

LIVING *in Rural* ORANGE COUNTY N E W Y O R K



Your Guide to Enjoying Rural Life in Orange County, NY



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As a rapidly growing community, new residents and those considering a move to the area are often unaware of the resources available in Orange County. They also may encounter issues with which they are unfamiliar and not know where to seek assistance.

This booklet and web site is the outcome of discussions among many agencies in the county that frequently receive calls for assistance. Its intent is to provide new residents with access to resources that can help answer their questions.

We hope that you find this reference useful. If you have suggestions for additional information that should be included or need answers to issues not addressed here, please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County at 845-344-1234 and we will be happy to assist you.

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Living in the rural areas of the county can be a wonderful change of pace and provide opportunities not readily available in the city.

However, there definitely are tradeoffs. The corner grocery store may be 5 miles down the road, your water will probably come from your own well and your children may not be able to walk to school or their friends' houses.

If you are not familiar with agriculture, you may be in for a surprise as well. The images of agriculture that are often portrayed on television or on postcards, frequently present a romanticized version of this industry. Modern agriculture in Orange County is highly mechanized and the sounds of equipment may be heard well into the night during planting and harvest seasons. Slow moving farm vehicles also occupy the roads, and motorists sharing the roads must recognize the need to slow down. While cows can be "picturesque," the fact is they are not pets, and they may create odors.

We hope that this booklet provides you with information to assist you with your decision to move to the country. It is not intended to give you all of the answers you will need, but to give you some idea of the things you may want to consider. The "Additional Resources" at the end of this booklet will provide you with more in depth information.



More information, including fact sheets and maps can be found by following the links on our website: <http://www.cceorangecounty.org>

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Physical Features

Location

Orange County, NY is located in the lower Hudson Valley on the west side of the river. It is approximately 50 miles north of New York City. It borders both Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Latitude is approximately 41.40 N and longitude is approximately 74.40 W.

Size

816.4 square miles or 522,240 acres.

Land Use

88,030 acres or 16% of Orange County is used in farming. This includes 658 farms and \$100.6 million in gross sales. Orange County's food and agricultural system enjoys a tremendous diversity of fruits, vegetables, ornamental horticulture, dairy, equine and livestock.



Climate

Average temperature in January, the coldest month, was 26.9° F. in Middletown over the 30 year period (1980-2010). Average temperature for July, the hottest month was 73° F. Average maximum temperature in July is 83.4° F, and average minimum in January is 18.5° F. The record low temperature in January was in -23° F in 1994 and the record high was recorded in 1995 at 101° F.

Average rainfall in Middletown was 43.9 inches per year; fairly evenly distributed throughout the year. The average date of last spring frost is April 30 in the eastern half of the county and May 10 in the western half of the county. The first frost in the fall usually occurs between September 30 and October 10 in the western part of the county and between October 10 and October 20 in eastern part of county. Growing degree-days range from 2400 to 2800. Snowfall averages about 43 inches annually.

Population

Total county population in 2015 was estimated at 389,606, between 2000 and 2010 the population of the county increased by 9.21%.

Government

County Government

County Government consists of an elected County Executive and a 21 member elected county legislature. County government is responsible for such functions as public health issues, sheriff's patrols, county court system, tourism, and county parks and recreation. Many other duties are shared or coordinated with state and town governments.

Location: Goshen is the County seat. The County Legislature meets at the Government Center in Goshen. Additional county office space is located throughout the county.

