

## **Registries of Deeds Closure and Limited Service Information**

**Barnstable**: Entry to the all courthouses, including the Barnstable Deeds and Probate Building, is limited for emergency access only until at least MAY 4, 2020. If you are an entity that is eligible to e-file you must use that means of filing. For documents that cannot be e-filed or for time-sensitive documents from non-e-file eligible persons, please call (508) 362-7733 x 8 between 8am-11:45am and 12:15pm-3:30pm. For more information, [click here](#).

**Berkshire Middle**: On April 15, the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds will reopen for recording purposes only. There is no entry into the building at this time. Documents will be accepted at the front door of the building from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. Documents can be submitted from your office from any of following eRecording vendors: Simplifile (800) 460-5657; CSC (866) 652-0111; EPN (888) 325-3365. \*\* Registered Land (Land Court) documents cannot be filed electronically at the present time \*\* If you have any questions, please call (413) 443-7438.

**Berkshire North**: For more information, call (413) 743-0035.

**Berkshire South**: Effective Monday, March 23, 2020, the Southern Berkshire Registry of Deeds will discontinue public access to their office. Documents may be placed in the bin provided at the side entrance to the right-side door of the Great Barrington Town Hall. If you are planning a drop off, please call ahead: (413) 528-0146. When leaving your documents in the bin, please provide a cell phone number or email address or phone number to contact you with questions. Please supply an S.A.S.E if you wish us to mail your documents back to you. We also recommend e-filing or mailing your documents. Registered Land (Land Court) documents and plans cannot be filed electronically at this present time.

**Bristol Fall River**: The Registry is open for recordings only. E-Recordings continue and are strongly encouraged. Documents will be collected at the front entry and clients are advised to wait in their vehicles until the recording is complete, at which time the recording receipt will be hand-delivered to the recorder. Upon arrival, call (508) 673-2910 or (508) 673-1651 for assistance. You will be asked the relevant questions about your recording and will be called back when the transaction is complete. Until further notice, the registry hours will be 9 am to 4 pm M-F, and will be closed from noon to 1 pm during the lunch hour. For more information, [click here](#).

**Bristol North**: In-person recordings will be accepted in the front lobby of the Taunton office. There will be no public access to the rest of the building. The Attleboro office will be closed, effective Monday, March 23, until further notice. Those who are recording documents that are not time-sensitive are urged to submit via USPS, FedEx or UPS to 11 Court Street, Taunton, MA 02780. Land Court recordings can be emailed to [landcourt@tauntondeeds.com](mailto:landcourt@tauntondeeds.com) for review before being mailed or brought to the Registry. eRecording of Recorded Land and

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Registered Land documents will continue without interruption. We encourage you to use this method rather than bringing the documents to the Registry. For more information, [click here](#).

**Bristol South**: For the week beginning Monday, April 13, 2020, the registry operations will continue from 8 am to 4 pm for the purpose of recording. The building will remain closed to the public at this time. Individuals wishing to access the “stacks” can do so by asking for an appointment either between the hours of 8am and Noon or 1pm to 4 pm – there is limited access and walk-ups are not allowed. When calling the Recorded Land Department, availability will be discussed, as well as how to enter the building. For more information, [click here](#).

**Dukes**: The Dukes County Registry of Deeds will be unavailable until May 4, 2020. The registry will continue to record documents and customers should take the following steps: 1) For entities that are currently set up to electronically file, please use this method for all eligible documents. Dukes County is now accepting Deeds through Simplifile. 2) For eligible entities that have not yet signed up to e-file, we strongly encourage you to do so. To enroll for e-filing, please visit [dukescountydeeds.com/e-filing](http://dukescountydeeds.com/e-filing). For questions regarding access to documents that are not online, please call (508) 627-4025. For more information, [click here](#).

**Essex South**: Entry to the registry will not be permitted. Title examination and research may be performed online at [www.salemdeeds.com](http://www.salemdeeds.com). All records in both recorded and registered land departments are up to date online. Documents for recorded and registered land can be recorded electronically, by FedEx, UPS or USPS, and local drop-off at the front door. If you choose to come to the registry, please come to the front door, where we will have a drop-off bin to leave your documents and payment. Please leave a contact phone number. For more information, [click here](#).

