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Gwinnett County offers the Apartment Adviser newsletter to help multifamily communities throughout Gwinnett thrive and maintain the Gwinnett County standard of excellence. Apartment Adviser consists of tips and articles from various departments in Gwinnett County's Government to assist apartment managers in better serving their residents.

You are receiving this newsletter because you have been identified as a contact for a community located in Gwinnett County. While you are welcome to unsubscribe through the link at the bottom of this email, we hope you continue to subscribe

to our quarterly newsletter – where you can receive safety tips, learn about upcoming events, and stay updated on commercial codes.

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES



Cook safely for the holidays

The holidays are a great time to connect with family and enjoy delicious, homemade food. However, with cooking being the number one cause of home fires, it's important to keep in mind some helpful tips to ensure safe cooking practices:

- Stay in the kitchen while you are cooking
- Keep flammable items like oven mitts, potholders, food packaging, and dish towels away from the stovetop
- Most cooking fires start when someone is frying food; keep an eye on what you fry
- Fires start when the heat is too high — if you see any smoke or the grease starts to boil, turn the burner off
- Keep children and pets away from the stove
- Install and maintain smoke alarms at home

To find more safety tips for the holiday season, visit [GwinnettSafety411.com](http://GwinnettSafety411.com).

WATER RESOURCES

How to detect leaks in your home

Did you know that leaks account for more than 10,000 gallons of water waste in an average home every year? A leak inside or outside your home is often the cause of high water bills. Follow these simple steps to help detect water leaks:

- Turn off all the water-using appliances in your home and tell everyone at home not to use the sinks, showers, or toilets for the next two hours
- Do not shut off the water supply to these appliances, unless they continue to run, like some ice makers
- Locate your water meter and remove the metal cover to view the meter
- Write down or take a photo of the number you see on the meter readout
- Observe the small leak detection wheel and the needle on the face of the meter, which should not be moving due to non-usage of water inside or outside your home
- After two hours of no water use, go outside and read the meter again. If the readout number changes, or if you notice any movement on the meter during the test, you probably have a leak.



If you discover you have a leak, check your water fixtures and appliances to determine which one is

leaking. Don't forget to walk around your yard to look for soggy areas that can indicate a leak in your underground pipes. To learn more about leak detection, visit [Gwinnetth2o.com](http://Gwinnetth2o.com).

## GWINNETT CLEAN & BEAUTIFUL



### County encourages residents to treecycle

Residents are invited to dream of a green Christmas this year. Rather than placing your live Christmas tree by the curb after the holidays to decompose in a landfill, Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful is encouraging you to drop it off between Monday, December 26 and Wednesday, January 25 at designated fire stations as part of the annual [Bring One for the Chipper event!](#)

Before dropping off live Christmas trees, they must be free of lights, tinsel, decorations, and tree stands to be treecycled. On

Saturday, January 28, Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful will chip the trees into mulch for use at County parks. Gwinnett County fire stations will accept trees 24/7. For a list of all drop-off sites or to register as a volunteer for the chipping event at Bethesda Park, visit [GwinnettCB.org/Events](http://GwinnettCB.org/Events).

## COUNTY NEWS

### Visit our website, social media for latest news

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