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Citizen Planner Academy

Did you know, [Orange County's Citizen Planner Academy](#) is a series of free workshops designed to educate and engage residents in the County's land development process for communities? The next workshop will focus on "Emergency Management." Register now! **This year, all workshops will be virtual.**

- 📧 Register: <https://bit.ly/3gQinq2>
- 📅 Upcoming Classes: <https://bit.ly/31bJ4wE>
- 📅 Next Meeting: Saturday, May 22, 2021
- 🕒 Time: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- 📍 Location: Virtual

A Merge to Better Serve Residents: Orange County Code Enforcement Joins with Neighborhood Services Division

[Orange County Code Enforcement](#), which works to maintain the quality of local neighborhoods, recently merged with [Orange County Neighborhood Services](#), which also focuses on community improvement. The merger is part of the County's plan to revamp its approach to code enforcement and gaining compliance. [Read more here](#)

May is Clean Air Month!

Celebrate Clean Air Month by improving your home's indoor air quality. Here are a few tips to get everyone started:

Think green while cleaning – For cleaning products with less chemicals, opt for fragrance-free or unscented products. In addition to purchasing green, you can also learn how to make homemade non-toxic cleaning products by visiting [eartheasy](#).

Update your cleaning equipment - Vacuums with a HEPA filter can remove up to 99.7% of allergens, and vapor steam cleaners disinfect and eliminate bacteria that traditional clothes or sponges may transfer.

Change your filters – Improve the quality of air within your home by changing your HVAC filter every 30 to 90 days. Besides the HVAC filter, there are other filters that need your attention, such as dryer lint screens, vacuum cleaners and bathroom exhaust fan grilles.

Decorate your home with indoor plants – House plants provide a natural way of removing toxins from the air by acting as an air pollutant filter.

Invest in a dehumidification system – A dehumidification system helps prevent the growth of mold and mildew, alleviating irritants, such as allergies.

AirNow Mobile App – When you're heading outdoors, check real-time local air quality on the [Air Now Mobile App](#)! This mobile app allows you to view air quality information directly on your phone.



COVID-19 & VACCINATION UPDATES



Phased Approach In Orange County To Easing Face Covering Mandate

Recently, the [CDC issued new guidance](#) on outdoor mask use for those who are fully vaccinated.

If you are fully vaccinated and want to attend a small outdoor gathering with people who are vaccinated and unvaccinated, or dine outdoors, the science shows you can do so safely without a mask. However, the CDC still advises you to avoid large gatherings. Read more [here](#)



Keeping Families in Their Homes

The Orange County Emergency Rental Assistance program is an income-based program aimed at helping Orange County's most vulnerable tenants by providing one-time assistance to tenants who are past-due in rent as a result of financial hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. More information [here](#)