

# Russian Debtors to Dig Graves as Punishment for Unpaid Fines

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Residents in the Russian city of Revda are being made to [dig graves as punishment](#) for not paying government fines on time.

Twenty-one offenders will complete 1,820 hours of compulsory community service in the city's graveyard, according to the Sverdlovsk region press service.

The unpaid labor, which also includes painting fences, clearing footpaths and gathering litter, does not cancel out the debts, which include unpaid parking tickets and alimony.

It's not the first time that Russian bailiffs have resorted to unusual tactics to get their dues.

Officials in Russia's Perm region [seized a debtor's cat](#) in May 2016 to give him "an incentive for early repayment."

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