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## PUBLIC SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENT - UPDATED

In the interest of Public Safety, the following Town of New Gloucester municipal buildings will be closed to the public until further notice.

### TOWN HALL

Closed to the public - staff on duty

- Vehicle Re-registrations: please use State's Rapid Renewal service <https://www.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/>
- Vehicle New Registrations and Titling: Available by appointment only. Please call the counter staff at 926-4126 Ext 1.
- Property Tax Payments: Payments can be made online at [www.newgloucester.com](http://www.newgloucester.com) (lower left sidebar), mailed, or checks may be placed in the mail drop box Town Hall front door. Those intending to pay with cash will need to obtain a bank check or money order. If you need your due amount, please call Town Hall. While property tax payments are due on April 3, 2020, the Board of Selectmen has suspended late fees until April 17<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate your timely payment, which allows us to continue to provide essential services.
- Building Permits: Applications are available online at [www.newgloucester.com](http://www.newgloucester.com). They can be emailed or deposited in the mail drop box Town Hall front door. To coordinate permit issuance please call or email the Code Enforcement Officer.
- Fishing and Hunting Licenses: <https://moses.informe.org/>
- For all other business, we are available by telephone, email, and regular mail.

### LIBRARY

Closed to the public – staff on duty

- The library plans to extend checkout dates.
- They will provide information on their website regarding availability of online books and audio books. Go to [www.newgloucesterlibrary.org](http://www.newgloucesterlibrary.org) and click the Catalog link.
- Library WiFi is available from the parking lot using password NGPLibrary.
- All events and regular programming are canceled.

### FIRE AND RESCUE BUILDING

Closed to the public - staff on duty

- Emergency Services: available by calling 911.
- Burn Permits: available free online from [www.wardensreport.com](http://www.wardensreport.com).
- The facility will continue to be open for essential member training and coordination activities.
- Wifi is available from the Fire and Rescue Department parking lot. A password is not needed.

### TRANSFER STATION

While the Transfer Station will remain open regular hours with staff on duty, they will **only be accepting household trash**, metal for the metal pile, and wood and brush for the burn pile. The transfer station will not be accepting recycling or bulky waste.

- Please practice social distancing of 6' from all staff members.

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- We encourage residents to bring trash throughout the week, rather than waiting for Saturday to help reduce the number of residents on site at one time.

### **COMMUNITY BUILDING / PARKS AND RECREATION**

Closed to the public - staff on duty

- While all programming is canceled, you can check their website periodically for resources and updates [www.ngrecreation.com](http://www.ngrecreation.com).

### **PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING**

Closed to the public - staff on duty

All committee meetings, excepting the Board of Selectmen, and regular town community programming and events have been canceled until April 1, 2020. Please remember that the CDC is recommending that public gatherings that include the elderly or other at risk participants should be limited to 10 or less, while maintaining social distancing of 6'.

We recognize that these measures are inconvenient. While they will not prevent an outbreak, our hope is to lessen the severity in our community. These measures are consistent with what has been implemented by our surrounding towns. As this event develops, we will be adjusting our course of action accordingly – please stay tuned. We appreciate your assistance in helping us to keep those vulnerable in our community safe.

Linda Chase, Chairman, Board of Selectmen

Paul First, Interim Town Manager

Toby Martin, Fire Chief, EMA Director

Debra Parks, Health Officer

Ted Shane, Public Works Director