

## Protecting Health & Safety

**High Grass & Weeds:** Property owners and residents are responsible for maintaining the grass and weeds on their property to a height of less than **8 inches**. Accumulation of clippings of grass, limbs, brush, etc. are not allowed except in approved composting bins.

**Boats, Campers, RV's & Trailers:** Recreational vehicles stored on a residential zoning lot that are not located within an enclosed garage or carport shall be parked in accordance with City ordinances and shall not be located in front of or at the side of the primary structure on the lot.

**Parking on the Grass:** Motorized vehicles must be parked on an all-weather surface such as concrete, asphalt or stone. Parking on the grass is not permitted.

**Inoperable or Abandoned Vehicles:** Vehicles that are inoperable or that do not have a current license tag must be stored in a completely enclosed garage.

**Trash & Debris in Yards:** Property owners and residents are responsible for ensuring that their property is free of all litter and debris. For health and sanitation reasons, all trash must be stored in containers with closable lids.

**Property Maintenance:** Peachtree City has a rehabilitation housing code to ensure that properties stay well-maintained, regardless of age, for the safety and general welfare of the population. Residents with questions or complaints should call the Code Enforcement at 770-487-5731.

**Deed Restrictions & Protective Covenants:** Many neighborhoods in the City have additional restrictions attached to the deed. The City does not enforce these restrictions, but neighbors may pursue enforcement through the civil courts.

**Smoke Detectors:** All residential dwellings must have smoke detectors. Smoke detector batteries should be replaced twice annually. For more information, call the Fire Department at 770-631-2526.

**Right-Of-Way Use:** The City owns a right-of-way approximately 10 feet from the curb of all public residential streets for utility lines. Landscaping items (including sprinklers) should not be placed in the right-of-way, and may be damaged when utility or street repairs are necessary.

**Easements:** Many properties have utility or drainage easements. Any fences, plantings, or retaining walls located in/across easements may be damaged or removed during maintenance at owner's expense.

**Yard Irrigation/Sprinkler Systems:** Underground irrigation systems require a permit from the Building

Department. Irrigation systems should not be placed in the city-owned right-of-way or in easements. Systems must have rain sensor with automatic shut off. Call 770-487-8901.

**Fire Hydrants:** No shrubs may be located within 3 feet of the back side of a fire hydrant or within 10 feet of either side of the hydrant. No shrubs or obstructions are permitted between a hydrant and the street. Shrubs within the proscribed zone should be relocated or they may be removed.

**Septic Systems:** Fayette Co. Environmental Health determines the suitability of lots for septic, issues septic permits, inspects installations, provides system evaluations, and works with homeowners to correct septic malfunctions. Call 770-305-5415.

**Call 8-1-1 Before You Dig:** For the general safety of residents and contractors, utilities must be located before a project requiring digging is undertaken. Locates should be in place three days after calling.

### **Permit Required:**

- **Accessory Building/Storage Shed** - Building permit required. Size, location, & appearance rules apply.
- **Fences** - Fences 48" or higher (limit 6 ft.) require a building permit. Fences must be kept in good condition at all times. Pool fences must have working, self-latching and self-closing hardware.
- **Swimming Pools** - Building permit required. Pools must be fenced and meet all setback requirements.
- **Tree Removal** - Removing any understory tree 8" in diameter or greater or any canopy tree 18" or greater measured in diameter at 4.5 feet above ground requires a permit before the work is started. Specimen trees are protected by the City, any understory tree 8" dbh or greater, softwood trees 24" dbh or greater, hardwood trees 20" dbh or greater may require recompense to remove. Permits may be obtained at the Planning & Development office or online through the Online Services section of the City website. A permit is not required if a tree sustains serious irreparable damage and constitutes an immediate hazard to human life or property.

**Drainage Problems:** The Engineering Department operates a drainage problem hotline. Report drainage problems or flooding to 770-258-1145 or submit an online report via the Online Report a Problem section of the City website.

**Street & Path Repairs:** Public Works maintains the City's streets and paths, and has an annual resurfacing program. To request street or path repairs, call 770-487-5183 or submit an online request via the Report a Problem section of the City website.

**Streetlights:** Report malfunctioning streetlights to the electric company serving that area.

**Georgia Power  
Coweta-Fayette EMC**

**1-888-660-5890  
770-502-0226**

**Signs:** Temporary signs may NOT be placed within 200 ft. of Hwy 54 or 74 or in any median. No balloons or streamers may be attached to any sign. The following temporary signs are permitted in all zoning districts:

- **Yard Sale Signs:** permit required.
- **Political Campaign Signs:** for registered candidates, 4 SF max, must be on private property.
- **Real Estate Signs:** 1 sign/property, 6 SF maximum. No lighting. Remove signs within 7 days of sale/lease
- **Real Estate Directional Signs:** Must be brown and buff design available at local sign shops.

**Yard/Garage/Estate/Neighborhood Sales:** Each residence may have up to 2 sales per year. Approved signs available at City Hall, 770-487-7657.

