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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 SAFETY



Learn some grilling safety tips

In Gwinnett County, one of the leading causes of apartment and townhome fires involve the misuse of outdoor grills.

Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services suggests following these recommendations to keep our community safe:

- Grilling is one of the most popular ways to cook food, but a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard
- Operating charcoal, wood, and gas grills and other open flame cooking devices on combustible balconies or within ten feet of combustible construction is not allowed
- Coals should be allowed to completely cool and dry before disposing of them. You can use a metal container with a lid to dispose of coals at designated grilling areas and near trash compactors and dumpsters.

For additional information on rules, regulations and safe practices, visit [GwinnettSafety411.com](http://GwinnettSafety411.com).

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

It's a good time to inspect exterior lighting

With fall upon us and winter fast approaching, the daylight hours will soon be growing shorter. It is a great time to check that all exterior light fixtures are functioning as designed.

It's also important to pay special attention to exterior lighting to maintain safety. Take a few minutes to look around exterior areas such as parking lots and garages, walkways, stairs, corridors, and building exteriors for inoperative lighting. All too often, a new bulb just needs to be installed or the fixture replaced. So, make sure you let your landlord or maintenance company know if a light goes out in one of these common areas.



WATER RESOURCES



## Unclog the FOG!

Cooler weather often brings more time in the kitchen. Many meals we enjoy can generate FOG – fats, oils, and grease. FOG can come from cooking oil, meat, cheese, peanut butter, salad dressing, and many other foods.

When these products are poured down the drain, they can collect in the pipes and cause blockages. When a pipe becomes blocked, the dirty water can back up through our indoor drains. A blockage can also occur in the public sewer system, forcing wastewater into the environment where it can

pollute rivers and streams.

Here are some tips on how to dispose of FOG properly:

- Absorb FOG with paper towels and put it in the trash
- Pour used oil into a container with a top and place in the trash
- Use mesh drain strainers to catch solid food scraps for disposal in a trash can
- Scrape plates over the trash can or wipe with a paper towel before washing

These simple tips can help reduce the potential for FOG clogs. Visit [UnclogTheFog.com](http://UnclogTheFog.com) for more information.

## COUNTY NEWS

### Celebrate America Recycles Day in Gwinnett County: November 6

Saturday, November 6 marks the return of America Recycles Day — a national initiative of Keep America Beautiful. Come celebrate with Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful and Gwinnett County Solid Waste Management from 9:00am to noon at Coolray Field, home of the Gwinnett Stripers.

Please bring your items that are typically difficult to recycle, such as electronics, tires, paint, paper, clothing, and sneakers.

Paper shredding is limited to five copier boxes. Oil and latex paint will be limited to 10 gallons total per vehicle. Recycling electronics is free except for TVs, monitors, and printers. There is a \$35 cash fee per projection or console TV, a \$15 cash fee per flat screen TV or computer monitor, and a \$5 cash fee per printer.



For additional details, quantities accepted, and important information, visit [GwinnettCB.org/Events](http://GwinnettCB.org/Events).



### Project RESET 2.0 still accepting applications

The County is still accepting applications for Project RESET 2.0, an expansion of its emergency rental assistance program. The program offers up to 15 months of total support for eligible households and provides rental, utility, and internet service relief for those who have or are currently experiencing a financial hardship due to COVID-19.

To access the Project RESET 2.0 application portal and program resources, please visit [GCGA.us/RentalAssistance](http://GCGA.us/RentalAssistance).

### Share your thoughts on the future of Gwinnett Place Mall

The Gwinnett Place Mall Redevelopment Equity Plan will ensure that the redevelopment of Gwinnett Place Mall includes needs and voices of the diverse communities around the mall and creates opportunities for them to thrive. Gwinnett County wants feedback from the surrounding community to understand how to bring to life a destination that is truly reflective of the needs of our diverse community.



Visit [ReclaimGwinnettPlaceMall.com](http://ReclaimGwinnettPlaceMall.com) to learn more and share your thoughts.

### Take steps to protect our community

Make Gwinnett Moms proud by protecting our community and yourself by wearing a mask, washing your hands, social distancing, and getting vaccinated. The vaccines are free and



safe. More than 100,000 people, including Georgians, participated in vaccine trials. Millions have been vaccinated. If you haven't already, please help our health care workers by getting vaccinated now.

Visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find a COVID-19 vaccine near you.

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

To stay up-to-date on the County government, visit our website, [GwinnettCounty.com](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) @GwinnettGov.

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