

# Christiansburg

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# Welcome

100 East Main Street  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

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## A Little Bit About Us

Welcome to Christiansburg! We hope that this guide helps you navigate all that is required for your move into our community.

Christiansburg was chartered in 1792 and is the fourth largest town in the Commonwealth. Named after Colonel William Christian, a famed frontiersman and brother-in-law of Patrick Henry, Christiansburg is located along the original “Great Road,” the historic migratory route to the west. Learn more about Christiansburg’s history by visiting the Christiansburg Institute or Montgomery Museum & Lewis Miller Regional Art Center ([www.montgomerymuseum.org](http://www.montgomerymuseum.org)).

Today, Christiansburg is home to approximately 21,000 residents and serves as the county seat. Christiansburg is ideally situated just off I-81 with quick access to Virginia Tech, Radford University and New River Community College.

Recreation is a large part of Christiansburg’s identity. Be sure to explore all the programs we offer at our aquatic and recreation facilities. Take a walk along the Huckleberry Trail, which connects Christiansburg to neighboring Blacksburg. Our state-of-the-art aquatic center has both recreational and competitive offerings, including a leisure pool with a triple loop slide for both the young and young at heart, a therapy pool, as well as a 50-meter competition pool for lap swims.

Despite our continuing growth, Christiansburg still possesses a small town vibe and neighborly spirit that makes it a welcoming place for you and your family.

As always, feel free to call us with any questions or concerns.

**Town Hall:** (540) 382-6128 / 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. M-F

**Recreation Center:** (540) 382-2349 / hours vary

**Aquatic Center:** (540) 381-7665 / hours vary

Also remember, [www.christiansburg.org](http://www.christiansburg.org) is open every day, year round.

*\*All information contained in this booklet is current as of February 2016.*

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# Community Profile

## Demographics



47.9%



Population: 21,041

*White: 89.5%*

*Black or African American: 6.2%*

*Two or More Races: 1.9%*

*Asian: 1.4%*

*Some Other Race Alone: 0.7%*

*American Indian or Alaska Native: 0.3%*



52.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010

## Local Economy

Christiansburg is known as the regional retail hub. Along North Franklin Street (U.S. Route 460) and Peppers Ferry Road (VA Route 114), you'll find the New River Valley Mall, Regal 14 Cinema and Spradlin Farms and Market Place shopping centers.

Venture into Cambria and Downtown Christiansburg for antique shops, locally owned cafes, restaurants, toy stores and more.

Christiansburg is home to fifteen hotels, several bed and breakfasts, approximately 80 restaurants, and a drive-in theater, one of only six remaining drive-in theaters in Virginia.

# Community Profile

## *Education*

The Christiansburg strand of the Montgomery County Public School System serves more than 3,500 students in six schools.

### **Christiansburg Primary**

240 Betty Drive  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Phone: (540) 382-5175  
Fax: (540) 381-6162

### **Belview Elementary**

3187 Peppers Ferry Road  
Radford, VA 24141

Phone: (540) 633-3200  
Fax: (540) 639-5235

### **Christiansburg Elementary**

160 Wade's Lane  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Phone: (540) 382-5172  
Fax: (540) 381-6143

### **Falling Branch Elementary**

735 Falling Branch Road  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Phone: (540) 381-6145  
Fax: (540) 381-6148

### **Christiansburg Middle**

1205 Buffalo Drive, NW  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Phone: (540) 394-2180  
Fax: (540) 394-2197

### **Christiansburg High**

100 Independence Boulevard  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Phone: (540) 382-5178  
Fax: (540) 381-6525

Christiansburg neighbors three higher education institutions: New River Community College (NRCC), Radford University and Virginia Tech. NRCC's satellite campus is located in Christiansburg at the New River Valley Mall.

A number of private schools also serve the New River Valley.



# Town Communications

## Website

[www.christiansburg.org](http://www.christiansburg.org)

The Town website aims to provide residents and visitors with the most up-to-date information about Town events, initiatives and services. Register for aquatics and recreation programs, apply for jobs, request information or pay your utility bill.

## Newsletter

The Town of Christiansburg's newsletter "The Christiansburg Connection" comes with resident water bills. The newsletter highlights upcoming events and features articles on Town projects, initiatives and departments. Copies are also distributed at Town Hall, the Aquatic and Recreation Centers, and posted online.

