

## Privacy Policy

The following notice applies to this website, the Official Local Government Website for the town of The Township of Hopewell.

Thank you for visiting the Township of Hopewell website and reviewing our Privacy Notice. This statement addresses the collection, use, and security of and access to information that may be obtained using the Township of Hopewell website. This notice covers the following topics:

Information Collected and How it is Used

Personal Information and Choice

Public Access to Information

Cookies

Security

Disclaimer

Section A - Information Collected & How it is Used

Information Collected & Stored Automatically

If you do nothing during your visit but browse through the website, read pages, or download information, The Township of Hopewell will gather and store certain information about your visit automatically. This information does not identify you personally. The Township of Hopewell automatically collects and stores only the following information about your visit:

The Internet domain (for example, "xcompany.com" if you use a private Internet access account, or "yourschool.edu" if you connect from a university's domain) and IP address (an IP address is a number that is automatically assigned to your computer whenever you are surfing the Web) from which you access our website

The type of browser and operating system used to access our site

The date and time you access our site

The pages you visit

If you linked to the Township of Hopewell website from another website, the address of that website

The Township of Hopewell uses this information to help us make our site more useful to visitors - to learn about the number of visitors to our site and the types of technology our visitors use. The Township of Hopewell does not track or record information about individuals and their visits.

### If You Send Us Personal Information

If you choose to provide us with personal information - as in an email to an elected official or municipal employee or by filling out a form with your personal information and submitting it to us through our website - The Township of Hopewell uses that information to respond to your message and to help get you the information you have requested. The Township of Hopewell only shares the information you give with another government agency if your inquiry relates to that agency or as otherwise required by law. Moreover, The Township of Hopewell does not create individual profiles with the information you provide or give it to private organizations. The Township of Hopewell does not collect information for commercial marketing.

### Section B - Personal Information & Choice

You may choose whether to provide personal information online.

"Personal information" is information about a natural person that is readily identifiable to that specific individual. Personal information includes an individual's name, address, email address, and phone number. A domain name or Internet protocol address is not considered personal information.

The Township of Hopewell does not collect personal information about you unless you voluntarily provide it by emailing, participating in a survey, or completing an online form. You may choose not to contact us by email, participate in a survey, or provide any personal information using an online form. Your choice not to participate in these activities will not impair your ability to browse the Township of Hopewell website and read or download any information provided.

### Privacy Warning

Email is not a secure medium. Personal information sent via the Internet can be intercepted. You may reconsider the advisability of sending messages containing sensitive, personal information to this Internet address.

The Township of Hopewell does not plan on divulging information collected or information disclosed voluntarily but may be required to do so pursuant to a request under the Right to Know law, the common law Right to Know, other State or Federal law, or pursuant to a court order.

### Children

The Township of Hopewell is especially concerned about protecting children's privacy. The Township of Hopewell hopes parents and teachers are involved in children's Internet explorations. Parents need to guide their children when children are asked to provide personal information online. The Township of Hopewell encourages children to communicate with their local government officials and send email messages with their feedback and suggestions. The Township of Hopewell specifically asks children to get their parent's permission before providing any information online - at our site or any other site - and hopes parents will always be involved in those decisions. Most importantly, when children provide information through the Township of Hopewell website, it is only used to enable us to respond to the writer, not to create profiles of children.

### Section C - Public Access to Information

In the Township of Hopewell, laws exist to ensure that government is open and that the public has a right to access appropriate records and information the municipal government possesses. At the same time, there are exceptions to the public's right to access public records that serve various needs, including individuals' privacy. Both state and federal laws provide exceptions.

All the information collected at this site becomes public record that may be subject to inspection and copying by members of the public unless an exemption in the law exists.

### Section D - Cookies

The Township of Hopewell does not use cookies. Cookies are simple text files stored on your computer by some Internet websites to help identify users and the sequence of their movement through a website.

### Section E - Security

The Township of Hopewell, the website development company, and the manager of this website have taken several steps to safeguard the integrity of its data and prevent unauthorized access to information. These measures are designed and intended to prevent data corruption,

block unknown or unauthorized access to our systems and information, and provide reasonable protection of private information in our possession.

#### Section F - Disclaimer

The Township of Hopewell website and materials may contain hypertext or links to other Internet websites not owned, operated, controlled, or reviewed regularly by The Township of Hopewell. These links are provided solely as a courtesy and convenience to you, the visitor. When you link to one of these sites, you are no longer on the Township of Hopewell website, and this Privacy Notice will not apply. When you link to another website, you are subject to the privacy policy of that new site.

The Township of Hopewell, its agencies, officers, or employees exercise no control over the organizations, views, accuracy, availability, copyright or trademark compliance, or the legality of the material contained on those servers and do not sponsor, endorse, or approve the information, content, products, materials, opinions or services contained on such external sites. The visitor proceeds to these external sites at their own risk. The Township of Hopewell and its web development company specifically disclaim any and all liability from damages that may result from accessing a third-party site linked to the Township of Hopewell website or from reliance upon any such information.

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