

# TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON



## Coronavirus Update (March 15, 2020)

In accordance with guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control, the Township of Washington is encouraging employees and customers to observe social distancing. The Township of Washington offers the ability to make payments online for:

- Taxes: <https://www.wtmorris.org/index.php/departments/tax-collector/tax-payment-portal.html>
- Alarm Registration: <https://www.wtmorris.org/index.php/services/make-a-payment/alarm-registration.html>
- Recreation: <https://www.wtmorris.org/index.php/community/news/recreation-announcements>
- Tickets:
  - traffic tickets can be paid online at <https://www.wtmorris.org/index.php/departments/municipal-court.html>
  - other tickets without mandatory appearances can be paid over the phone by credit card by calling 908-876-3852

You may also call ahead to obtain payment amounts for taxes, permits, etc. and identifying info for the memo line if you wish to pay by check and leave it in the municipal building dropbox which will be checked frequently. Department contact phone numbers and email are available at: <https://www.wtmorris.org/index.php/departments.html>

Please call or email if possible. Township staff will make every effort to provide any information you are looking for by phone, email or fax. Many documents and forms can also be found online at: <https://www.wtmorris.org/index.php/government/township-forms-and-documents>

We ask for your patience over the next few weeks as we are experiencing a heavy influx of phone inquiries and requests. Service requests can also be made online at: <https://wtmorris.net/>

If you call to schedule an inspection, you will be asked, out of an abundance of caution, if anyone in your household, business or other enclosed area to be inspected has any of the following symptoms: fever, cough and shortness of breath to schedule a date at least two weeks into the future. We respectfully ask that the inspection be delayed, or rescheduled if already planned. We understand many individuals may not be able to take additional time off during normal business hours as they may now be home with children due to school closing, work closures or health issues and will work to accommodate your schedule, including evening inspections when possible. To reschedule contact the appropriate department:

- Construction (building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical): (908) 876-4711 [construction@wtmorris.net](mailto:construction@wtmorris.net)
- Fire Prevention: (908) 876-8637 [fireinspection@wtmorris.net](mailto:fireinspection@wtmorris.net)
- Health (septics): (908) 876-3650 [health@wtmorris.net](mailto:health@wtmorris.net)
- Tax Assessing: 908-876-9132 [taxassessor@wtmorris.net](mailto:taxassessor@wtmorris.net)

We are encouraging employees and the public to maintain six feet separation and decline to shake hands during in-person interactions. The Health Department does not conduct COVID-19 lab testing.

The "Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon" at the Senior Center has not been cancelled. However, out of an abundance of caution, the Township would like to offer alternatives for our seniors. If you do not want to attend the luncheon, meals will be available 'to go'. You may pick up the meal at the senior center. If you are

unable to drive, please call 908-876-5941 or email [recreation@wtmorris.net](mailto:recreation@wtmorris.net) on Monday March 16, 2020 by 3pm and we will arrange for food to be delivered to your home.

For seniors enrolled in any of the upcoming senior/recreation classes or programs scheduled to begin in the month of April who choose not to attend out of health concerns, registrations can be transferred to a summer or fall session.

The Township is working to ensure support for local seniors with their grocery shopping needs and Meals on Wheels. At this time we are looking for potential volunteers to help delivery groceries and supplement our Meals on Wheels programs. If you are able to help please contact Donna Daly at 908-876-8623 or [ddaly@wtmorris.net](mailto:ddaly@wtmorris.net).

Current information and updates, as they become available, can be found on the township website at <https://www.wtmorris.org/index.php/community/news/health-announcements>.

The New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES) opened a COVID-19 Information Hotline to assist in answering questions from the general public. Residents should contact the call center at 1-800-222-1222 or, if in NJ but using a non-NJ cell phone, at 1-800-962-1253. The call center is available 24/7 and can accommodate calls in multiple languages. Clinicians should contact their local health department for guidance.

Additional information can also be found on NJ Department of Health's website at <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml> and the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>.

For more information, residents can also contact the Washington Township Health Department at 908-876-3650.

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