



# The Newtown Grant Newsletter

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## 2020 POOL SEASON UPDATE

As we approach the 2020 pool season, the Master Board of Directors is providing this update on the condition of the pool and the procedures for opening the pool this year.

Over the winter months, important pool repairs and updates were completed and new furniture purchased.



1. New skimmer baskets, hand rails, valve replacements, caulking of the pool expansion joints and stencil painting have been or are being completed before the pool opening. Pool tiles are also being repaired/replaced where needed.
2. New bulletin boards have been installed and a new pool reception desk will be inside the pool area for signing in. Ceiling fans have been installed in the pavilions as well.
3. Forty new arm chairs, four new 48" fiberglass tables and four new 9' pool umbrellas have been purchased. In addition, fifty lounge chairs and sixty-three arm chairs have been renewed and re-strapped.

*Read more on Page 2 >*

## UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

We are requesting that all owners and residents of Newtown Grant please log in / register with **Connect** and update your contact information.

This includes any changes in phone numbers or email addresses.

Please go to the Resident  
Portal at:

[www.fsresidential.com/connect/  
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## CHECK OUT OUR BLOG!

Have a look at our blog. We will be putting up some of the articles from the newsletter and some more information on Newtown Grant. If you have any suggestions, contact us at [suggestions@newtowngrant.org](mailto:suggestions@newtowngrant.org)

Take a look at the new blog here  
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## **2020 POOL SEASON UPDATE *Continued from Page 1***

The Association and American Pool, who provides our lifeguards and maintains the pool, are under restrictions pursuant to the Governor's Stay at Home Order and the CDC Guidelines regarding Social Distancing that may result in the pool not opening by Memorial Day Weekend.

Accordingly, the Board authorized Management to implement the following action plan for the 2020 Pool Season. The action plan reflects the unknown nature of the restrictions currently in place by providing information for obtaining pool passes, updating pool passes and pool opening procedures under differing scenarios.

- 1. If the Stay at Home Order is lifted before May 15<sup>th</sup>, management will be back on site and residents will have until June 5<sup>th</sup> to update or get new passes.**
- 2. If the Stay at Home Order is lifted after May 15<sup>th</sup> and the pool opens on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, residents will have until June 12<sup>th</sup> to update or get new passes.**
- 3. If the Stay at Home Order is not lifted by May 23<sup>rd</sup>, residents will have 15 days from the eventual lifting of the Stay at Home Order and the announced pool opening date to update or obtain new passes.**

**For example, if the pool doesn't open until June 20, all residents will have 15 days from June 20<sup>th</sup> to update passes or obtain new ones if required.**

- 4. Residents will use PROOF OF RESIDENCY to access the pool without a valid pool pass. (Driver's license, utility bill, valid rental lease, etc. with name and address. Junk mail will not be accepted)**
- 5. New pool passes can be obtained at the Clubhouse from the Rec Managers in the evening between 5pm and 10pm.**
- 6. Rental units must provide a copy of a valid lease to update passes or obtain new passes.**
- 7. Updating last year's pool pass with a current year sticker can be done during normal business hours or you can come in the evening to get your sticker from any of the Managers.**
- 8. Proof of address is required to obtain a new pool pass and/or update last year's pool pass. (Driver's license, utility bill, valid rental lease, etc. with name and address).**
- 9. Residents more than 90 days delinquent on assessment fees will not be permitted to obtain a new pool pass and/or update last year's pool pass. Please contact the management office to discuss the delinquency.**
- 10. All residents/tenants will be expected to update passes or obtain new passes within the grace periods based on the date the pool opens.**
- 11. Guest fees will be collected by the lifeguards when you sign in with a guest. Please see the rules and regulations regarding guest fees and signing in.**
- 12. Events at the pool are tentative pending the pool opening date. Please understand these dates may change.**
- 13. Hours of Operation During the Summer:**
- 14. Sunday through Thursday: 10 am to 8 pm**
- 15. Friday: Noon to 10 pm**
- 16. Saturday: 10 am to 10 pm**

All pool furniture (except new and re-strapped) and the pool decking (concrete) will be power washed prior to pool opening. Additionally, the Clubhouse and Pool Bathrooms will receive a deep cleaning prior to the opening of the facility and will be frequently cleaned, disinfected and sanitized throughout the pool season.

