



IMPORTANT LOCAL CONTACTS

EMERGENCY
911 

COUNTYWIDE TOLL FREE ASSISTANCE

EPIC PRESCRIPTION PROTECTION

- for Seniors 1-800-332-3742
- Legislative Status of Bills 1-800-342-9860
- Medicare and Medical Claims 1-800-633-4227
- Senior Citizen's Hotline 1-800-342-9871
- Federal Tax Assistance 1-800-829-1040
- Veteran's Problems/Assistance 1-800-273-8255
- VA Life Insurance 1-800-669-8477
- VA Regional 1-800-827-1000
- Public Health Duty Officer Hotline 866-881-2809
- Medicare 1-800-633-4227
- Social Security 1-800-772-1213

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

- Nassau County Main Number 516-571-3000
- Nassau County Office of Emergency Management
..... 516-573-0636
- American Red Cross in Nassau County
..... 516-747-3500
- Long Island Crisis Center Senior Connection Hotline
..... 516-679-0000
- Nassau County Office for the Aging Help-Line
..... 516-227-8900

FIRE, POLICE & AMBULANCE

- Emergency 911
- Nassau County Sheriff 516-571-2113
- PSEG/LIPA Report Power Outage 1-800-490-0075
- Poison Control 1-800-222-1222

AREA HOSPITALS

- Winthrop University Hospital 516-663-0333
- Mercy Medical Center 516-705-2525
- Nassau University Medical Center 516-572-0123
- Long Island Jewish Valley Stream 516-256-6000
- Long Island Jewish Medical Center 1-718-470-7000
- St. Francis Hospital, The Heart Center 516-562-6000

NASSAU COUNTY

- Office for the Aging 516-227-8900
- Clerk's Office 516-571-2660
- Consumer Affairs 516-571-2600
- Office for the Physically Challenged 516-227-7399
- Department of Health 516-227-9697
Emergencies, After Hours and Weekends 516-742-6154
- Social Services 516-227-8519
Helpline 516-227-8000
Emergency After Hours 516-573-8626
- Veteran's Service Agency 516-572-6565

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- District Office 516-535-4055

TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

- Main line 516-489-5000
- Department of Senior Enrichment 516-485-8100

TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD

- Main line 516-627-0590
- Department of Community Services 516-869-6311

TOWN OF OYSTER BAY

- Main line 516-624-6365
- Senior Citizen Services Division 516-797-7916

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WHAT IS EPIC?

The **Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program** is a New York State program for seniors administered by the Department of Health.

Last year's budget included \$13 million to help seniors afford their medications.

For more information regarding the EPIC program, call 1-800-332-3742 (TTY: 1-800-290-9138).

To join EPIC, a senior must:

- * Be a New York State resident age 62 or older;
- * Have an annual income below \$75,000 if single, or \$100,000 if married;
- * Be enrolled or eligible to enroll in Medicare Part D (no exceptions); and
- * Not be receiving full Medicaid benefits.

GOLDEN PARK PROGRAM

If you are a New York State resident 62 or older, on any weekday (except holidays), you can obtain:

- * **Free vehicle access to state parks, boat launch sites, and arboretums; and**
- * **Fee reduction to state historic sites and state-operated golf courses.**

Simply present your currently valid New York State Driver License or New York State Non-Driver Identification Card.*

For locations with pay stations, please contact the facility directly for information. For information about facilities where this program is valid, contact the nearest state park or state park regional office.

**Long Island Regional Office
631-669-1000**

**A New York State Driver License or a New York State Non-Driver Identification Card may be obtained from your local Motor Vehicle office. You may want to contact them first to be certain you bring the required forms of identification.*



NEW YORK STATE PARKS:
ALBANY, NY 12238 | 631-669-1000
TTY/TDD through 711 Relay Service

TAXPAYER ALERT

- * I championed a bill that will permit local governments to increase the maximum allowable income to receive the full Senior Citizens Property Tax Exemption to \$50,000 (previously \$29,000). (A.5100)
- * Under the new law, which was signed in August, local governments can opt to grant qualifying senior citizens and persons living with disabilities a full 50% reduction on their assessment if their annual household income is \$50,000 or less and a partial exemption for incomes up to \$58,399.*
- * The exemption works on a sliding scale depending on annual household income. The following table details the new income thresholds for the Senior Citizens Property Tax Exemption and the Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income Property Tax Exemption:

INCOME	EXEMPTION
\$50,000 or LESS	50 percent
\$50,001 to \$50,999	45 percent
\$51,000 to \$51,999	40 percent
\$52,000 to \$52,999	35 percent
\$53,000 to \$53,8999	30 percent
\$53,900 to \$54,799	25 percent
\$54,800 to \$55,699	20 percent
\$55,700 to \$56,599	15 percent
\$56,600 to \$57,499	10 percent
\$57,500 to \$58,399	5 percent

- * Exemption Applications for the 2023-24 Property Tax Year must be received by January 2, 2023 and can be obtained from the Nassau County Department of Assessment at (516) 571-1500.

For more information on this or any other taxpayer programs, visit www.tax.ny.gov or call 518-457-2036

*This reduction is reflected in county, town, and school taxes where applicable. Check with your local government offices for the income limits and other qualifications specific for your community

WHAT IS NY CONNECTS?

NY Connects helps anyone who needs information on long-term services and supports children with disabilities, older adults, family members and caregivers, friends or neighbors, veterans, and helping professionals.

NY Connects can help you ...

- * Find care and support
- * Remain independent

- * Understand care options
- * Find transportation
- * Learn about supports in caregiving
- * Find supported employment programs
- * Get answers about Medicare
- * Apply for medical and other benefits

For more information regarding **NY Connects**, visit www.nyconnects.ny.gov or call 1-800-342-9871.

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