**Home Occupations:** Home occupations are allowed in residential areas with restrictions – must be conducted entirely within the home, cannot be evident from outside, can use no more than 15% of the home, only family members living in the home, and no materials or equipment may be stored outside. All parking must be off-street. Occupational Tax is required. Contact City Hall at 770-487-7657.

### **Lake Use:**

- **Lake Peachtree** - City-owned lake for use by City residents and their guests. Nonresidents MUST be accompanied by a City resident. Swimming is permitted. Non-gasoline powered boats are permitted - public launch located on Battery Way. Gasoline powered boats are NOT permitted (except for residents between the western shore of the lake and Hip Pocket Rd. who meet Lake Peachtree Assn. requirements).
- **Lake Kedron & Lake McIntosh** - County-owned lakes for use by the General Public. Swimming is **NOT** permitted. Non-gasoline powered boats are permitted. Gasoline powered boats are NOT permitted.
- **All Lakes** - All boats must meet the State registration requirements. Boat operators must comply with GA DNR operating requirements. Fishing is permitted (age 16 and over MUST have a State Fishing License). No commercial activity is permitted.

**Pets:** All dogs must be leashed when on City streets, paths, parks, or on the property of another person. No more than 3 dogs or cats (combined total) over 4 months in age may be kept at a single residence. All dogs and cats 3 months of age or older must be vaccinated against rabies, and all male and female dogs and cats that have not been spayed or neutered must be securely confined so they cannot run loose or be reached by other dogs or cats.

Contact Fayette Co. Animal Control at 770-631-7210 to report animals running loose. Clean up after

pets on the paths, and keep pets off private property on the paths.

## Drivers Requirements

**Proof of Insurance Required:** All motor vehicles operating on public streets must carry liability insurance as a minimum. Automobile owners/operators must carry proof of insurance in vehicle at all times. State Law mandates that officers issue a citation when drivers cannot demonstrate insurance coverage. All insurance citations MUST APPEAR in court and bring original proof of insurance, if in effect at the time of the stop.

**State Curfew:** By Georgia Law, no one under the age of 18 may wander or loiter about the streets of any city, or in or about any highway or any public place, between midnight and 5:00 AM.

**Open Container Law:** No driver or passenger may be in possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle (this includes golf carts).

**Security Programs:** The Police Department has several programs that promote safety within the community.

- **Neighborhood Watch/Business Watch:** Contact the Police Department to set up programs/classes.
- **House Checks:** Citizens may contact the Police Department to set up house checks while they are out of town. Call 770-487-8866 for more information.

**Golf Cart Registration:** All golf carts using the City's paths must be registered with the City. City residents pay \$45 every registration year during a 3-year registration cycle (*nonresidents* - \$165/year). Fees for new registrations are prorated in years 2 and 3 of the cycle. The Transfer Registration Fee is \$15.

**Golf Cart Age Requirements:** Licensed/unlicensed persons 16 + may drive carts (unless license revoked/suspended). Children 12-15 may drive w/a parent, grandparent or guardian in front seat. 15-year olds may drive w/licensed driver 18+ in front seat. 15-year olds w/valid GA learners permit may also drive alone, w/up to one other person at least 15, or with up to 3 immediate family members. No one under 12 may drive a cart. No standing while cart is in operation. No one may sit in driver's lap. The City STRONGLY recommends insurance – owners are responsible for damage/injuries caused by their cart.

**Path Use:** When using the paths, remember that pedestrians should be given all reasonable right-of-way. An **audible signal is required** when golf carts or bicycles approach pedestrians from behind. No electric or gasoline powered recreational scooters are allowed on the paths. Clean up after pets. Respect private property adjacent to paths.

## Protecting the Environment

**No Dumping in Buffers or Greenbelts:** Dumping of yard debris in greenbelts is prohibited. Yard debris should be taken to the City Recycling Center.

**No Clearing in Greenbelts & Buffers:** Clearing vegetation from greenbelts and watershed protection buffers is prohibited. Buffers protect lakes, streams, and wetlands, and the natural vegetation provides for the filtration of sediment from runoff water. Clearing native plants or disturbing these areas reduces the land's ability to filter the runoff water and increases the water's flow rate, endangering the watersheds. Buffers and restrictions vary by neighborhood. Contact the Engineering Dept. at 770-631-2538 prior to any work.

**Litter:** Residents interested in participating in the City's Adopt-A-Mile or Adopt-A-Path programs may contact Public Works at 770-487-5183, and residents interested in the Adopt-A-Park program may contact the Recreation Dept. at 770-631-2542. Residents are also encouraged to contact Keep Peachtree City Beautiful (KPTCB) at 770-632-3195 to understand the impact of litter and recycling in our community.

**Outdoor Burning:** Outdoor burning of yard debris (less than 75 cubic feet) is allowed October 1 – April 30, weather permitting. Residents must obtain a burning permit from the Fire Department online at [www.peachtree-city.org/burn](http://www.peachtree-city.org/burn).

