once inside your sewer pipes, grease can accumulate to the point that large pipes actually lose some of their available capacity which creates more problems during high wastewater flow events. Grease is sticky and other things can get stuck to the grease and form a blockage. Grease has contributed to sewer line clogs for many years because we have become accustomed to dumping kitchen grease, fats, and animal products like gristle, meats, and sauces down the drain. When grease is dumped down a kitchen sink with hot water, it will harden and accumulate in the sewer line. Additional debris and grease catches in the clog till the line can be completely stopped up. Grease blockages can escape into the environment, causing sewage to back up in your house, or even a block of houses. It could potentially cost you and the town thousands of dollars a year in maintenance and repair costs along with the expense of emergency construction and cleanup.

Town Tax Rate: \$.52.25 per \$100.00 Water Rates: \$19.01 Basic Fee/\$7.05 for each 1,000 gallons used(In Town)
{Rates are subject to change} Sewer Rates: \$19.01 Basic Fee/\$11.05 for each 1,000 gallons used(In Town)

The Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) started performing **Code Enforcement** services for the Town on January 1, 2019. These ordinances can be found online at www.wpcog.org . If you have general questions or specific ones about your property, please contact **Curt Willis with the WPCOG at curt.willis@wpcog.org or 828-455-8021.** **Reminder: there is to be no parking in town Right-of-way (Ordinance 16 section 1) or your vehicle will be towed at owner's expense.**