



# 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 ..... 516-573-9600
- 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 Helpline ..... 516-227-8900

### FIRE, POLICE & AMBULANCE

- Emergency ..... 911
- Nassau County Sheriff ..... 516-572-4195
- PSEG/LIPA Report Power Outage ..... 1-800-490-0075
- Poison Control ..... 1-800-222-1222

### AREA HOSPITALS

- NYU Langone 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

### ASSEMBLYMAN BRIAN CURRAN

- District Office ..... 516-561-8216

### TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

- Main Line ..... 516-489-5000
- Department of Senior Enrichment ..... 516-485-8100

### VILLAGE OF LYNBROOK

- Main Line ..... 516--599-8300

### VILLAGE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

- Main Line ..... 516-678-9300
- Department of Senior Services ..... 516-678-9245

### VILLAGE OF MALVERNE

- Main Line ..... 516-599-1200

### VILLAGE OF FREEPORT

- Main Line ..... 516-377-2200

### VILLAGE OF EAST ROCKAWAY

- Main Line ..... 516-887-6300
- Senior Center ..... 516-341-0996

### VILLAGE OF VALLEY STREAM

- Main Line ..... 516-825-4200





# WHAT IS EPIC?

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

This year's budget included \$93.2 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 65 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's 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's 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

Local governments and school districts in New York State can opt to grant a reduction on the amount of property taxes paid by qualifying senior citizens. This is accomplished by reducing the taxable assessment of the senior's home by as much as 50%.

To qualify, seniors generally must be 65 years of age or older and meet certain income limitations and other requirements. For the 50% exemption, the law allows each county, city, town, village, or school district to set the maximum income limit at any figure between \$3,000 and \$50,000.

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 Exemptions:

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 \$53,899	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

In most communities, the deadline for submitting exemption applications is March 1. However, the dates vary in some cities and counties. Please confirm the date with your assessor at 516-571-1500

For more information on this or any other taxpayer programs, visit [www.tax.ny.gov](http://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](http://www.nyconnects.ny.gov) or call 1-800-342-9871.





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For information on this or any other state issues, please contact Assemblyman Curran at: 74 N. Village Ave, Rockville Centre, NY • 516-561-8216 • curranb@nyassembly.gov



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