Find more at [www.christiansburg.org/connection](http://www.christiansburg.org/connection)

## Social Media

### Facebook:

Town of Christiansburg:  
Christiansburg Aquatic Center  
Christiansburg Rescue Squad  
Christiansburg Farmers' Market

[facebook.com/cburgvagov](https://facebook.com/cburgvagov)  
[facebook.com/cacpool](https://facebook.com/cacpool)  
[facebook.com/christiansburgrescue](https://facebook.com/christiansburgrescue)  
[facebook.com/christiansburgfarmersmarket](https://facebook.com/christiansburgfarmersmarket)

**Twitter:** @CburgVA\_Gov  
@CBURGAQUATIC

## Calendar

The town calendar shows upcoming Town closures, meetings and events.

Find more at [www.christiansburg.org/calendar](http://www.christiansburg.org/calendar)

## Cable Channel 190

Tune into cable channel 190 to watch the most recent Town Council meetings and learn more about upcoming events and programs offered by the Town, Montgomery County and the Christiansburg Branch of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library.

# Recreation

## Parks

Christiansburg has eight diverse parks throughout town. Bring a picnic for the family, catch a ballgame or take advantage of the walking paths.

### Circle Park

*fork of Ellett Drive and Circle Drive*

- Playground
- Picnic area
- Half basketball court

### Downtown Park

*College Street*

- Playground
- Full basketball court
- Picnic area
- Paved walk

### Harkrader Sports Complex

*Buffalo Drive (behind Christiansburg Middle School)*

- Playground
- Jogging/walking path
- Lighted baseball/softball fields

### Skate Park

*N. Franklin Street (adjacent to Aquatic Center)*

- Half-pipe
- Vert
- Grinding rails
- Stair-step

### Depot Park

*Depot Street*

- Playground
- Basketball courts
- Soccer field
- Jogging/walking path

### Kiwanis Park

*off Roanoke Street*

- Playground
- Picnic area
- Lighted baseball/softball fields

### Town and Country Park

*Summit Ridge Road*

- Playground
- Picnic area

### Wall Street Park

*Radford Street*

- Playground
- Half basketball court
- Picnic area

### Wayside Park

*Top of Christiansburg Mountain (off Route 460)*

- Picnic area



# Recreation

## *Huckleberry Trail*

The Huckleberry Trail is an asphalt-paved bike/pedestrian path that connects the towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg. The trail runs from the Christiansburg Recreation Center, 1600 North Franklin Street, to the Blacksburg Public Library, 200 Miller Street.

Distance markers are placed every half-mile and benches are placed along the trail so that you may rest and enjoy the scenery.

Parking is available at both ends of the trail, with additional parking at the crossings of Warm Hearth, Hightop, Merrimac and the New River Valley Mall.

The total distance of the trail is 7.5 miles.

## *Other Trails*

The TransAmerica Bicycle Trail (Bike Route 76) also comes through Christiansburg. Cyclists may travel from Yorktown, Virginia to Astoria, Oregon, and stop in Christiansburg on their way.

In addition, Christiansburg has a number of walking loops throughout our parks. The Town continues to develop transportation alternatives for our residents by adding bike lanes and walking trails throughout town.

**For more information about parks and trails, please visit [www.christiansburg.org/recreation](http://www.christiansburg.org/recreation)**



# Recreation

## Christiansburg Recreation Center

### Membership

Town residents/real estate taxpayers are eligible for free membership with the Christiansburg Recreation Center.

To obtain an ID card, residents must show two proofs of residency. **No P.O. boxes.**

**First Proof** - valid driver's license (or DMV ID card) indicating town residency.

**Second Proof** - automobile registration card, voter registration card, real estate property tax receipt, current lease of property matching the address of the driver's license, or utility bill. All proofs of residency must come from either the DMV or from bills paid on the property (i.e. utility bills, cable bills).

### Facilities

The Christiansburg Recreation Center includes a weight room, cardio room, two racquetball courts, senior area, and a walk/run track that surrounds four full basketball courts.

### Programs

The Recreation Center hosts a variety of programs for all age groups. Programs range from exercise classes to dog obedience. The Department of Parks & Recreation also partners with local schools and the Christiansburg Library to provide programs such as StoryWalk and Jill's Buddy Camp, a summer program for children with special needs.

**For more information about recreation programs, please visit:**  
[www.christiansburg.org/recreation](http://www.christiansburg.org/recreation)

Christiansburg Recreation Center  
1600 N. Franklin St.  
Christiansburg, VA 24073  
(540) 382-2349



# Recreation

## Christiansburg Aquatic Center

The Aquatic Center features a leisure pool, a warm water therapy pool, and a competition pool. Upstairs, you will find a cardio room and several multi-purpose rooms, which are available to rent for events. The Aquatic Center also offers birthday party packages.

