



## For Immediate Release

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## TOWN OF NEWBURGH DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY

The Town of Newburgh has declared a state of emergency and urges all citizens to follow CDC guidelines of social distancing and gathering limitations.

The Town Council has been diligently communicating and developing response plans to reduce public interaction and protect citizens and employees. Over the past few weeks it has become necessary to implement them and continually reassess as conditions develop. Stacie Krieger stated “The hope is that all of our lives are disrupted as little as possible while protecting at-risk groups as much as possible.”

One thing the public can do is to consider our sewer system- a label might say biodegradable or ‘flushable’ however the product actually takes much longer than toilet paper to break up, wreaking havoc on our system and causing point repairs and unnecessary actions at a time when we need to preserve resources.

Until further notice, The Town of Newburgh has closed all town offices to the public. Essential business may be handled by calling 812-853-1720 or using the Town website at [www.newburgh-in.com](http://www.newburgh-in.com).

- Town employees will be working and available to answer phone calls and emails.
- Emergency services will remain operational.
- Trash pick-up will continue as usual.
- Public meetings are being minimized and might be cancelled. Please call, check the Town Facebook page or Town website for updates to public meetings.
- While our parks remain open at this time, all public restroom facilities are closed.
- The Wastewater Treatment Facility is closed to the public. Please call ahead if you have essential business 812-853-6412.
- Utility bills may be paid by mail, on-line or placed in one of the two drop boxes. If you require a receipt please note on your bill and one will be mailed to you. Anyone using cash should call ahead and make arrangements for drop off. Questions for utility bills can be directed to 812-853-7496 or email [utilityoffice@newburgh-in.com](mailto:utilityoffice@newburgh-in.com).
  - Online payments - <https://municipalonlinepayments.com/newburghin>
  - Payment Drop Boxes are located on the Jennings Street side of Town Hall and on Water Street in the Town Hall parking lot next to the flag poles.

Please follow the CDC preventive measures to help control and continue the spread of the COVID-19 virus, which includes limiting gatherings to no more than 50 people, keeping social distance from others, frequent hand washing and covering sneezes and coughs. For further information go to [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

If you believe you have the virus, but are not severely ill, please contact one of the free 24-hour nurse triage lines:

- Deaconess 812-450-6555
- St. Vincent 812-485-2273

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