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my rental home who has not paid their rent?

A. A dispossessory can be filed in Magistrate Court by a landlord who wants to have a tenant evicted. A landlord must comply with Georgia Landlord/Tenant law. The filing fee for this action is \$81, which includes service for one defendant, with each additional person to be served costing \$25.

Q. I am a tenant in a rental property. Can I not pay my rent until the landlord makes repairs to the dwelling that I have requested? Or will they still have the right to evict me?

A. Each situation is different. There are some helpful resources for both landlords and tenants, such as the Georgia Landlord-Tenant Hotline at 800-369-4706 and Georgia Landlord and Tenant handbook available for viewing online at www.dca.ga.gov.

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chasing a bedroom suite I had carefully removed from the garage while I was cleaning up. I thought I had done my father a favor. I cleaned the garage and sold an old piece of junk for \$25. My Dad didn't view it that way. My old piece of junk was Dad's treasured antique bed room furniture worth more than \$250. I have never been good at selling stuff, but I like being around the stuff that is being sold.

One year, this collecting of old stuff came to a halt. No longer am I allowed to randomly bring old stuff home. It was around Thanksgiving a few years ago, and I was in the woods hunting not too far from my home. It had snowed, and I was climbing to the top of a ridge when I noticed something odd about the ridge line. I walked up to the odd shape and found it was an old Army ammo can. It was half buried with only the top protruding out of the ground. I pulled it up and realized it had been in this location for a number of years. So, I took it home. I lugged it back to my home located over a mile from where I found the box. When driving home, I

Q. How are garnishments handled?

A. If the amount to be garnished is less than \$15,000 a garnishment can be filed in Magistrate Court. A plaintiff filing a garnishment must provide the court proof of a judgment issued against the defendant to be garnished. There are two types of garnishments: wage garnishments and bank garnishments. It is up to the plaintiff to know which type of garnishment they want to file, along with providing the court with an address for the defendant's bank or place of employment. The filing fee for a garnishment action is \$106.

Q. Will the Court find the defendant for me?

A. No. It is up to the person filing a claim to provide the court with a physical address for the defendant at the time of filing case.

dropped it on the ground and opened the top. I found some stuff that looked like brown sugar and some small boxes labeled as blasting caps. I thought I had found some old drugs, so I called the local police. Upon arrival I showed them the stuff I had found. I was told to get in their car. I was not allowed to use my phone nor could I drive my truck. I thought I was in trouble and nearly was, but the substance was not drugs. We quickly drove to town, and while en route, the policeman explained that the substance in the box was TNT and the blasting caps were old and unstable. They could have been activated by the starting of my truck or even a hard jolt.

I told the officer I must've bumped into six or seven trees with that ammo on the way down the mountain. He looked at me with nary a smile and asked, "Do you know what five pounds of TNT will do?" The GBI was called to my house to retrieve the ammo can and detonate the stuff inside. So, my wife nor I could go home until they came to get the box. Now, I always inspect everything before bringing it home.

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out their parents' knowledge. Many who buy drugs online do it through the so-called "dark web" – a part of the internet you can only access using a special anonymous browser. They purchase drugs using the virtual currency, Bitcoin. Because of the anonymity, sites on the dark web are harder for law enforcement to shut down.

In addition, the internet has become one of the main ways to sell synthetic opioids like fentanyl, which has become a leading cause of deadly drug overdoses due to its high potency, the *New York Times* reports.

With drugs being so accessible, as a parent or caregiver, you may feel a little overwhelmed or even helpless when it comes to keeping your young loved ones away from them. Here are some ways you can protect your kids and prevent them from purchasing drugs online:

Make sure they know the consequences. Because the drugs can be so readily available online, kids may sometimes believe that they aren't really that dangerous. But from overdose to death to possible jail time if they are caught, using and buying drugs can lead to serious consequences. There are many cases where someone has been sentenced to prison

for giving a pill to someone who later overdosed.

Check out their "searches" to see their browsing history on their computer or cell-phones. Keep an eye out for any "How to buy ___ online" -type searches. Bring up anything that causes strong suspicion. This may be an uncomfortable conversation and you may also be accused of spying (which you are technically doing). But be sure to let him or her know that you are worried and only want to keep them safe. Make sure you point out recent cases in the news about young people overdosing on drugs. You may also want to invest in one of these "Parental Control and Monitoring Apps."

Monitor their delivered packages. For obvious reasons, drugs are often delivered in unmarked and discreet packages. If you find your loved one getting such mail or packages that you don't expect, ask them about it. You may want to stick around when they are opening the package.

With drugs being more accessible than ever, the most important things you can do are to educate yourself on the potential danger while maintaining a good relationship with your child.