**Recycling:** Residential curbside garbage service includes recycling pickup as part of the base rate.

The **Mulch Center** is located on **Rockaway Rd** off Hwy 74 S and is open Wednesdays, 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM, and Saturdays, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. The Mulch Center accepts grass clippings, leaves and tree limbs and trunks, 3" to 12" diameter, 4' maximum length. The **Recycling Stations at Public Works** on McIntosh Trail are open 24/7 and accept corrugated cardboard, magazines, and newspapers. Aluminum beverage cans may be dropped off at **Neely Fire Station**, 105 Peachtree Parkway North, and **Leach Station**, 110 Paschall Road, benefits Georgia Burn Foundation.

Items not accepted at the Recycling Stations may be taken to the **Fayette County Transfer Station** on First Manassas Mile Road in Fayetteville (770-719-1183).

**Illicit Discharge:** Discharging pollutants into stormwater runoff is prohibited. This includes oils, paints, grass clippings, and pet waste.

**Flood Plains:** No structure or development is allowed in flood plains. Contact the Engineering Dept. at 770-631-2538 to see if your property is in the flood plain prior to any work. New structures may need to be elevated even if the structure is not directly in the flood plain.

## Emergencies

**Call 9-1-1** for emergency fire, medical, or police assistance.

**Information Sources:** Peachtree City can broadcast emergency information to residents via WSB AM 750 and B-98.5 FM radio stations. Depending on the nature of the emergency, notices may be placed on [www.peachtree-city.org](http://www.peachtree-city.org) and/or transmitted to specific impacted areas via the Community Emergency Telephone Notification System.

Updates are also posted on Facebook – Follow: <https://www.facebook.com/PeachtreeCityGA.gov/> and <https://www.facebook.com/PeachtreeCityPoliceFire/>

Sign up to receive alerts and news via email at [www.peachtree-city.org/subscribe](http://www.peachtree-city.org/subscribe)

**Severe Weather Sirens:** Fayette County operates a weather warning system to alert people **outside** that dangerous weather is approaching. When the sirens sound, citizens should take shelter indoors on the lowest level of the structure and seek additional information on the radio (local or NOAA Weather Radio) or television. For alerts indoors, every home and business should have a NOAA Weather Radio All-Hazards. NOAA Weather Radio is like a smoke detector for severe weather, and it can wake you up when a warning is issued for your area so you can take appropriate action. [www.ready.ga.gov](http://www.ready.ga.gov)

**Communications Failure:** In the unlikely event of failure of the Fayette County 911 system or failure of the telephone system, residents with emergencies can go to one of the Peachtree City Fire Stations: Neely Sta. 82 - 105 N. Peachtree Pkwy; Leach Sta. 81 - 110 Paschall Rd; Satterthwaite Sta. 84 - 451 Crabapple Ln; Weber Sta. 83 - 481 S. Peachtree Pkwy.

**Disasters:** Peachtree City has a disaster plan for many types of natural or industrial disasters. Certain situations, such as tornado damage or a chemical spill, might necessitate evacuating an area of the city. Hazardous materials release could also require that residents "Shelter In Place," which means remaining or going into a protective structure such as a home or business, closing all doors and windows, and turning off all air conditioning and ventilation systems that bring in air from the outside. This provides protection from the hazardous material until it has dissipated.

Residents in a disaster area would be instructed whether to Shelter In Place or to evacuate the area. In the event of an evacuation, a designated reception center would be established until the disaster situation was abated.

## Other Nuisances

**Noise:** Peachtree City does not have a noise ordinance, but has a nuisance ordinance for residents to address problems such as loud stereos or barking dogs. Nuisance Complaints are filed by the resident with the Court Clerk (City Hall). The petitioner and the defendant present their case in Municipal Court. If judged a nuisance, the defendant must abate the nuisance.

**Unsanitary Conditions:** The Fayette County Health Department investigates and enforces regulations on unsanitary conditions such as animal enclosures, garbage, insects, and rodents. Call 770-305-5415 to report concerns about unsanitary conditions.

## Contact Us

### EMERGENCIES – Dial 9-1-1

#### Peachtree City Code Enforcement

770-487-5731  
[codeenforcement@peachtree-city.org](mailto:codeenforcement@peachtree-city.org)  
Complaint line:  
770-631-2588 – 2, then 2

#### Peachtree City Building Department

770-487-8901

#### Peachtree City Public Works

770-487-5183

#### Peachtree City Parks & Recreation

770-631-2525

#### Keep Peachtree City Beautiful

770-632-3195

#### Fayette County Animal Control

770-631-7210

#### Peachtree City Police Department

(non-emergency,  
8-5, Mon. - Fri.)  
770-487-8866 or  
770-461-HELP  
(Dispatch)

#### Peachtree City Fire Department

(non-emergency)  
770-631-2526

#### Outdoor Burning Permits

[www.peachtree-city.org/burn](http://www.peachtree-city.org/burn)

#### Fayette County Health Department

Environmental Health  
770-305-5415  
Physical Health  
770-305-5416



## What Every Resident and Homeowner Needs to Know

### Codes, Ordinances & Laws Protecting Health & Safety and the Environment

The City of Peachtree City  
151 Willowbend Road  
Peachtree City, Georgia 30269  
770-487-7657

[www.peachtree-city.org](http://www.peachtree-city.org)

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