Government Center:

40 Matthews Street

Goshen, NY 10924

County Executive's Office 845-291-2700

County Legislative Office 845-291-4800

<http://www.orangecountygov.com/> or <http://www.co.orange.ny.us/>



County government has major satellite offices at:

Armory at 141 Broadway in Newburgh, 845-568-5230

Fulton Plaza at 33 Fulton Street in Middletown, 845-345-1182

150 Pike Street in Port Jervis. 845-858-1480

There are also Department of Motor Vehicles offices at:

128 Broadway in Newburgh,

12-14 King Street in Middletown,

20 Hammond Street in Port Jervis.

<http://orangecountygov.com/>

<https://dmv.ny.gov/org/org/org/office/middletown>

Town Government

Each county in New York State is comprised of numerous towns. All land not incorporated in a city or village is under the jurisdiction of a town. Unincorporated land does not exist in New York State. New York is considered a "home rule" state, meaning that many local laws and ordinances are determined at the local level. In Orange County there are 20 towns, each with their own governing body and responsible for many of their own laws. There may be wide variations in zoning, planning, building codes, and property taxes between neighboring communities. Town Government consists of an elected town supervisor and a town council. Towns have responsibility for such functions as tax assessment, planning, zoning, code enforcement, and town roads and highways. Many towns also have police protection and animal control.

City Government

City governments provide such functions as police and fire protection, tax assessment, planning, zoning, and code enforcement, street maintenance, and animal control.

Three cities exist in the county: [Newburgh](#), [Middletown](#) and [Port Jervis](#).

Newburgh: Newburgh has an elected mayor, a 4-member city council and a city manager. City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

83 Broadway, City Hall

Newburgh, NY 12550

845-569-7300

<http://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov/>

Middletown: Middletown has an elected mayor and a 9-member city council. The City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

16 James St.

Middletown, NY 10940

845-346-4101

<http://www.middletown-ny.com/>

Port Jervis: Port Jervis has an elected mayor and a 9-member city council. The City Council meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

20 Hammond St.

Port Jervis, NY 12771

845-858-4014

<http://www.portjervisny.org/>

Village Government

There are 17 villages in Orange County. Villages are a smaller version of a city, with an elected mayor and village trustees. They provide similar functions as cities.

For a complete list: <http://www.co.orange.ny.us/content/124/1360/4554.aspx>

Taxes

Property tax

Property is appraised for assessment purposes at the local level, forming the basis for distribution of property taxes for all taxing authorities. Property taxes vary from town to town based on a number of factors including market value and local budgets. County, town, fire and special district taxes are together on one bill while school taxes are billed by each school district and payable to each specific district.

School district boundaries cross town, city, village and occasionally county boundaries. In most school districts boundaries cross town, city and village boundaries. In most school districts in the county, the school district budget is prepared by the school board and district residents have an opportunity to vote on the budget. If the budget is rejected, the school board submits a reduced budget for voter approval. If that one is also rejected then a mandated austerity budget goes into effect. This budget usually eliminates extracurricular activities. For more information go to Real Property Tax Service at <http://www.orangecountygov.com/content/124/1368/default.aspx>

Agricultural assessment

Agricultural assessment provides a reduction on property taxes. Rented land not meeting the gross income requirement may be eligible under another's qualified farming operation. To qualify for agricultural assessment, the following conditions must be met:

The land consists of at least 7 acres which have been used to produce crops, livestock or livestock products for sale in the preceding two years; and

The crops, livestock or livestock products produced on the land, and on any land rented by the applicant from another and used in conjunction with such land to produce for sale crops, livestock and livestock products, must have an average gross sales value of at least \$10,000 for the two years preceding the application.

OR

If the land consists of less than 7 acres then:

The crops, livestock or livestock products produced on such land, and on any land rented by the applicant from another and used in conjunction with the applicant's land to produce for sale crops, livestock and livestock products, must have an average gross sales value of at least \$50,000 for the two years preceding the application.

OR

The land consists of at least 7 acres and has been used during the preceding two years to support a commercial horse boarding operation with ten and annual gross receipts of \$10,000 or more.

First year farmers may receive an agricultural assessment if they meet the gross sales value requirements during their first year of operation. Owners of rented land may qualify for an agricultural assessment if their land independently qualifies and is being used with a 5 years or more lease agreement.