The Board wishes to thank everyone in advance for your ongoing cooperation and support during these uncertain and trying times. We are all in this together.



# Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

## SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

## CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

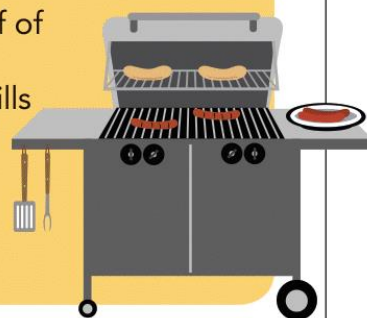
## PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

## FACTS

- ❗ July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ❗ Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.





## Drawing in Honor of Mothers' Day 2020

ENTER BY E-MAIL  
before midnight  
Sunday, May 31



**PRIZE** 3-1/2 hour "WORTH IT" Spa Package at  
**TOPPERS SPA/SALON** on West Street in Newtown.

(see package details at <http://toppersspa.com/spa-experiences/> — a \$371 value)

**RULES** send me ([granite@bucksrelo.com](mailto:granite@bucksrelo.com)) the name, address and phone number of a mom you believe deserves this treat and include "why." Entries that don't include these will not be included in the drawing. Yes, by all means, enter yourself, moms. You may enter more than one mom; just make sure each entry is submitted as a separate e-mail. If submitting an entry for someone (not yourself) include your name and phone so I can notify both you *and* the winner.

**DRAWING** will occur on June 1st. I will print each e-mail on a 8-1/2 x 11 sheet of paper, fold 2x to 4-1/4 x 5-1/2 and place in a drawing box. Entries will be vigorously mixed by shaking the box. **Notice:** I will be video taping the drawing and posting the video on-line at my Blog ([www.BucksReLo.com](http://www.BucksReLo.com)). By submitting your entries you agree that you and/or the person(s) you are submitting have given permission for your name (but **not** your phone, e-mail or address) to be announced to the public



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## MULCHING LANDSCAPE TREES

Mulches are materials placed over the soil surface to enhance landscape beauty, improve soil conditions, protect plants from foot traffic and lawn equipment, and suppress weeds.

Mulches can also improve soil structure and fertility. This is important in urban landscapes where soils are often compacted and lack organic matter, especially on new construction sites.

Mulching mimics the natural environment found in forests where leaves and branches blanket the soil surface, replenishing nutrients as they decompose and creating an ideal environment for root growth. Urban landscape trees and shrubs typically grow in much harsher environments with soils modified by human activities (e.g., construction, lawns, and compaction). A 2- to 4-inch layer of mulch can re-create aspects of a forest's soil environment. According to the International Society of Arboriculture, mulching, when done correctly, is one of the most beneficial practices a homeowner can do for the health of a tree or shrub.



### Proper Mulching Method:

- Organic mulches are preferable due to their soil-enhancing qualities. Hardwood bark makes very good, inexpensive mulch, especially when it contains a blend of bark, wood, and leaves.
- Mulch can be applied to landscape trees at just about any time of the year. However, the best time to apply mulch is in the middle of spring, once soil temperatures have warmed enough for root growth to begin.

- Mulch as much of the area as possible, preferably to the outermost edge of the tree's canopy, referred to as the "drip line." Keep in mind, the drip line moves out as the tree grows.

- Apply a 2- to 4-inch layer of organic mulch and no more; use less if the soil is poorly drained. More than 4 inches may harm the tree's root system. If using finely textured or double-shredded mulch, use 1 to 2 inches since these materials allow less oxygen through to the root zone.

For tree health, keep all mulch material away from the trunk. Allow the root flare (where the trunk meets the soil) to show. The root flare is at or near the ground line and is identifiable as a marked swelling of the tree's trunk where roots begin to extend outward.

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# Newtown Grant Pool Rules 2020

## Membership

The Newtown Grant pool is for Newtown Grant residents and their paid guests.

Photo ID cards must be shown to the pool attendant before entering even if you are a frequent visitor to the pool. You will be asked to sign in for yourself and other family members with you, to identify any guest(s) that you may bring to the pool and pay the appropriate guest fee.

Children ages 3-12 must be accompanied by an adult age 18 or older.

Children age 13 and older may attend without an adult but may not bring a paid guest.

Ages 16 – 18 may bring one paid guest, Monday – Sunday. Those residents 18 years of age or older may bring a maximum of four (4) paid guests.