A variety of activities and programs are offered throughout the year, including swim lessons, Aqua Zumba, yoga and SCUBA diving training.

Town Resident Fees (please visit [www.christiansburg.org/aquatics](http://www.christiansburg.org/aquatics) for non-resident fees)

	Daily	12-Visit	1-Month	6-Month	Annual
Child	\$2	\$18	\$15	\$60	\$100
Youth	\$3	\$27	\$23	\$90	\$150
Adult	\$5	\$45	\$38	\$150	\$250
Senior	\$3	\$27	\$23	\$90	\$150
Family	N/A	N/A	\$68	\$270	\$450
Couple/ Single Parent	N/A	N/A	\$45	\$180	\$300

*A Dry Pass (\$2) may be purchased for those who wish to use the Cardio Room or do not wish to swim. All fees are current as of February 2016.*

**For more information about aquatics programs and events, please visit:**  
[www.christiansburg.org/aquatics](http://www.christiansburg.org/aquatics)

Christiansburg Aquatic Center  
595 North Franklin St.  
Christiansburg, VA 24073  
(540) 381- POOL (7665)



# Emergency Services

*For emergencies, always dial 911.*

## Non-Emergency Contact Information

### Christiansburg Fire Department

Phone: (540) 382-4388

Address: 110 Depot Street N.W., Christiansburg, VA 24073

[www.christiansburg.org/fire](http://www.christiansburg.org/fire)

### Christiansburg Rescue Squad

Phone: (540) 382-9518

Address: 190 Depot Street N.W., Christiansburg, VA 24073

[www.christiansburg.org/rescue](http://www.christiansburg.org/rescue)

### Christiansburg Police Department

Phone: (540) 382-3131

Crime Line: (540) 382-4084

Address: 10 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073

[www.christiansburg.org/police](http://www.christiansburg.org/police)



# Government Offices

## *Town of Christiansburg*



### **Christiansburg Town Hall**

100 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073

Administration: (540) 382-6128

Building Inspections: (540) 382-6120 ext. 1152

Engineering: (540) 382-6120

Planning/Zoning: (540) 382-6120 ext. 1130

Public Information: (540) 382-6128 ext. 1148

Public Works: (540) 382-1151

Treasury/Finance: (540) 382-9519

## *Christiansburg Town Council*

Christiansburg Town Council is responsible for establishing policy, taxation, land use and operating budgets for the Town. The Council is comprised of six voting members and a mayor who votes only in the event of a tie. Each member is elected to a four-year term, with three seats being open for election every two years in November. The mayor's seat is filled every four years by general election.

Regular Town Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at Town Hall. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend, with a citizen hearing time reserved at each meeting for citizens to bring any matter they desire before Council.

**For more information, please visit [www.christiansburg.org](http://www.christiansburg.org)** 11

# Government Offices

## Montgomery County

The Town of Christiansburg is located within Montgomery County. Services between the county and town are shared as required by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Both the Town and County provide some of the same services, such as law enforcement and parks and recreation. However, Montgomery County provides the following services to the Town: animal control/shelter, Clerk of the Circuit Court, courts, jails, juvenile detention, libraries, schools, social services and voter registrar.

**For more information about Montgomery County services, please visit [www.montgomerycountyva.org](http://www.montgomerycountyva.org)**

### Montgomery County Government Center

755 Roanoke Street  
Christiansburg, VA 24073-3181  
Phone: (540)382-6954



### Montgomery County Courthouse

55 East Main Street, Third Floor  
Christiansburg, VA 24073  
Traffic & Criminal: (540) 394-2086  
Payment Info Line: (540) 382-5735  
Civil: (540) 394-2085



### Montgomery County Health Department

210 Pepper Street SE, #A  
Christiansburg, VA 24073  
Phone: (540) 585-3300



### Christiansburg Library

125 Sheltman Street  
Christiansburg, VA, 24073  
Phone: (540) 382-6965  
[www.mfrl.org](http://www.mfrl.org)



# Utilities

## *Making Utility Payments*

The Town of Christiansburg offers water, sewer and garbage service to its residents. A \$10 activation fee will be added onto your first utility bill.

You can sign up for utility services at Town Hall, 100 East Main Street. To sign up you will need:

- Valid picture ID
- Application for service
- Deposit of \$50 or higher, subject to credit
- Copy of lease or rental agreement

Bills are sent out on the first day of the month. Payment is due by the first of the following month. (e.g. May utility bills are due by June 1.)