FOR further information please go to https://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/orpts/Ag_Asses_flowchart.pdf

and https://www.tax.ny.gov/research/property/assess/valuation/ag_overview.htm

Sales Tax

New York State sales tax is 4%. Orange County sales tax is 3.75% and there is 0.375% tax for the Metropolitan Transit Authority for a total of 8.125%. State sales tax does not apply to clothing and shoes of less than \$110. Sales tax is not applied to food purchases.

Public Safety

Police

There are at least 39 law enforcement agencies that have offices within Orange County or provide a service to a portion of the county. Some of these agencies provide a specialized or specific purpose. It is important that the citizen know where to call for the agencies particular area of concern.

These agencies include the [New York State Police](#); the [Orange County Sheriff's Department](#); the [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#); and the [Military Police stationed at the United States Military Academy](#); the [New York State Department of Environmental Conservation](#), the [New York State Park Police](#), and the [Park Rangers from the United States Department of the Interior](#). There also are 32 local (city, town or village) law enforcement agencies.

In the event of an emergency, always call 911. The nearest available police agency that has jurisdiction in the area of the emergency will be dispatched through the [Orange County Emergency Communications Center](#) for law enforcement matters. The Center also dispatches fire and ambulance services.

Non-emergencies should be directed to the agency having jurisdiction in the location in which the incident occurred.

Contact the local governing body, such as the supervisor's office or the town clerk's office and inquire if there is a local police department servicing their area.

The New York State Police, Troop F is a full-service police agency. There are three stations and four substations located throughout Orange County. They are staffed by approximately 100 troopers. The State Police share responsibilities with several village and town agencies. There are, however, rural areas where the State Police are solely responsible. The State Police can be contacted at 911 in emergencies or directly at the following numbers:

Montgomery 845-457-1388

Middletown 845-344-5300

Monroe 845-782-8311

Interstates 87 (New York Thruway) and 84 are covered by Troop T. They can be contacted at:

Newburgh 845-831-7960

New Hampton 845-374-6429



For more information on Orange County Department of Emergency Services, Sheriff's Office, Corrections or Probation departments can be found at: You can access [American Red Cross](#), [Ready.gov](#), [Department of Homeland Security](#), [FEMA](#) and [National Weather Service](#).

<http://www.orangecountygov.com/content/1162/>

Important Note about 911

Homeowners should make sure that their house is properly numbered to assist emergency workers in locating them in the event of an emergency. They should check with the local building official, police agency or governmental body to determine if local requirements exist in identification of premises within a geographical area.

Fire

There are 52 fire departments in Orange County represented by approximately 3,394 volunteer and 175 career firefighters operating from 81 fire stations. Emergency call volume is approximately 30,000 calls annually.

All fire departments in Orange County operate under the Orange County Fire Mutual Aid Plan and can be dispatched through the County 911 Communications Center.

All open burning is prohibited in New York with several exceptions which can be found at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/58519.html>

For a complete list of fire departments <http://www.ocnyfire.com/> or

<http://www.orangecountygov.com/content/1162/977/1036.aspx>

Hospitals

There are four hospitals located in Orange County.

[Orange Regional Medical Center](#) located at 707 East Main Street, Middletown 845-333-1000.

[St Anthony Community Hospital](#) located at 15 Maple Avenue, Warwick 845-986-2276

[St Lukes Cornwall Hospital](#) located at 70 Dubois Street, Newburgh (845) 561-4400 **or** at 19 Laurel Avenue, Cornwall (845) 534-7711

[Bon Secours Community Hospital](#) located at 160 East Main St, Port Jervis 845-858-7000

Schools and Libraries

School district boundaries in the county follow no particular pattern. Even neighbors in the same development may find themselves in different school districts. Therefore, if you want to live in a particular school district, make sure you check on whether your particular house is in that district.