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their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain and suffering, for the former things are passed away." Wow! Can I get a "Hallelujah" from the choir? In the book of Ephesians 5:32, the disciple John writes: It does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when Christ shall appear, we shall be like Him, Holy and blameless before the throne of God. We are going to have glorified flesh like Jesus. It goes on to say that we will be joint heirs with Christ. What is His shall be ours as well for all of eternity. We shall be God's people, and God Himself shall be with them and be their God forever. And death shall be no more. That is going to be an awesome improvement. As you read this article, a number of funeral services have taken place. People dying every second of the day and continual drives to the local cemetery is a common occurrence.

I heard about an engineer who in the early days had a great deal to do with the planning and plotting of the great freeways which crisscross this country, and he said the biggest problem is missing all of the cemeteries. They are every-

where. There will be no more burials in the perfect world called glory. The undertakers, doctors, nurses and administration officials will be out of business, no more diseases will ever enter the gates of this perfect world that the Lord God has prepared for those who believe in the Name of Jesus Christ. A New Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven does not mean another satellite for the earth. Rather, the earth and all of the new creation with all of the galactic systems will revolve about the New Jerusalem, because it is the dwelling place of the Lord God Most High. Stay tuned for more about the mysteries of God in a perfect world. Amen.

Frank F. Combs

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tremendous impact that they had in so many of our lives.

They are gone now, and I personally missed the opportunity to say "thanks" — I regret that. My message to you and of course to myself is not to wait until it's too late to let the influential people in our lives know how grateful we are of their very presence.
Dr. Ray Ashurst

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County Firewise program started in 2008 during an 800-acre fire on Cedar Knob Mountain. After that fire, local, state and federal agencies began working with community members to get them involved at a grassroots level. They did this by telling the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) story.

Those who started RSG & FAC in Towns County soon realized that they were the only ones pushing the issue, and that if they quit pushing, the momentum would roll to a stop and no one would notice. So, they gave ownership of the programs to the citizens they were trying to protect, thus keeping the programs moving forward.

In 2013, the Towns County FAC Citizens Coalition took ownership of RSG and FAC programs and developed the grassroots network and leadership to keep these programs growing. The coalition consists of six citizens and three agency representatives, all dedicated to wildland-fire safety and education.

Supporting the coalition is an ex-officio group providing technical expertise, resources and funds when needed. As control of Towns' RSG and FAC programs passed to the coalition, the development team took the lessons learned in Towns to jump-start new Fire Adapted Communities in surrounding areas using FAC, RSG, and FW through peer-to-peer contacts. Union, Rabun, White and Gilmer counties are now in the process of building citizen groups and developing coalitions to start the education process to make communities become better prepared for wildfires.

Most everyone in North Georgia lives in the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI – living in or near forests), creating a major risk for residents from wildfire. The most important component of wildfire preparedness here is Ready, Set, Go!, which is the evacuation plan that is key to surviving a wildfire. It shows us how to be aware of conditions and be Ready; have our important items at hand or Set; and to Go when the call comes to leave so we can get out of the way of first responders coming in to protect our homes. If a wildland fire approaches and the residents and emergency responders don't have a plan in place to get out of harm's way, then all other FAC components become useless.

The RSG Program ties in well to the existing Towns

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"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good ... for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart." (Luke 6:45).

It is no virtue to speak whatever is on your mind. ("A fool uttereth all his mind" Prov. 29:11, KJV). But when we do speak truth, even if it's corrective or adversarial, the words of a follower of Christ Jesus are to reveal good treasure from a loving heart. With the words you use and the thoughts you convey, you can be either a flamethrower or a fireman.

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caterpillars. Therefore, scouting early is essential. Sevin is an effective product that has been around for a while. Products containing spinosad or *Bacillus thuringiensis* have organic options and good control of armyworms. Applying as late in the evening as possible is best because that's when armyworms will be the most active and pollinators the least active. Whenever using pesticides, always read and follow the label before the application.

The Extension is available if you need help identifying a pest. You can email a picture of the insect to [Jacob.Williams@uga.edu](mailto:Williams@uga.edu) or bring one into the Extension office in a sealed container.

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notice and bring with them dangerous lightning. Remember the safety tips and seek shelter immediately to keep you and your family safe.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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Who is Vladimir Putin? His background as a KGB operative serves him well. He has accumulated large personal wealth, has invaded other countries, has interfered in the elections in Europe and the USA. He has also eliminated political foes in Russia by poison and attacked some living in England.

If this is a nightmare, I hope I wake up soon.
Floyd Schultz

the grassroots channels. Help us fuel this fire, Be Firewise! Your life may depend on it! For more information on FW, FAC,

or RSG!, contact Chest-Chatt RC&D at info.cccrd@gmail.com, www.chestchattrec.org or www.appcofac.org.