



COVID-19 UPDATES ~DECEMBER 31, 2020~

Happy New Year!



challenging, to say the least, but we have endured.

As we prepare to celebrate the new year, I write to you all this evening to wish you well and to encourage you to think about the things that we can look forward to in 2021. I also wish to reflect back on some of the silver linings and positive developments from this year.

Acts of generosity, large and small, equipped our first responders and frontline workers with the tools they needed to stay safe and care for patients, customers, and community members. Non-profit and volunteer organizations worked around

For many of us, 2020 is a year we will be glad to see in our rear-view mirrors. Between the COVID-19 pandemic, disruptions to businesses and the economy, and the countless personal and professional struggles, sacrifices, and losses, it would be almost impossible to exaggerate what we have endured this year. It has been

the clock to ensure that our most vulnerable neighbors could access basic necessities in times of crisis. Individuals and families shopped locally to help keep small businesses open and afloat. Teachers navigated new terrains and technology to continue our children's education, while caring for their own children and families at home.

Outpourings of kindness and compassion have uplifted our community through troubled times when we needed it most, and I could not be prouder to be Supervisor of a district filled with caring individuals who embody the importance of community and togetherness. It is my hope that this spirit of community spills over into 2021 and that we continue Sterling's tradition of stepping up and helping out.

The beginning of a new year is the perfect time to look forward to new beginnings and this time, more than ever, the hope is that 2021 will bring health and prosperity to all. Whether your "new beginning" is fitness or health-based, financial or spiritual, whatever is meaningful to you—whatever brings you happiness—may it be yours this holiday season and throughout the coming year!

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Loudoun Offers Christmas Tree Recycling at Several Locations

Loudoun County is offering five locations for residents to drop off their Christmas trees for recycling beginning Sunday, December 26, 2020, through Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

Only natural, cut trees and wreaths are accepted; no artificial trees or wreaths. The trees and wreaths will be converted into mulch.

Residents who receive curbside recycling services may contact their homeowners association, town office or recycling service provider for Christmas tree collection schedules.

**Christmas Trees Accepted for
Recycling Dec. 26 - Jan. 20**



**Find locations at
loudoun.gov/recycle**

Sterling residents can recycle their Christmas trees free of charge at:

Claude Moore Park (use Loudoun Park Lane entrance)

46150 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling, 20164

Open daily, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

[Learn More About Recycling Your Tree and Find Other Recycling Locations](#)

Check Your Holiday Decorating Material for Egg Masses



If you purchase live material for your holiday decorating that was not grown in Loudoun County such as trees, wreaths and garlands, officials ask that you examine the material to look for egg masses of the spotted lanternfly; an invasive insect that can affect agricultural and ornamental plants.

Adult spotted lanternflies die at the onset of winter; however, their egg masses can survive below-zero temperatures. Egg masses typically include 30 to 50 jellybean-shaped eggs in neat rows covered by a waxy substance that looks like mud. The egg masses can accumulate on tree trunks, branches, and other surfaces from the fall to early spring when they hatch.

[Get More Information](#)

Celebrate the New Year Safely

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggests that the safest way to celebrate the new year is to celebrate at home with the people who live with you or virtually with friends and family.



If you're celebrating New Year's with people outside your household, make sure you take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wear a mask
- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) apart
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces
- Wash your hands
- Stay home if you're sick
- [Get a flu shot as soon as possible](#)

Consider other activities to celebrate New Year's, such as:

- Have virtual celebrations with loved ones
- Plan a New Year's party for the people who live with you
- Plan a neighborhood countdown to midnight. Everyone can stand in front of their houses and cheer at midnight
- Watch a livestreamed firework display, concert, First Night event, or other New Year's programming from your home

[Read more from the CDC about safer ways to celebrate](#)

Vaccine Efforts in Loudoun County

COVID-19 Vaccine: Things to Know Now

The safety of COVID-19 vaccines is a top priority.



