

# BUGBYTES

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### ELECTRONIC RENEWALS

Remember back in June when we told you that as of 1/1/2011, all license renewals would be handled electronically. Well, that takes effect in a little more than two weeks.

*BugBytes, Issue 17, June 11, 2010 - ALL licenses will renewal electronically beginning January 2011. This means that you will need to go on line to renew your business license next year, your technician license etc. All payments must be electronic (credit cards). You can't take CASH or a check to the Department because everything – and we mean everything will have to be done online. Additionally, the Department will not be sending out ANY licenses. You will have to print out your license. Blame it on the budget – every division in the Department of Agriculture (and other Departments as well) will be doing the same thing.*

*If you need assistance with this, come by the GPCA office and we'll be glad to assist.*

### ATHENS CONFERENCE – JANUARY 11 – 13, 2011

*In just a little less than one month, the GRANDDADDY OF ALL CONFERENCES – the GPCA Winter Conference starts in Athens. Besides our excellent concurrent programs – WDO in one auditorium, HPC in the other, there are several "extra" opportunities:*

- *Free Legal Seminar from Winston Briggs with hosted reception – Monday evening, January 10*
- *Commission Meeting, Tuesday morning – January 11*
- *TWO Day PCO CRAM Course – if you have someone who wants to take a fast review before taking the state PCO exam, here's the opportunity in North Georgia.*
- *Fumigation program – 4 hours credit*

*Some folks have called our office to advise they haven't received their mailing. Wish we could tell you why because everything left our office over 3 weeks ago – but the information is available on our website – [GPCA.org](http://GPCA.org). Also, we've attached the flyer and registration information with this email for your convenience.*

*Remember – this is the conference that started it all. It is the congruence of political, allied, academic and practical experience that makes this the “complete” conference – the one that gives you the information you need for your company’s success.*

*If you have questions, just give us a call at 770-417-1881.*

### **KUDZU BUG**

*Some of our HPC licensed members have asked if they could treat the kudzu patch where customers’ are having problems with the new nemesis – the kudzu beetle. We checked with Jim Harron at the Department of Ag. Sorry – no can do.*

*“ No – a PMP with an HPC license may not treat out in the yard for the kudzu bug. Control would involve application of a pesticide to the kudzu or other plants in a yard. They would need an ornamental and turf certification and license for that, “ Jim Harron said.*

### **BIG SAVINGS ON VEHICLE PURCHASE**

*GPCA’s allied member – Jim Ellis Chevrolet – asked us to tell our members about Valuable Year-end tax benefits that could save you hundreds of dollars. If you are thinking of purchasing a new vehicle, check out the attached flyer. You could receive immediate eligibility for an expense deduction AND an additional 50% bonus of accelerated depreciation.*



## **FACEBOOK for the most current info on GPCA**

*I know many of you wouldn’t give FACEBOOK the time of day – but we have discovered that it is fantastic way to keep you informed about educational opportunities at GPCA. You don’t have to have a facebook page yourself – but if you want to know what’s going on TODAY, go to facebook.com and in the search box, type in GEORGIA. The Georgia Pest Control Association site comes up first. You’ll have access to information about all the Region meetings planned throughout the state as well as other events and pictures.*

### **MEMBER NEWS**

*We have just learned that Gary Carter, Carter Pest Control and Steve Arnold’s brother passed away this weekend. Funeral arrangements are incomplete, but we will pass along this information when available.*