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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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Helpful tips to keep your community clean

The new school year may bring new residents to your communities. To reduce possible waste management challenges, here are some tips to prevent code violations in designated trash areas:

- Establish **waste management rules and penalties** in your lease agreement
- **Communicate** the importance to tenants through a monthly newsletter or email that all trash must be placed in a trash bag and disposed of inside the dumpster or compactor
- **Post signs** in the dumpster area that explain penalties and advise the area is monitored with cameras
- **Solicit help from your hauler to:**
 - Secure your area through code access for residents only
 - Increase frequency of pickup and/or size of dumpster/compactor
 - Have regular preventative maintenance on compactors
- **Investigate** trash to identify source and include it as a lease violation with fines that require payment of clean up and/or pursue prosecution especially for non-residents (illegal dumping)
- Provide a screened in storage option for **bulk trash items** to prevent them being placed in the dumpster/compactor areas and notify residents especially prior to move out
- Invest in a **valet** trash service



POLICE DEPARTMENT



What to do during an active violence incident

An active violence incident involves an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill multiple people in a confined or populated area. Here are some good practices for coping with an active violence situation:

- Take decisive action if you hear gunshots or a disturbance
- Do not wait until others tell you to act
- Know your surroundings
- If you can't run, hiding should be used as a second option
- As a last resort, when running and hiding are not an option, fight

when your life is in imminent danger

The Gwinnett County Police Community Affairs Section offers free active threat classes to businesses,

WATER RESOURCES

How to dispose of fat, oils, and grease to save yourself from clogs

Many of the meals that we prepare every day generate or leave behind fats, oils, and grease. FOG comes from meat, cheese, salad dressing, milk, and many other unexpected foods. If these foods are poured down the drain or even washed off dirty dishes, it can cause blockages in the pipes. This can cause damage to your unit as well as your downstairs neighbors and can have a high cost of repair for the apartment complex.

Here are some tips to dispose of FOG properly and prevent harmful back-ups:

- Wipe FOG from dishes with paper towels or newspaper before washing
- Pour used oil and grease in container with lid and place in the trash
- Use a drain screen to keep leftover food from going down the drain



For more information on FOG, visit UnclogTheFog.com.

GWINNETT CLEAN & BEAUTIFUL



Students are invited to join the Green Youth Advisory Council

The Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful High School Green Youth Advisory Council is a unique hands-on opportunity for high school students from diverse backgrounds to participate in an environmental and sustainability service-learning and leadership development program.

Participants will contribute to and inform Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful on projects that impact local and global environmental challenges, while acting as ambassadors and leaders for youth service in their communities.

High school students are invited to [apply now](#) for the 2022-2023 Advisory Council.

To learn more about the Green YAC and program benefits, visit GCGA.us/YouthAdvisoryCouncil.

COUNTY NEWS

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