## Junior Pool

The Junior Pool is for children 5 years and younger. Each child must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and will be their sole responsibility. All diapers must be covered by rubber pants. Children who are not toilet trained must wear rubber pants.

## Nanny Pass

Nanny/Babysitter can be admitted with resident children if they have a current parent pool ID with them that contains a Nanny sticker.

## Etiquette

No one is permitted in the pool unless a lifeguard is on duty. Running, diving, pushing, wrestling, rough play or similar activities are not permitted.

Continuous loud disturbance (radio, etc) and/or the use of profanity are not permitted.

Ball playing is permitted at the discretion of the pool management company.

Free floating devices are not permitted in the pool. This includes all tubes including the ones with “shirts” attached.

The exceptions are water wings, US Coast Guard approved flotation devices (PFD’s), kickboards and “noodles”.



**Water Aerobic Classes Begin Tuesday, May 26 and every Tuesday and Saturday through September 5th 2020 9:00am to 10:00am (tentative)**

## Parking

When you pull up to the pool entrance in your car, you may discharge passengers but you may not park or leave your vehicle unattended on the circle. Please park only in the designated parking spaces. Please do not park in reserved parking. Your children must wait outside the fence until you arrive to enter the pool area with them. Do not park in the No Parking areas. Do not park or leave your car unattended in the circle when the pool and/or recreation center is open. That area must be kept open as a safety measure for emergency vehicles, if required.

## Rec Center Dress Code

No one may enter the pool through the building as no one in bathing attire (wet or dry) is permitted in the building.

Exception to the bathing attire in the building policy:

If you enter the building when the Assistant Managers are present, your bathing attire must be dry and you must be appropriately covered and wearing shoes.

## Suspension from the pool

The lifeguard has the authority to enforce the rules and may direct offenders to leave the pool and suspend them from the pool for 15 minutes. Two (2) offenses will result in suspension of all pool privileges for up to two (2) days at the discretion of the pool manager. You may also have your privileges suspended for the remainder of the season if there is falsification of information, unpaid fines, open violations and a delinquent Association account.

**Shade Pavilions** are available for the enjoyment of all. Please limit any parties to a maximum of 2 hours under the pavilion. Parties at the pavilion are first come first serve, not to be scheduled with management

**Glass, pets, smoking and/or alcohol is prohibited**



# Pool Rules 2020 Continued.....

## Guests

Daily guests (maximum four per adult) will be admitted when accompanied by a resident card holder. Guests must pay at the time of admission. Each resident will be responsible for their guest(s). If you bring a guest to the pool you must stay with the guest throughout the guest's entire visit to the pool. If your child brings a friend, that friend is your responsibility. The adult must be present at all times.

## Guests will be charged the following fees:

\$5.00 per guest per day

## Twilight Special

\$3.00 per guest per day if entering after 5:00 PM.  
Children ages 3 and under swim for free.

## Flick & Floats

The pool will close early for the following movie nights this summer:

July 11 & 25, and August 22

## Rain Checks

If a guest has been present for less than two (2) hours before closing for rain, a rain check will be issued.

Rain checks will be given to host family.

Please bring exact change for guest fees.

## Granny Pass

Again, this year, for our grandparents. Four grandchildren passes may be issued for each home in Newtown Grant. Grandchildren will need to have their picture taken and passes issued. Only ages 3 - 12 are available.

## Pool Hours

*Weekend's only from May 23rd to June 20<sup>th</sup>*

*Saturday 10 am – 10 pm*

*Sunday 10 am – 8 pm*

*Everyday starting Tuesday, June 22, 2020 to September 7th*

*Monday – Thursday 10 am – 8 pm*

*Friday – Noon – 10 pm*

**Glass, pets, smoking and/or alcohol is prohibited**



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# EMPIRE STATE BUILDING DEDICATED

On this day (May 1) in 1931, President Herbert Hoover officially dedicates New York City's Empire State Building, pressing a button from the White House that turns on the building's lights. Hoover's gesture, of course, was symbolic; while the president remained in Washington, D.C., someone else flicked the switches in New York.