### Ways to Pay:

- **Online:** Sign up at <https://utility-billing.christiansburg.org>
- **In person:** at Town Hall, 100 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA
- **By mail:** Town Hall, 100 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073
- **Automatic Payment:** Have your payments automatically debited from your bank account or charged to your credit card! Sign up at Town Hall.

A deposit box is located to the left of the front doors of Town Hall for your convenience (no cash in the deposit box please).

### Forms of payment accepted:

- cash
- checks
- money orders
- debit and credit cards (Visa, Discover, Mastercard)

Please note that a \$10 charge will be applied when a customer uses a credit card to make a payment over the phone. This charge does not apply to cards on file for automatic payments, online, or in-person credit card transactions.

## *Unpaid Bills, Penalties and Cut-Off*

Payment of utility bills are due on the first of each month. A penalty of 10% of the unpaid balance will be added to your account on the second of the month.

Example: May utility bills are due by June 1. Late penalties will be added June 2.

If the due date falls on a weekend or holiday, payment is due the next business day. Services are subject to cut-off if the bill remains unpaid after the 10th.

**Please note that failure to receive a bill does not exempt you from any penalties or additional charges.**

# Utilities

## Service Restoration

Once an account is placed on a disconnection list and crews are dispatched, customers must pay the total unpaid balance, plus an additional \$25 restoration fee, in order to reconnect service or avoid disconnection.

If you need to transfer, close or add an account, please visit our office at Town Hall to fill out the appropriate form. Service may then be changed, added or removed from your name once all charges have been paid.

Moving out of town? Be sure to file a disconnection of service form to prevent future billing.

## Meter Readings

Water meters are read electronically. Should customers notice unusually high usage, please contact the Town immediately at (540) 382-9519.

Customers may pay their utility bills online at:

[www.utilitybilling.christiansburg.org](http://www.utilitybilling.christiansburg.org)

## Leak Adjustment Policy

If you find that your water usage in one billing period is more than your average consumption over three billing periods (in excess of 25% and 3,000 gallons), contact the Town immediately.

If the cause of the leak is found to be on your side of the water meter, you must have the leak repaired within 10 days of reporting it. Please provide the Town with documentation of the repair within 15 days to have your water bill adjusted.

**Please note that bills will not be adjusted for broken garden hoses or spigots left open or turned on by accident.**

## Other Utilities

The Town of Christiansburg does not provide electricity, gas, internet, phone, or cable television utility service. Please note that the following list is not exhaustive and other service options may be available.

### Electric/Gas

Appalachian Power: (800) 956-4237 / [www.appalachianpower.com](http://www.appalachianpower.com)

Atmos Energy: (888) 286-6700 / [www.atmosenergy.com](http://www.atmosenergy.com)

### Cable/Telephone/Internet

Citizens: (540) 745-2111 / [www.citizens.coop](http://www.citizens.coop)

Comcast: (800) 266-2278 / <http://www.comcast.com>

DirecTV: (888) 777-2454 / [www.directv.com](http://www.directv.com)

Dish Network: (888) 825-2557 / [www.dishnetwork.com](http://www.dishnetwork.com)

New River Valley Unwired, LLC: (540) 953-0283 / [www.nrvunwired.net](http://www.nrvunwired.net)

Shentel: (540) 984-5224 / [www.shentel.net](http://www.shentel.net)

Verizon: (800) 837-4966 / [www.verizon.com](http://www.verizon.com)

**If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Finance Department at (540) 382-9519.**

# Garbage and Recycling

## *Garbage Collection*

The Town will provide one weekly pickup and disposal of garbage (up to 96 gallons) for \$17/month. This amount will be billed along with water and sewer services.

Upon signing up for garbage collection, the Town will issue one 96-gallon or 48-gallon cart to be used at your address for pickup.

Please note that all trash must be placed inside of the cart with the lid closed. Anything placed outside of the cart will not be picked up.

**Please place your cart out for collection no later than 8 a.m.**

Following collection, your cart should be retrieved from the curbside within the same day.

## *Holiday Garbage Collection*

Observed holidays that occur during your regularly scheduled garbage collection route will be collected the following work day (Monday through Friday).

**Example:** If a holiday is on a Friday and that is your collection day, then your garbage will be collected the following Monday (along with Monday's regular collection routes).

If a holiday is observed over two consecutive days, your garbage will be collected the following two work days.

**Example:** If the Town observes a holiday on Thursday and Friday and your normal collection day is Thursday, then your garbage will be collected on Monday (along with Monday's regular collection routes). If your normal collection day was Friday, then your garbage would then be collected the following Tuesday (along with Tuesday's regular collection routes).