Programs offered by school districts vary throughout the county. The size of the schools also varies significantly among districts. If you are looking for specific programs such as full-day kindergarten, sports, or after school programs, you may want to contact school officials to determine what types of programs they offer. You may also want to learn about their bus routes and emergency release procedures before you settle down. For a complete list of public and private schools go to

<http://www.newyorkschoools.com/counties/orange.html>

A few of the local colleges found in Orange County are Suny Orange County Community College at www.sunyorange.edu, Mount Saint Mary College at www.msmc.edu and Touro College at <https://www.touro.edu>.

As libraries are supported by tax dollars, not all parts of the county have borrowing privileges from public libraries. If a town does not have its own library, it must contract with another community and collect taxes in support of that library. Therefore, if you are an avid reader, you may want to determine whether you are included in a library district. Your local library can also be useful for computer access, family friendly events, and educational seminars. Go to for a complete list of libraries <http://library.public-libraries.org/county/NY/OrangeCounty.html>

Utilities

Water

One of the biggest surprises for many people moving to the country is that there is no public water supply in many parts of the county. In most rural areas of the county, even in small housing developments, water comes from your own private well.



Because of the nature of ground water, there are no generalizations that can be made about the quality or quantity of water in any given location. It is not uncommon for two neighbors to get their water from different aquifers with very different characteristics. Ground water supplies are not unlimited and residents need to use and conserve fresh water responsibly.

Before purchasing a home, you should have the water tested for bacteria, minerals, and any other health concerns. Three local testing labs are: [Envirotech Laboratories](#), Inc. in Newburgh 845-562-0890, Aquatech Laboratories, Inc. also in Newburgh 845-565-4141 and [OCL Analytical Services](#) in Bloomingburg 845-733-1557. Cornell Cooperative Extension has numerous publications available on private wells and water quality. Call 845-344-1234 for more information.

You may also want to determine how much pressure you have, as water pressure is often significantly lower from a well than from public water supplies.

Two other facts to consider - If you lose your electricity you lose your water since your well pump invariably operates on electricity. Secondly, without public water, there are no fire hydrants. Fire departments in rural areas rely on tank trucks that have a limited volume of water. Therefore, your homeowners insurance may be higher due to the greater risk from fire loss.

Septic and Sewer

Generally, areas that are not served by public water also lack public sewer. Therefore, a septic system handles household waste. If purchasing a building lot, make sure that your soil can adequately handle a septic system. The soil must be able to drain at a certain rate in order for a septic system to operate properly. Soils that have a high percentage of clay drain too slowly, while those that are too sandy, drain too rapidly and risk contaminating ground water. While there are numerous engineering techniques to get around problem soils, all of these may add significantly to the cost of installation. Contact the [Orange County Department of Health](#) for information on septic system installation or call 845-291-2331. Soil information and maps can be obtained from [Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District](#) or call 845-343-1873.

If you are buying an existing home, have the septic system inspected before purchasing. Septic tanks should be cleaned out periodically. Check with current owners to determine when the tank was last pumped. A tank should be pumped every few years.

A series of five fact sheets, entitled Your Septic System can be ordered from Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County office 845-344-1234.

Telephone and Cable

Telephone and cable companies vary throughout the county. Services available may be limited in some areas. Be aware that if your house is located a significant distance from the road, and not currently connected to phone or cable, the cost of installing telephone or cable may be significant.

Electricity

Orange County is served by two electric companies, [Orange and Rockland](#) and [Central Hudson](#). For a directory that contains contact information on energy services companies that have met the Commission's and utility requirements to provide energy supply for residential electricity or natural gas, and other services in New York go to <http://www.newyorkpowertochoose.com/>. In the case of outages during storms, generally the urban areas where more people are affected receive first priority. Therefore, it may take longer to get back on line in some of the outlying areas. Again, remember that your well will not work, so you may want to consider a generator for the infrequent power outages. This is especially important if you plan to have livestock on your property which require large amounts of water daily. To explore options in solar go to <https://www.chooseenergy.com>, <http://energizeny.org/> or <http://www.nyserda.ny.gov/>

Heating Sources

Gas may not be available in many of the rural areas. Options for heating in these areas include oil, propane, and electricity. The price of all of these is variable, and electricity is usually the most expensive. Remember too, that with oil and propane, the tank must be filled periodically throughout the year. Most companies offer automatic deliveries based on heating degree-days.