The idea for the Empire State Building is said to have been born of a competition between Walter Chrysler of the Chrysler Corporation and John Jakob Raskob of General Motors, to see who could erect the taller building. Chrysler had already begun work on the famous Chrysler Building, the gleaming 1,046-foot skyscraper in midtown Manhattan. Not to be bested, Raskob assembled a group of well-known investors, including former New York Governor Alfred



E. Smith. The group chose the architecture firm Shreve, Lamb and Harmon Associates to design the building. The Art-Deco plans, said to have been based in large part on the look of a pencil, were also builder-friendly: The entire building went up in just over a year, under budget (at \$40 million) and well ahead of schedule. During certain periods of building, the frame grew an astonishing four-and-a-half stories a week.

At the time of its completion, the Empire State Building, at 102 stories and 1,250 feet high (1,454 feet to the top of the lightning rod), was the world's tallest skyscraper. The Depression-era construction employed as many as 3,400 workers on any single day, most of whom received an excellent pay rate, especially given the economic conditions of the time. The new building imbued New York City with a deep sense of pride, desperately needed in the depths of the Great Depression, when many city residents were unemployed and prospects looked bleak. The grip of the Depression on New York's economy was still evident a year later, however, when only 25 percent of the Empire State's offices had been rented.

In 1972, the Empire State Building lost its title as world's tallest building to New York's World Trade Center, which itself was the tallest skyscraper for but a year. Today the honor belongs to Dubai's Burj Khalifa tower, which soars 2,717 feet into the sky.

*From History.com*



# THE JACK REPCHECK SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Registration for the 2020 season is open. Please sign up at the clubhouse or online ([www.newtowngrant.org/softball](http://www.newtowngrant.org/softball)).

***WE ARE WELCOMING NEW PLAYERS!!***

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Let us know if you are new to the softball league. All games are played on the Newtown Grant field. Games are scheduled Monday through Thursday. We have expanded the seating and hope to see you this spring.

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<a href="#"><u>53 Sequoia Drive</u></a>	Townhome	3	2-1/2	380,000	3
<a href="#"><u>66 Quince Circle</u></a>	Townhome	4	2-1/2	375,000	4
<a href="#"><u>2 Poplar Court</u></a>	Townhome	3	2-1/2	348,500	5
<a href="#"><u>1501 Society Place</u></a>	Condo	2	2	240,000	45
<a href="#"><u>2407 Society Place</u></a>	Condo	2	2	215,500	5
<a href="#"><u>1611 Society Place</u></a>	Condo	2	1	208,900	3

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Let us know if you are fundraising for a local charity or if you think that there is something we should know!

We would love to hear from you!

## 76 SECONDS OF HISTORY

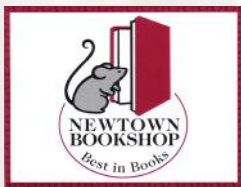
The Friends of Washington Crossing Park have released seven **"76 seconds of History"** for **FREE** on their YouTube channel.

Why not show each short video to your children when the weather is not the best and teach them about the amazing history in the area

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	<p>“Redhead by the Side of the Road” By Anne Tyler Fiction Micah Mortimer is a creature of habit. A self-employed tech expert, superintendent of his Baltimore apartment building, cautious to a fault behind the steering wheel, he seems content leading a steady, circumscribed life. But one day his routines are blown apart when his woman friend (he refuses to call anyone in her late thirties a "girlfriend") tells him she's facing eviction, and a teenager shows up at Micah's door claiming to be his son. These surprises, and the ways they throw Micah's meticulously organized life off-kilter, risk changing him forever.</p>		<p>“Echo Mountain” By Lauren Wolk  Ages 10 and up  <i>Echo Mountain</i> is celebration of finding your own path and becoming your truest self. Lauren Wolk, the Newbery Honor- and Scott O'Dell Award-winning author of <i>Wolf Hollow</i> and <i>Beyond the Bright Sea</i> weaves a stunning tale of resilience, persistence, and friendship across three generations of families, set against the rough and ragged beauty of the mountain they all call home.</p>
	<p>“Magnolia Table, Volume 2: A Collection of Recipes for Gathering” By Joanna Gaines  Cookbook  <i>Magnolia Table, Volume 2</i> is filled with 145 new recipes from her own home that she shares with husband Chip and their five kids. From breakfast to dinner, plus breads, soups, and sides, <i>Magnolia Table, Volume 2</i> gives readers abundant reasons to cook.</p>		<p>“Wink” By Rob Harrell Ages 9 to 12 Ross Maloy just wants to be a normal seventh grader. He doesn't want to lose his hair, or wear a weird hat, or deal with the disappearing friends who don't know what to say to "the cancer kid." But with his recent diagnosis of a rare eye cancer, blending in is off the table. Based on Rob Harrell's real life experience, and packed with comic panels and spot art, this incredibly personal and poignant novel is an unforgettable, heartbreaking, hilarious, and uplifting story of survival and finding the music, magic, and laughter in life's weirdness.</p>
	<p>“Long Bright River” By Liz Moore Fiction In a Philadelphia neighborhood rocked by the opioid crisis, two once-inseparable sisters find themselves at odds. One, Kacey, lives on the streets in the vise of addiction. The other, Mickey, walks those same blocks on her police beat. They don't speak anymore, but Mickey never stops worrying about her sibling. Then Kacey disappears, suddenly, at the same time that a mysterious string of murders begins in Mickey's district, and Mickey becomes dangerously obsessed with finding the culprit--and her sister--before it's too late.</p>		<p>“The Splendid and the Vile” By Erik Larson  History  <b>#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER</b> - The author of <i>The Devil in the White City</i> and <i>Dead Wake</i> delivers an intimate chronicle of Winston Churchill and London during the Blitz--an inspiring portrait of courage and leadership in a time of unprecedented crisis</p>