**For more information, please visit [www.christiansburg.org/trash](http://www.christiansburg.org/trash)**

# Garbage and Recycling

## Cart Placement

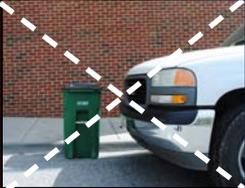
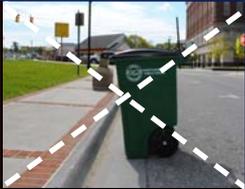
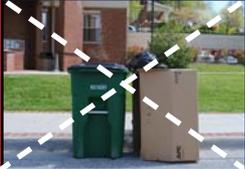
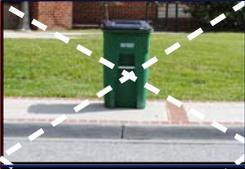
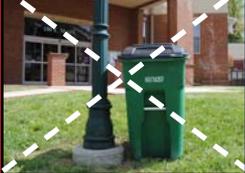
All carts must be placed within five feet of the street, either:

- in the street with the wheels against the curb (preferred)
- at the end of your driveway
- on the curb or in your yard beside the street

If placing carts in the street will obstruct traffic, they should instead be placed at the end of your driveway, on the curb or at the edge of your yard beside the street.

Please make sure your cart is NOT blocked by a parked car, tilted or too close to a tree, mailbox, or any other object. **Please remove your cart from the curbside following collection.**

### Cart Placement: Do's and Don'ts

Do		Don't	
	Do place trash carts at least three feet away from vehicles and other objects	Don't block trash carts with vehicles and don't place carts too close to vehicles	
	Do have the trash cart lid facing the street and cart wheels against the curb	Don't place the trash cart away from the curb or facing the curb	
	Do place all trash inside the trash cart	Don't place trash outside of the cart or stack trash next to the cart.	
		Don't place trash carts on the curb	
		Don't place trash carts near lightpoles or other objects	

# Garbage and Recycling

## *Fall and Spring Clean Up*

Fall and Spring Clean Ups are held during (approximately) April and October.

During this time, residents of the Town desiring special trash pick up should place items out on their regular garbage collection day.

Special trucks will collect clean up items not appropriate for normal weekly pick up.

Please note that due to pick up volume, collection trucks may operate behind regular garbage collection schedules.

Keep an eye on the Town website, the Christiansburg Connection and local papers for specific clean up dates and information.

### Where?

Items must be placed within 10 feet of the street pavement and must be placed in piles separate from normal trash. Please separate brush from other materials. Loose materials, except for leaves, must be placed in containers not exceeding 32 gallons.

### What?

During clean up, the Town will pick up

- Tree and brush trimmings
- Old furniture
- Up to two appliances
- Up to four tires per household

### Questions?

Citizens are encouraged to call the Town Hall at 382-6120 for clarification before placing out questionable items.

### *Additional Clean Up Information*

During clean up, all residents are strongly encouraged to move any items placed at or near the street that are not intended for pick up (i.e. basketball goals, lawn and gardening equipment, etc.).

It can be difficult for clean-up crews to determine which items are intended for pick up and which are not, so please move all personal property back from the street during clean up.

The Town is not responsible for any items left at or near the street that residents did not intend to have hauled away.

# Garbage and Recycling

## *Pick Up Outside of Clean Up Times*

While there is no charge for items picked up during clean up, a charge will be assessed for items placed out after this period. Outside of Fall and Spring Clean Up times, Christiansburg residents seeking to dispose of tree and brush trimmings, old furniture, appliances, and tires may choose any of the following:

- Call (540) 382-6120 to schedule a pick up of your materials at a cost of \$25 per truckload, plus an additional landfill tipping fee. This service is available year-round. These charges and fees will be billed separately from your water utility bill.
- Haul the items directly to the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority, located at 555 Authority Drive. Tipping fees apply.
- Hold the items until the next clean up time.

**For more information, please visit [www.christiansburg.org/cleanup](http://www.christiansburg.org/cleanup)**

## *Leaf Pickup*

The Town of Christiansburg conducts leaf collection within the corporate town limits (approximately) during the months of November and December of each year.

Leaf collection will last through the end of December or until collection is complete, as weather permits.

Residents are urged to pile loose leaves at their street property line. Residents are asked not to block drainage ditches, sidewalks, sanitary sewer clean outs, and utility meter boxes.

**Please do not pile leaves around trash carts, fire hydrants or other utility structures.**

Leaf piles must be free of trash and brush.

