



Town of

# Longmeadow, Massachusetts

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## Town of Longmeadow Update COVID-19 Coronavirus

### Yard Waste at Recycling Center, Spring Sports and Staff Furloughs April 30, 2020

Beginning, Saturday, May 2, 2020, yard waste will be accepted at the Recycling Center on Pondsides Road. The leaf /yard waste site on West Road will be closed so the fields can be prepared for spring/summer planting. The yard waste drop off at the Recycling Center will be open on Saturdays 8am – 5pm, Sundays and Wednesdays 10am – 5pm, to use the facility you must have a valid dump/transfer station sticker. Stickers are available for purchase [online](#). **Bulky household items will not be accepted yet as plans to open those areas of the Recycling Center are still developed to ensure the safety of staff and residents. The Swap Shop will remain closed.**

The Governor's extension of the non-essential business closure and the limiting of group gatherings has required a review of planned spring parks and recreation programming. Even if the Governor's Orders were to be lifted on May 18, the season would be incredibly limited. In order to ensure everyone's safety the spring parks and recreation programming season has been cancelled, this includes all sponsored sport leagues. This cancellation does not include virtual programming. Specific questions regarding this can be made directly to (413)565-4160 or [customerservice@lprd.net](mailto:customerservice@lprd.net).

The impacts of COVID-19 on the municipal budget are continuously being monitored and modifications are being considered to help absorb anticipated revenue shortfalls. There are budget implications for the remainder of FY2020 and even more uncertainty for the FY2021 budget. These financial constraints have required some difficult discussions, including the furloughing of staff where remote working accommodations are not possible. The departments with furloughs are: Parks & Recreation - 50 comprised of staff from daycare, before/after school care, program coordinators, and an administrative assistant; Police - 25 crossing guards; Library - 10 comprised of library techs and library assistants, and an administrative assistant; DPW - 2 seasonal laborers; and Treasure/Collector's Office - 1 part time specialist. The furloughs will remain in place until June 30, 2020 and may be ended at any point that staffing needs change.

As always, updates on the Town of Longmeadow response to COVID-19 coronavirus will continue to be posted on [www.longmeadow.org/coronavirus](http://www.longmeadow.org/coronavirus). Please regularly check that website for up-to-date information, you will also find copies of all updates that have been released. If you have a concern, are concerned about a neighbor, or need additional information related to COVID-19 please email [LEMD@longmeadow.org](mailto:LEMD@longmeadow.org) or visit [www.longmeadow.org/coronavirus](http://www.longmeadow.org/coronavirus).