Wood, pellet and coal stoves are also options for supplemental heat. However, check local building codes before installing a stove. If burning wood, make sure the wood is well-seasoned hardwood and clean your chimney regularly to avoid a chimney fire. While coal does not result in the buildup of creosote like wood, an improperly burning stove can create lethal amounts of carbon monoxide. Wood ash can be spread on gardens, but coal ash should not be spread on soil due to the potential buildup of toxic metals. For energy conservation, install an outside air source for combustion, so the stove is not burning the air it just heated.

Trash

Trash collection is generally not provided by the municipality in the rural areas of the county. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to contract with a local trash hauler. For a small fee, you may also bring bagged truckloads of refuse to county operated transfer stations for disposal. Become familiar with the county's mandatory recycling policy and comply. Call the [Orange County Department of Environmental Facilities and Services](#) at 845-291-2640 for more information.

Agriculture

There are about 658 farms working 88,000 acres of land – about 17% of the County. Although today there is much less farmland and many fewer farms than historical highs, farming remains a dynamic, growing, and viable industry in the County. Between 2007 and 2012 there has been a 2.5% increase in the number of farms and a 9% increase in the number of acres being farmed.



Farming is a significant economic contributor not to be ignored. In 2012, it contributed \$100.7 million in cash receipts and over 2,200 employees in the County. Data shows that more farms are making a profit now and while livestock and dairy farms, unfortunately, continue to decline, others are growing. There is a greater diversity of farms, more value-added products, and more farms with direct sales to consumers. Direct to consumer sales have increased dramatically and in 2012, had \$7.6 million in sales.

The leading products sold are: nursery and greenhouse, vegetables, dairy products, fruits and berries, and cattle and calves. Orange County is first in the state for onions and pumpkins. Orange County ranks sixth in the state for overall vegetable production and third for nursery and greenhouse.

While not included in agriculture statistics, the equine industry is also a major component of Orange County agriculture. 100 breeding and boarding facilities operate in the county.



Agricultural land prices are variable in the county. Average price per acre of "black dirt" is \$2,200 per acre. The black dirt (muck soil) is not suitable for housing since it is organic and subject to flooding. Upland (mineral) soils are highly desirable for development and prices are significantly higher.

While living near a farm can provide scenic views, it should be remembered that agriculture is a commercial business, and like many businesses it may produce odors, dust, and noise. Orange County has two agricultural districts that cover large portions of the county. The benefits of living in a rural area include fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables.

Agricultural districts provide farmers with protection against nuisance lawsuits. If you are purchasing property that lies within an agricultural district, the seller must provide you with a disclosure statement informing you that "...Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Prospective residents are also informed that the location of the property within an agricultural district may impact the ability to access water and/or sewer services for such property under certain circumstances."

Even if your property is not in an agricultural district, the Right to Farm provision in the Agricultural Districts Law provides protection for farmers who are using "sound agricultural practices."

Living in such an agricultural rich area, enables its residents access to local and fresh produce and meats. To view a list of local farmers markets go to <http://cceorangecounty.org/community/orange-county-farmers-markets>, [Orange Tourism](#) or the [Cornell Cooperative Extension](#) website. For a [list of local meat, egg or milk providers](#) go to the [Cornell Cooperative Extension](#) website.

Nature

Plants

Orange County is host to a rich diversity of native plants as well as some invasive alien ones.