## COVID-19 REOPENING PHASES

	WORK & CONGREGATE SETTINGS	SOCIAL SETTINGS
<b>RED PHASE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LIFE-SUSTAINING BUSINESSES ONLY</li> <li>RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE FOR PRISON + CONGREGATE CARE</li> <li>SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION</li> <li>MOST CHILD CARE CLOSED</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STAY AT HOME ORDERED</li> <li>LARGE GATHERINGS PROHIBITED</li> <li>RESTAURANTS/BARS LIMITED TO CARRY-OUT + DELIVERY</li> <li>ONLY TRAVEL FOR LIFE-SUSTAINING PURPOSES</li> </ul>
<b>YELLOW PHASE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TELEWORK MUST CONTINUE WHERE FEASIBLE</li> <li>BUSINESSES WITH IN-PERSON OPERATIONS MUST FOLLOW SAFETY ORDERS</li> <li>CHILD CARE OPEN WITH WORKER + BUILDING SAFETY ORDERS</li> <li>RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE FOR PRISON + CONGREGATE CARE</li> <li>SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STAY AT HOME RESTRICTIONS LIFTED IN FAVOR OF AGGRESSIVE MITIGATION</li> <li>LARGE GATHERINGS PROHIBITED</li> <li>IN-PERSON RETAIL ALLOWED CURBSIDE/DELIVERY PREFERRED</li> <li>INDOOR RECREATION, HEALTH AND WELLNESS FACILITIES (SUCH AS GYMS, SPAS), AND ALL ENTERTAINMENT (SUCH AS CASINOS, THEATERS) REMAIN CLOSED</li> <li>RESTAURANTS/BARS LIMITED TO CARRY-OUT + DELIVERY</li> </ul>
<b>GREEN PHASE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ALL BUSINESSES MUST FOLLOW CDC AND PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AGGRESSIVE MITIGATION ORDERS LIFTED</li> <li>INDIVIDUALS MUST FOLLOW CDC AND PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES</li> </ul>