When COVID-19 vaccine first becomes available to the general public, we anticipate that the Loudoun County Health Department will provide free vaccine through carefully organized mass vaccination clinics.

• [Sign up for email and text updates on COVID-19 in Notify Me](#), (under the "Blogs" category, select "Coronavirus (COVID-19)").

The Loudoun County Health Department [has received a first shipment](#) of a limited quantity of vaccine. This vaccine is reserved for people who meet the [highest priority for vaccine](#), such as our health care personnel and front-line workers. These vaccines will be administered in private clinics.

The Commonwealth of Virginia has established a COVID-19 vaccine unit to coordinate vaccination efforts. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has a [COVID-19 Vaccination Plan](#). Vaccines will be distributed throughout the Commonwealth in accordance with VDH plans, which are based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

[More Information](#)

College Students Encouraged to Get Tested if Returning to Campus in January

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) encourages college students who are planning to return to campus in January to get tested for COVID-19 before and after they return to school.

Visit the Virginia Department of Health's website to find [COVID-19 testing locations](#) in Loudoun

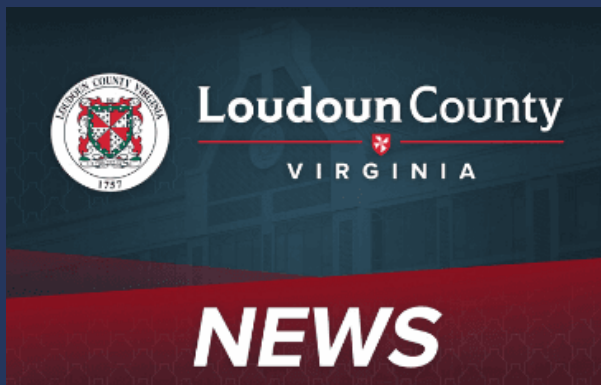


County and Northern Virginia, including one-day testing events. Enter your locality in the search field to find locations near you.

If you have questions about testing or need help finding testing, call the Health Department information line at [703-737-8300](tel:703-737-8300), Monday-Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or send an [email](#).

[Find more safe travel tips from the CDC](#)

Loudoun Commissioner of the Revenue Mails Notices to Vehicle Owners



Loudoun Commissioner of the Revenue Robert S. Wertz Jr. recently mailed notification of 2021 personal property filing requirements to all vehicle owners currently on the county's tax rolls.

Personal property includes automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, campers, trailers, boats, motorhomes, aircraft and mobile

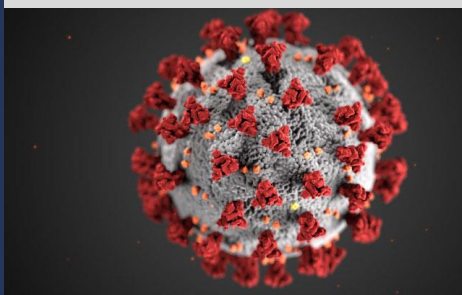
homes.

During the week of January 4, 2021, residents will begin receiving notices in the mail with an account number and instructions that they will use to review and update their personal property tax records for the 2021 tax year. The online process allows residents to review and update information on the more than 372,000 vehicles now located in the county.

Beginning January 1, 2021, residents can access their personal property information online at loudoun.gov/efile utilizing their social security or tax identification number, mailing address ZIP code and unique account number, which is displayed on the notice.

[Get More Details](#)

Stay Informed!



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, which include:

- Wear a mask/face covering ([see requirements](#))
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when

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Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus.
- Text **LCCOVID19** to **888777** to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.
- Envíe un mensaje de texto con **LCCOVIDESP** al **888777** para actualizaciones diaras relacionadas con el coronavirus (COVID-19) en el condado de Loudoun.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email health@loudoun.gov.

- coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
 - Stay home when you are sick.
 - Avoid contact with sick people.
 - Avoid non-essential travel.

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