**For more information, please call (540) 382-1151.**



# Garbage and Recycling

## *Recycling*

The Town offers five recycling drop sites for newspaper, commingled containers, glossy magazines, catalogs and corrugated cardboard.

Please separate corrugated (ridged or grooved) cardboard.

## *Recycling Locations:* (open 24 hours)

- Food Lion parking lot at 1530 Roanoke Street
- Home Depot parking lot in Spradlin Farms
- Near the intersection of Betty Drive, NW and Depot Street, NW
- Cambria Street, NE (at the intersection with Palmer Street, NE)
- Christiansburg High School at 100 Independence Boulevard

**For more information, please visit [www.christiansburg.org/recycling](http://www.christiansburg.org/recycling)**

## *Hazardous Waste Disposal*

For the safety of Town employees, please place needles and other biohazards in rigid containers, such as puncture-resistant plastic or metal containers that have a secure snap- or screw- on lid (detergent bottles, etc). Tape the lid shut and mark the container with a waterproof marker **“CAUTION-NEEDLES: DO NOT RECYCLE!”**

Other hazardous household items, such as old pesticides, oil-based paints, solvents and other harmful household chemicals, should NOT be set out for collection with regular household garbage. **Instead, please dispose of these items at the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority (MRSWA).**

MRSWA accepts residential household hazardous waste (HHW) on the third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Please register in advance by calling (540) 381-2820 ext. 300. You must register no later than 24 hours prior to each collection day.

MRSWA is located at 555 Authority Drive, Christiansburg, VA 24073.

**For more information, including what items are acceptable for disposal, please visit [www.mrswa.com](http://www.mrswa.com)**

# Utilities

## Tax Rates

(Rates current as of February 2016. For updated information, visit [www.christiansburg.com](http://www.christiansburg.com).)

Type of Tax	Rate
Real Estate	\$0.16 per \$100 of assessed value
Personal property	\$0.45 per \$100 of assessed value
Mobile homes	\$0.16 per \$100 of assessed value
Machinery tools	\$0.45 per \$100 of assessed value
Furniture / fixtures	\$0.45 per \$100 of assessed value
Computer equipment	\$0.45 per \$100 of assessed value
Meals tax	7.5% in addition to 5.3% state sales tax
Transient lodging	9% in addition to 5.3% state sales tax
Cigarette	\$0.40 per pack

Christiansburg's personal property and real estate taxes are mailed out in November of each year and due by December 5. **Please note: Town residents are subject to taxation by both the Town and Montgomery County.** Taxes on real estate, personal property, mobile homes, machinery tools, furniture / fixtures, and computer equipment are assessed by the County on January 1 for all residents. All Town taxes are due by December 5 of each year.

## Motor Vehicle License Fees

Any vehicle being garaged in the Town of Christiansburg on January 1 of each year is subject to this fee. Because the Town does not issue window decals for motor vehicles, these fees are reflected on your personal property tax bill. **All taxes and licensing fees are due by December 5 of each year.**

If you obtain ownership of a vehicle (excluding trades) during the course of the year, you will need to pay a motor vehicle fee for that vehicle. Be sure to change your address with the DMV to ensure you are paying taxes to the proper locality.

Type of Vehicle	Fee
Car	\$32.00
Truck	\$32.00
Motorcycle, Motor Bike, Motor Scooters	\$28.75
Boat with Motor	\$32.00
Motor Homes	\$32.00
Antiques (registered as an Antique through the DMV)	Free

# Licenses and Registrations

## **CODE RED**<sup>TM</sup> *Emergency Notification System*

The Town of Christiansburg offers citizens and businesses a comprehensive notification system through CodeRED® that directly delivers messages in the case of an emergency or critical situation.

Subscribers can sign up to receive messages via telephone, text and/or email. Sign up any home or cell phone numbers, or additional business phone numbers that you'd like to receive a call during a critical event.

There is no cost to sign up for CodeRED®. The process takes just a few minutes and all we ask for is your name, address, and phone number(s).

**To sign up for this service, please visit [www.public.coderedweb.com](http://www.public.coderedweb.com)**

**If you have any questions or need help signing up, please call  
(540) 382-6128 ext. 1151.**

## *Pets*

Montgomery County requires that dogs aged four (4) months or older have a current rabies vaccination and a current County animal license. Animals must wear their tags when off their property.

An unaltered animal license is \$5 per year. Spayed or neutered animals cost \$3 per year.

Licenses are available at:

County Treasurer's Office  
755 Roanoke St.  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Blacksburg Municipal Building  
300 South Main St.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

# Licenses and Registrations

## *Vehicle Registration*

New Virginia residents must register their vehicles within 30 days of becoming a resident. A vehicle safety inspection is required upon registration; there is no grace period. In addition, an emissions inspection is required before the vehicle can be registered.

