



# Bureau of Fire Prevention Washington Township – Morris County

Long Valley, New Jersey, 07853

Serving Warren County's Mansfield, Independence Township and Borough of Washington



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To: Property Owners & Realtors

The Washington Township Bureau of Fire Prevention has modified the process for smoke alarm, carbon monoxide alarm and portable fire extinguisher compliance inspections in response to the precautions against the Covid-19 pandemic. These changes apply to Washington Township (Morris County), Mansfield Township, Independence Township and The Borough of Washington.

- If the residential dwelling is vacant, and has not been occupied within the last 4 weeks, please call our office at **908-876-8637**. We will schedule your inspection for the next availability. Please see next page for our precautionary measures for inspections.
- For occupied residential dwellings currently occupied or has been within the last 4 weeks, please email us at **fireinspection@wtmorris.net** for the affidavit form and requirements of this procedure. This also applies to multi-dwelling rental units with attached common areas.
- New owners of the homes which have been issued a certificate of inspection via affidavit and wish to have a curtesy inspection performed at no cost, please contact our office after the State of Emergency has been lifted.

Requirements for these inspections can be found at:

<https://www.wtmorris.org/index.php/departments/fire-prevention.html>

Please note that certificates are good for 6 months from passing date.

Thank you for your continued cooperation on these matters. The goal of Washington Township Bureau of Fire Prevention is to continue to provide customer service to the municipalities we cover while protecting our staff and residents. If you have any questions regarding these temporary changes, please do not hesitate to contact us at **908-876-8637**.

Matthew Lopez  
Fire Marshal

## Notice of Precautionary Measures

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### For Inspections

**In order to begin performing inspections again in occupied structures the town in accordance with state regulations and CDC guidance is requiring the following precautionary measures to limit potential sources of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19.**

**For inspections permissible under state regulations, the following practices are to be followed during inspections:**

- 1. Only one person can accompany the inspector during the inspection, must maintain six feet distance from the inspector, must wear a face covering and must not have had any of the common symptoms associated with COVID-19 according to CDC guidance in the last 72 hours.**
- 2. All other occupants must go to a remote location away from the inspection area while the inspector is conducting the inspection.**
- 3. The inspection must be canceled if the customer or anyone living, working or otherwise occupying the property to be inspected has had any of the common symptoms associated with COVID-19 according to CDC guidance in the last 72 hours.**

*(According to current CDC guidance, common symptoms associated with COVID-19 include any of the following: fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, fatigue, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.)*

- 4. If at any time an inspector observes non-compliance with any of the above requirements, they will leave the site and inform the owner or owner's representative that the inspection must be rescheduled when the requirements can be met.**