Many newcomers to the area are not familiar with poison ivy. This is one native plant that you should learn to recognize quickly so you can avoid contact with it. The plant can grow as a viney groundcover, or a thick woody-stemmed vine that climbs on tree trunks. These vines are usually very "hairy" looking. All leaves have three leaflets that are slightly jagged on the edges and are somewhat shiny. The plant is highly adaptive and can be found in the woods, in fields and around the yard. If you are not sure, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension's Garden Helpline at 845-343-0664. All parts of the plant are poisonous. Contact with the any part of the plant can produce a terrible blistering rash.



While the best approach is avoidance, if you should come in contact with poison ivy, wash thoroughly with soap and water as soon as possible. There are also some lotions that can be applied ahead of time, if you are likely to come in contact with the plant. Severe cases of poison ivy should be treated by a doctor.

To get rid of poison ivy, there are several herbicides that can be purchased at any garden center. Read directions carefully and apply in accordance with the label. Never burn poison ivy. This applies to any vines that may be attached to trees cut for firewood. The smoke from burning poison ivy can be breathed into the lungs causing a severe reaction.

Invasive species are non-native species that can cause harm to the environment, the economy or to human health. Invasives come from all around the world. New York State has introduced new regulations regarding invasive species. To learn more about this regulation and what species are included go to [Department of Environmental Conservation](#) or if you have questions or concerns you can call [Cornell Cooperative Extension](#) Garden Help Line at 845-343-0664.

To have your soil tested go to Cornell Cooperative Extension Offices located at 18 Seward Ave in Middletown located on the 3rd Floor or call Garden Help Line at 845-343-0664.

Wildlife

Orange County, like much of New York State has seen a tremendous increase in deer, Canada Geese, wild turkey, bear and even coyote. While all of these can be enjoyable to view, they soon can become a nuisance.

Wildlife should never be fed. This encourages more contact with people and increases the likelihood of problems. Damage to trees, shrubs and garden plants can be extensive from deer. There have been numerous attempts to repel deer, but other than high fencing, few provide a long-term solution.

Deer also are responsible for numerous car accidents. Deer are most active around dusk and dawn, especially in the fall. They frequently travel in groups; so if one runs across the road, more are likely to follow. While a collision with a deer can seriously damage a car, it can be even more dangerous to swerve severely and run off the road.

In some areas of the county, bear are becoming more common. Bears are attracted to bird feeders. If you have a bear problem, it is probably wise to refrain from feeding the birds.

Rattlesnakes are also found in a few areas. Unless disturbed, they are generally not a problem. They are a protected species, so killing them is illegal.

There are numerous other animals that are common in the county, including geese, raccoons, skunks, opossum, woodchucks, rabbits, squirrels, foxes, bats, bears and coyotes.

If you are interested in viewing wildlife, there are some gardening practices that will provide improved habitat for local wildlife. Planting native trees and shrubs that are adapted to the region can help supply food and shelter to native species. Bird feeders can be used to help attract birds.

For wildlife sightings or problems call [Department of Environmental Conservation](#) (DEC) at (845)-256-3098

Wildlife Borne Diseases

Be aware that rabies can be carried by many animals. If you notice an animal exhibiting unusual behavior, call the local animal control officer or [Orange County Health Department](#) at (845) 291-2331 and avoid the animal.

Lyme Disease is a serious problem in the county. It is spread by the deer tick, commonly found in woods, lawns and fields. While the name implies it is associated with deer, the tick is also found on mice and other small mammals. To help protect yourself when out of doors, wear long pants tucked into your socks. Check yourself, your family and your pets once you return indoors. Contact the [Orange County Health Department](#) at 845-291-2332 for more information on this disease or for identification of ticks.



West Nile Virus has been reported in mosquitoes and birds to a limited extent in the county. Mosquitoes that transmit the virus breed in standing water. Inspect your property for places where rainwater can pond, and drain them when possible.

Other Information

Human Services

For listening, problem solving, information and referrals to area resources, call the Mental Health Association in Orange County Inc.'s [Helpline](#) at 1-800-832-1200 (or if calling outside of Orange County call 845-294-9355). United Way also offers a confidential, multilingual information and referral service in the Hudson Valley. Dial 211 to access this service 24 hours a day.