## Mental Health Help During COVID-19

### Crisis Text Line



Text 'PA' to 741741

### National Suicide Prevention Lifeline



1-800-273-8255

### Preventing suicide in PA



preventsuicidepa.org/

### Disaster Distress Helpline



800-985-5990

### Get Help Now for substance use disorder



1-800-662-4357

### Veterans in crisis



veteranscrisisline.net

### PA's support helpline



855-284-2494

### Coping with COVID-19 stress



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### COVID-19 resources



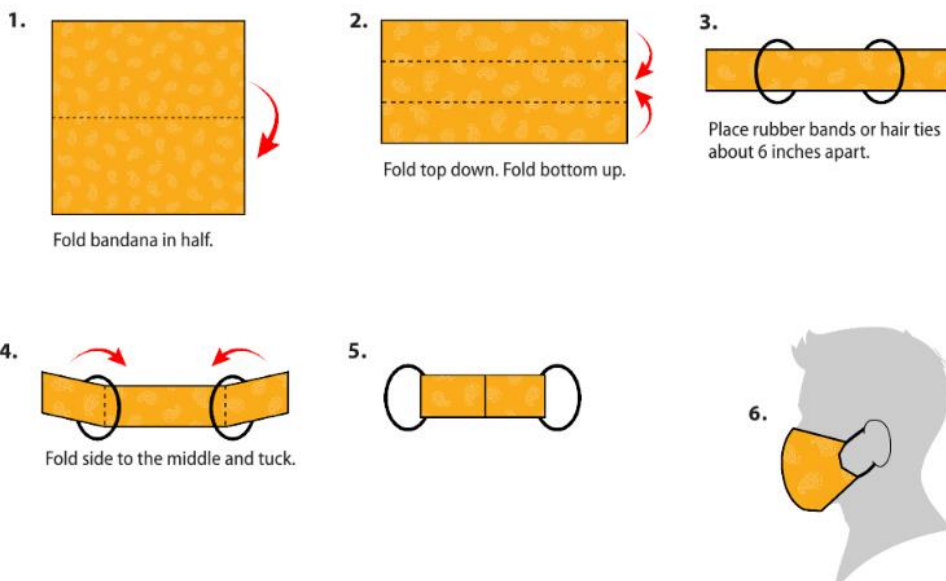
mhanational.org/covid19

## Bandana Face Covering (no sew method)

### Materials

- Bandana (or square cotton cloth approximately 20"x20")
- Rubber bands (or hair ties)
- Scissors (if you are cutting your own cloth)

### Tutorial





## Clubhouse Coronavirus COVID-19 Public Gathering Notice:

All residents/tenants/owners of Newtown Grant should adhere to the Governor's Stay at Home Order and the CDC Guidelines regarding Social Distancing.

No gatherings at the park, baseball field, tennis court or playing basketball.

We understand the need to get fresh air or exercise. However, out of the concern for your health and the health of others, please do not gather in groups during this crisis.

Please be safe, and stay well!

Thank you.

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## **GREEN CORNER: PLANT A TREE, OR START GARDENING AND COMPOSTING WHILE AT HOME; DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENTS**

*By Sherri A. Affrunti*

We may be just past Earth Day, but you can still support the Earth by planting a tree. Tips for tree planting (and getting the kids involved!) can be found online at <https://www.plt.org/educator-tips/tree-planting-tips/>. Or, donate to the Canopy Project sponsored by the Earth Day Network which works with global partners in reforestation at <https://www.earthday.org/campaign/the-canopy-project/>.



While you're home, you might also consider starting a backyard garden (whether in containers or in the ground). Gardening reduces stress, improves physical and mental health, and can help you create your own source of good nourishment! You can also plant flowers for some backyard cheer. Locally, Shady Brook Farm offers curbside

pickup right now for its garden center, just order in advance and schedule your pickup online at <https://shadybrookfarm.com/garden-center-curbside-pick-up/>. Area Home Depot stores (and likely other area garden centers) are also providing curbside pick-up for your convenience and safety.

Additionally, consider composting your food scraps and yard waste rather than throwing it away to landfills. You can compost everything from fruits, vegetables, coffee grounds, tea bags, to yard related items such as grass clippings, leaves, wood chips, and hair and fur. Composting is beneficial to the soil, reduces the need for chemical fertilizers, reduces landfill emissions, and reduces your own personal carbon footprint. To get started, all you need are three things: some brown organic material (such as leaves, twigs and branches) and some green organic material (such as vegetable scraps, fruit peels, and grass clippings) in equal ratio, plus water. You can find more detailed tips from the EPA for composting at home online at <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home#basics>.



Finally, if you are cleaning out your home office and other papers, but are concerned about how you might safely dispose of documents containing personal information, keep your eye on Titan Shredding's website. Not only does the site list monthly shredding options at reasonable fees, but there are a number of free events sponsored by state representatives and other organizations that want to help protect the public against identity theft. Limits are typically to 3 standard file or copy boxes, full of paper of any type or color. Various events are currently sponsored for mid-May and June 2020. View the event list online at <https://www.titanshredding.com/sponsored-shred-events/> and check back regularly for updates, additions or schedule changes given the current pandemic.

Stay healthy, and be well!



# Insect Word Search

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