

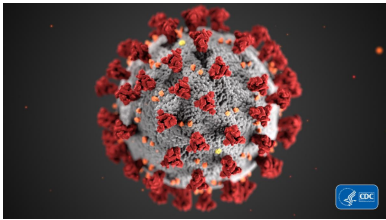
# NEWS

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GWINNETT'S  
RESPONSE TO  
COVID-19

A newsletter for Gwinnett County homeowners

March 28, 2020



Greetings!

Gwinnett County Government is monitoring developments in the spread of the coronavirus outbreak and how it may affect our residents, employees, and our delivery of important County services.

We are following the most up-to-date guidance from the Gwinnett-Newton-Rockdale County Health Departments, the state Department of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Remember to take preventive actions to prevent the spread of respiratory disease, including avoiding contact with people who are sick, practicing [coughing and sneezing etiquette](#), avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, [washing your hands thoroughly and regularly](#), and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces with a regular household cleaning spray or wipe. Learn more about how to protect yourself on the [CDC's Prevention & Treatment page](#).

## Gwinnett County and all 16 cities issue stay at home orders

Board of Commissioners Chairman Charlotte Nash and the mayors of the cities in Gwinnett have issued stay at home orders for their respective jurisdictions, in effect from 12:01am on March 28, 2020, through 11:59pm on April 13, 2020. This move is being made in a coordinated fashion in order to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to preserve the community's capacity to provide essential governmental and healthcare services.

Residents may leave their homes to conduct activities that are essential to their own health and safety and that of family/household members, partners, significant others, and pets. In addition, non-essential businesses operating in Gwinnett County are required to cease all activity except for the minimum necessary activities.

[View the full details of the order](#) on our website or [watch a short video](#) from Chairman Nash that explains how this order affects you.

## Online services available while County offices are closed

Several County offices are closed to keep visitors safe during the COVID-19 outbreak, including the Department of Water Resources, Department of Planning and Development, and the Tax Commissioners Office locations. Despite these closures, residents and business owners can take advantage of the many [online services](#) provided by the County.

## Solid waste haulers modify trash and recycling pickup

Under a [local emergency order](#) signed by Chairman Nash March 25, the following changes will be made to solid waste service in unincorporated Gwinnett:

- Only bagged trash placed inside trash carts and recycling materials placed inside recycling carts or bins will be picked up; in other words, excess household trash or recycling materials placed outside the containers will not be picked up.
- Bulky waste, white goods, and yard waste collections will be suspended temporarily.

The order also strongly encourages residents to place all trash and recycling inside bags and to tie those bags before placing them in carts to eliminate loose debris in the containers or on the ground. The order is in effect through April 7 at 11:59pm.

## Gwinnett Animal Shelter suspends adoptions

Until further notice, pet adoptions are suspended at the Gwinnett Animal Shelter. Residents who have lost a pet are encouraged to continue to look through the Available Pets page on [GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com](http://GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com). Customer service representatives are available to reunite lost animals with their families by appointment only. The shelter will not be accepting owner surrenders, but stray or injured pets will be accepted. To make an appointment to be reunited with a lost pet or to report a stray or injured pet, please call 770.339.3200.

## County Fire Marshal imposes outdoor burn ban

The Gwinnett County Fire Marshal's office [ordered a ban](#) on outdoor burning beginning March 23. Outdoor fires that are prohibited include: burning of leaves, limbs, and natural vegetation that may fall on one's property; prescribed burning; acquired structure burns; vegetative debris from storms; and weed abatement, disease, and pest prevention. The safe use of campfires and BBQ grills is still allowed and does not require a permit. As always, people should exercise extreme caution when using grills or campfires.

## Parks and Recreation facilities closed

Under the March 27 stay at home order, it is permissible to engage in outdoor activity, like walking, hiking, running or bicycling, as long as individuals comply with social distancing requirements.

Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation park hours are currently sunrise to sunset and certain areas within parks are closed. Basketball, tennis, volleyball, and sand volleyball courts, dog parks, ball fields, playgrounds, pavilions, and skate areas are closed until further notice. Trails and open areas in County parks are still available from sunrise to sunset, but visitors are urged to follow [CDC guidance](#) for social distancing should practice social distancing.

All County parks indoor facilities, aquatic centers, and pools are closed and programs hosted at these facilities have been canceled until further notice. If you have an upcoming reservation at a pavilion or other facility, staff will contact you for rescheduling or refunding options.

## Visit our website, social media for latest COVID-19 news

To stay up-to-date on the County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit our website, [GwinnettCounty.com](http://GwinnettCounty.com) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) @GwinnettGov



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