You may title your vehicle in Virginia, register for state license plates, and apply for a Virginia driver's license at:

**Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)**  
385 Arbor Drive  
Christiansburg, VA, 24073

*Need information about passports or marriage licenses?*

Contact the Montgomery County Clerk of Circuit Court:

55 East Main Street, Suite 1  
Christiansburg, VA 24073  
(540) 382-5760  
[www.montva.com](http://www.montva.com)

## *Voter Registration*

If you are a new Virginia resident, you must register in order to be able to vote in Virginia. If you moved to Christiansburg from another Virginia jurisdiction, you must transfer your voter registration to Montgomery County. You can do this at either of the following locations:

Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)  
385 Arbor Drive  
Christiansburg, VA, 24073

Montgomery County Government Center  
755 Roanoke Street, Suite 1F  
Christiansburg, VA, 24073

For more information, call (540) 382-5741.

# Transportation

## Bus Service

Christiansburg residents may take advantage of a number of bus routes that travel through town and connect to areas in the New River Valley. Blacksburg Transit provides the primary bus service in Christiansburg with three routes: Explorer, Go Anywhere! Christiansburg, and the Two Town Trolley.

**Use the bus frequently? Blacksburg Transit offers a Christiansburg Bus Pass for \$8 per month (\$4 for senior citizens).**

**The Explorer** and the **Go Anywhere! Christiansburg** routes serve only the town of Christiansburg. **Go Anywhere! Christiansburg** requires advance reservations. To make reservations, please call (540) 443-7111 from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

	Go Anywhere! Christiansburg	The Explorer
Monday - Thursday	7 a.m. - 6 p.m.	7:15 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Friday	7 a.m. - 10 p.m.	7:15 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m. - 11 p.m.	No Service



**The Two Town Trolley** is an express service route connecting Blacksburg and Christiansburg via these stops:

- Virginia Tech Campus (at Squires Student Center)
- Downtown Blacksburg
- First & Main Shopping Center
- LewisGale Hospital Montgomery
- Walmart (Christiansburg)
- New River Valley Mall

This route operates Sundays-Thursdays from 12:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. year-round, with extended hours on weekends during full service (typically during fall and spring semesters).

**For more information about Blacksburg Transit routes, please visit [www.btransit.org](http://www.btransit.org)**

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The **Pulaski Area Transit** bus system includes a stop at the New River Valley Mall/ New River Valley Community College.

**For more information, please visit [www.pulaskitransit.org](http://www.pulaskitransit.org)**

The **Radford Transit** bus system includes a route servicing the New River Valley area. Route 40 provides late night and weekend service between Radford, Christiansburg and Blacksburg. Route 40 includes four main stops:

- The HUB (Downtown Radford)
- Christiansburg Aquatic Center
- New River Valley Mall (Christiansburg)
- Squires Student Center (Blacksburg)

**For more information, please visit [www.radfordtransit.org](http://www.radfordtransit.org)**

The **Smart Way Bus** provides a variety of routes to connect residents to areas throughout the New River Valley and beyond.

The bus stops at the Christiansburg Kmart and Exit 118 Park and Ride and connects to Blacksburg and Roanoke, including the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport, Greyhound Bus Station, and the Megabus Station.

Travelers can also connect to the Kemper Street Amtrak Station in Lynchburg by riding the Smart Way Connector route from several locations including the Virginia Tech Squires Student Center and the Roanoke Civic Center.

**For more information, please visit [www.smartwaybus.com](http://www.smartwaybus.com)**

The **Megabus** provides service from Christiansburg to Knoxville, TN and Washington D.C.

**For more information, please visit [www.megabus.com](http://www.megabus.com).**

## *Airports*

The **Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport (ROA)** is located 35 minutes northeast of Christiansburg in Roanoke.

**For more information, please visit [www.roanokeairport.com](http://www.roanokeairport.com)**

The **Virginia Tech Montgomery Executive Airport** is five miles north of Christiansburg, next to Virginia Tech's Corporate Research Center.

**For more information, please visit [www.vtmea.com](http://www.vtmea.com)**

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Does the Town hold a Fourth of July Celebration?**

The Town of Christiansburg holds a Fourth of July Celebration every year along Main Street. Fireworks are usually set off around 9:15 p.m. at the Christiansburg High School football field.