Recreation/Culture

Orange County has numerous public parks and recreation areas for many types of outdoor activities. In addition there are numerous public and private cultural and historic sites. Information on activities and events in the county can be obtained through [Orange County Tourism](#) or call 845-615-3860, <http://www.hudsonvalley.org> or call 914-631-8200, <http://www.travelhudsonvalley.com/overview/orange/>, <http://www.outdoors.org/>, <http://www.hudsonvalleyattractions.com>, <http://hvparent.com/>, or www.orangecountynyparks.com

Transportation

One of the major attractions of Orange County is its proximity to New York City. The county is served by Interstate 87 (New York Thruway), Interstate 84 and Route 17 (to become Interstate 86). In addition, commuter trains <https://www.njtransit.com> or <http://www.mta.info> and [buses](#) and [local bus lines](#) that serve the county.

Freezing rain and ice storms are common in the county. While the main highways and roads are generally well maintained, rural roads can become treacherous in winter. While you may be seeking seclusion, you may find yourself isolated during winter storms. Consider the length and slope of driveways when looking at homes or housing sites. You will need to arrange for snow removal if you have a long driveway. Steep driveways can quickly become unmanageable with freezing rain.

Consider access by fire trucks and other services provided, such as oil deliverers, if the driveway is particularly narrow or steep. Also, consider how far your children will need to walk to get to the school bus stop.

Additional Resources

County Government

Ready Reference Orange County. Federal, state, county and local phone numbers and addresses. Available at the [County Government Center](#), Goshen. 845-291-4000.

Orange County Highway Map ([Orange County Dept. of Public Works](#)) 845-291-2750.

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255-275 Main St.

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Water

[Cornell Cooperative Extension](#): 845-344-1234 Literature, consumer information and more.

[Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District](#): 845-343-1873, Information on soils, wetlands, wildlife habitat, water quality.

[Orange County Planning Department](#): (845) 615-3840, Maps and data on wetlands, flood plains, aquifers, municipal and school district boundaries.

[Orange County Health Dept., Div., of Environmental Health](#): 845-291-2331

Aquatech Laboratories, Inc. in Newburgh 845-565-4141,

[Envirotech Laboratories](#), Inc. in Newburgh 845-562-0890

[OCL Analytical Services](#) in Bloomingburg 845-733-1557

Septic Systems

[Cornell Cooperative Extension](#): 845-344-1234, Your Septic System: a series of five fact sheets, can be obtained at the Extension office.

[Orange County Health Department](#), Division of Environmental Health: 845-291-2332.

Agriculture

[Cornell Cooperative Extension](#). 845-344-1234. Literature, workshops, information on agriculture, gardening, and more. **Garden Helpline**: 845-343-0664 including plant diagnostic laboratory service

Visit our website <http://cceorangecounty.org/community/orange-county-farmers-markets> to find locally grown produce and products.

[Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District](#): 845-343-1873, Information on soils, wetlands, wildlife habitat, water quality.

[Orange County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board](#): 845 615-3840

[Orange County Planning Department](#) (845) 615-3840.

Nature

[Cornell Cooperative Extension](#) 845-344-1234 Literature, workshops, consumer information on wildlife

[Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District](#): 845-343-1873 Information on soils, wetlands, wildlife habitat, water quality.

[Orange County Health Department](#). 845-291-2330 Information on Lyme Disease, West Nile Virus.

Recreation/Culture

[Orange County Tourism](#): 845-615-3860,

[Orange County Parks and Recreation](#): 845-615-3830.

Human Services

[Orange County Directory of Human Services](#): 845-291-4000

[Cornell Cooperative Extension](#): 845-344-1234, Literature and workshops on parenting, nutrition, financial management, home buying, 4-H youth Development Programs.