AVOID BEING SCAMMED.

Over the last several months, we have received reports of residential and commercial customers who have been on the receiving end of scam artists pretending to be City of Griffin employees. These individuals have called and visited homes and businesses throughout the County. Here are 4 tips to avoid becoming a victim.



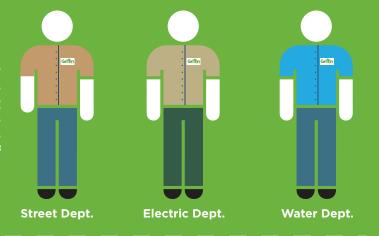
Tip 1

City of Griffin employees will ALWAYS travel in clearly marked vehicles. Each vehicle will have the City of Griffin logo affixed to both sides of the vehicle.



Tip 2

City of Griffin employees will ALWAYS wear clearly marked uniforms. The Street Department can be identified by their tan shirts, the Electric Department can be identified by their sand colored shirts, and the water department can be identified by their blue colored shirts. Each shirt will also have the City of Griffin logo embroidered on the chest.



Tip 3

City of Griffin employees will NEVER ask to enter your home unless it is a prescheduled home visit such as an energy audit. If you have not signed up for a home visit, DO NOT let anyone claiming to be a City employee into your home.



Tip 4

City of Griffin WILL NOT call customers demanding payment due to the delinquent status of the account and then threaten disconnection of service if payment is not made. All City of Griffin correspondence including payment reminders are done via postal mail. This is the CIty of Griffin calling about your unpaid utility bill. Can you pay by phone?



If you experience any suspicious activity, contact the Griffin Police Department Immediately.