## **May I set off fireworks?**

Permissible fireworks are allowed within town limits. The Code of Virginia defines permissible fireworks as “any sparklers, fountains, Pharaoh’s serpents, caps for pistols, or pinwheels commonly known as whirligigs or spinning jennies.” Other types of fireworks are not allowed.

## **When is Trick-or-Treating?**

The Town does not regulate trick-or-treating. However, some businesses in town hold Halloween events. Please check with individual businesses in regards to their Halloween offerings. Many families trick-or-treat in local neighborhoods.

## **Does the Town hold any parades?**

Yes! The Town holds a Fire Prevention Parade in early October, as well as a Christmas Parade in early December. Other organizations hold parades throughout the year, including a Veterans Day Parade in November.

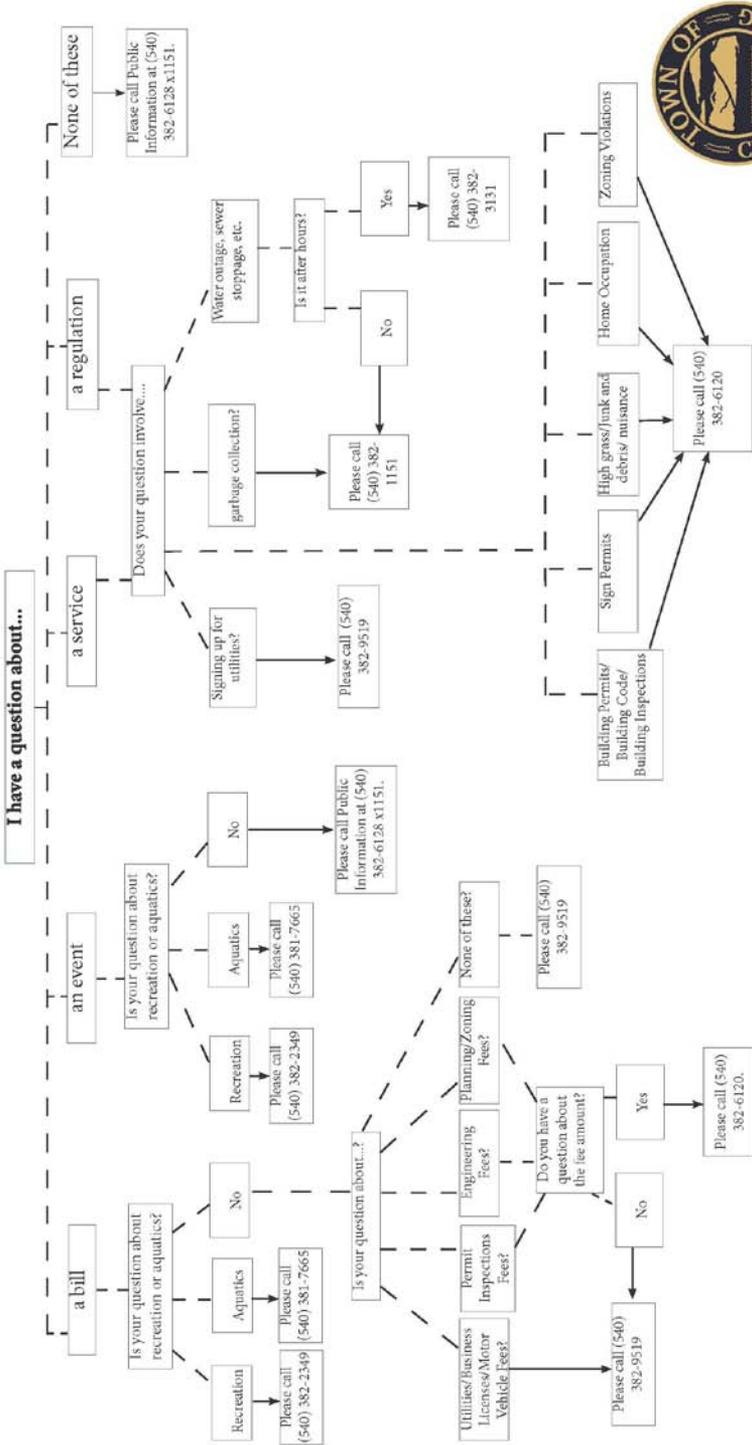
## **Does Christiansburg have a Farmers’ Market?**

Yes! The Christiansburg Farmers’ Market operates from May - October on Hickok Street in Downtown Christiansburg. Market hours are every Thursday from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**For more information, visit [www.christiansburg.org/farmersmarket](http://www.christiansburg.org/farmersmarket) or call (540) 382-6128 ext. 1199.**



# Do I Have the Right Person?



**In an emergency, always call 911.**



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