

# CONOVER NEIGHBOR



February 2016



The City of Conover would like to welcome our latest corporate citizen West Penn Hardwoods. West Penn Hardwoods, Inc. was started by Rocky and Kim Mehta 20 years ago in a small western New York town. West Penn has grown to become the largest importer and distributor of exotic woods in the world.

They are the main suppliers of exotic wood to all the large retail woodworking chain stores, like Woodcraft Supply, Rockler Corporation and Penn State Industries. West Penn Hardwoods imports 7-10 containers per month of woods from Central/South America, Africa, Asia and Australia. Their products are sold on the wholesale level and also on the retail level through their website, E-bay and walk-in customers. West Penn Hardwoods has been so successful they needed to expand their operation and have purchased the former Lane Venture 10 building across the street from their current business. Because of their success and taking on an abandoned furniture factory, Governor McCrory recently announced a \$40,000 grant to support the reuse of a vacant building that will facilitate an eight-job expansion by West Penn Hardwoods. Stop in and visit West Penn Hardwoods at 1405 Deborah Herman Road and welcome Rocky and Kim to Conover. [www.westpennhardwoods.com](http://www.westpennhardwoods.com)

## Winter Fire Safety Tips For the Home

The high cost of utilities has caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of wood burning stoves is growing and space heaters are selling rapidly, or coming out of storage. All of these methods of heating may be acceptable. They are however, a major contributing factor in residential fires. Many of these fires can be prevented. The following fire safety tips can help you maintain a fire safe home this winter.

### **Heating**

- Establish a three-foot "kid-free" zone around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use an oven to heat your home.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Ensure that a working smoke alarm is installed inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. Smoke alarms give everyone in the home an early warning and an opportunity to escape a fire quickly.

Contact the Conover Fire Department at 828-464-1295 if you have a question or need any assistance on making your home fire safe.

### Planning Ahead:

<b>City Council:</b>	Meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Conover City Hall
<b>Planning Board:</b>	Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Conover City Hall

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# YOUR 2016 RECYCLING COLLECTION PICK UP SCHEDULE

Recycling is collected every other week (highlighted below) on your assigned day.

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## Items to Recycle

- all plastic bottles and containers
- mixed paper, newspapers with inserts, junk mail
- computer office and color paper, envelopes
- magazines, telephone books, paperback books
- cardboard, gift boxes, shoeboxes (flattened)
- pizza, cereal & food boxes (NO food debris)
- milk & juice cartons & boxes (must be empty)
- aluminum cans, steel cans including lids
- glass bottles & jars (all colors)

## Items NOT to Recycle

- plastic bags, plates, cups or utensils
- glassware or ceramic dishes
- styrofoam or foam padding
- waxed cardboard
- mirrors or window glass
- hazardous waste, electronics & paint
- lightbulbs or fluorescent tubes
- household garbage, food or liquids

## Questions?

Call 828-464-4808

[www.conovernc.gov](http://www.conovernc.gov)



Please remember to properly prepare your recyclables by rinsing and flattening. Plastic lids, bottle caps and labels are OK to leave on.