**Essex North**: Beginning March 24th, all registry business will be conducted via document drop-off in the marked mailbox at the front door of the building or by e-filing. They are implementing “drop ‘n’ go” document recording. Please leave your documents in the mailbox. They will be recorded and returned to you. LLC and Certificate of Good Standing pick up service is suspended until further notice. e-file vendors are available for most documents, or send in your documents via UPS, FedEx, USPS or Courier to: Northern Essex Registry of Deeds, 1 Union Street, Suite 402, Lawrence, MA 01840. If you have any questions, call (978) 557-1900 or email [northernessexcustomerservice@sec.state.ma.us](mailto:northernessexcustomerservice@sec.state.ma.us).

**Franklin**: Until further notice, the office is only able to accept recordings electronically and by US Postal Service. To schedule an emergency in-person drop-off of your documents, please call (413) 772-0239.

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**Hampden**: The Hampden County Courthouse is closed to the public until May 4, 2020. Westfield City Hall is closed to the public as well until further notice. This means that the Hampden County Registry of Deeds will neither be open to the public in Springfield or Westfield. However, the Registry will continue to remotely record documents through E-Recording channels. This includes Land Court documents. We are also receiving mail and overnight packages until further notice. These mailed and delivered documents are being processed upon receipt. Should you require assistance, please email us at [hcrodsd@sec.state.ma.us](mailto:hcrodsd@sec.state.ma.us).

**Hampshire**: The Hampshire Registry of Deeds is currently closed to the public but recordings (Documents and Plans of Land) will still be processed from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Recordings will only be accepted by eRecording or by mail (USPS, UPS or Fed-Ex). Mailed in documents need to include a self-address stamped envelope. Currently, Registered Land documents cannot be Electronically Recorded. If you have Registered Land Recordings, you can email the documents to [hampshirereg@sec.state.ma.us](mailto:hampshirereg@sec.state.ma.us). We will look at them and advise of any changes to be made. They can then be mailed to the Registry for same day processing. If you have any questions, please call 413-584-3637 or email.

**Middlesex North**: The registry is currently accepting e-files and mailed in documents. The Lowell Justice Center is closed to the public; however, you may deliver documents to be recorded to the front of the building PROVIDED you first call or email us for instructions. Please consider using electronic recording during the pandemic. They also accept documents via UPS, FedEx, USPS, sent to: 370 Jackson Street, Lowell MA 01852. For updates, check the [Blog](#), and for questions, call (978) 322-9000 or email [lowelldeeds@comcast.net](mailto:lowelldeeds@comcast.net).

**Middlesex South**: The Middlesex South Cambridge Registry of Deeds is currently open only for Electronic Recording in Recorded land. On Friday April 24th, they will reopen to both Recorded and Registered Land. If there is an emergency, email [middlesexsouth@sec.state.ma.us](mailto:middlesexsouth@sec.state.ma.us). The Middlesex South Registry of Deeds will be open for e-recording and mail recordings. Due to the court restrictions, the building will not be accessible to the public. Any Registered Land recordings should be sent via USPS. To contact the Recorded Land Records Department, call (617) 617-6300 or (617) 679-6309. For Registered Land, call (617) 679-6340. For more information, [click here](#).

\*Please note: The Association has received reports that parties have been unable to record any documents at the Middlesex South Registry, either electronically or by mail.

**Nantucket**: Effective March 24th, the Nantucket Registry of Deeds will be accepting documents for recording by e-filing (recorded land only) and mail (USPS) only (FedEx and UPS may not be able to be delivered). There will be no in person recordings and hours of operation will be limited to 9am to noon. The Town and County Building remains closed to the public. If the Land Bank is operational, deeds will be processed in a manner deemed safe by the Land Bank and the Registry. Everything else should be mailed or e-filed. For more information, [click here](#).

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**Norfolk**: The registry is closed to the public. For documents or instruments that are not time sensitive, please submit via USPS, FedEx or UPS to 649 High Street, Dedham, MA 02026. Entities that are currently set up to electronically file are encouraged to use that medium, as opposed to in-person filing. For more information, [click here](#).

**Plymouth**: Effective March 19th, all three offices will be closed to the public. Our operations will continue in-house as normal. Plymouth and Brockton will have drop boxes for recordings. Only the Plymouth Office will have a drop box for Registered Land recordings. Electronic recording of all documents is strongly encouraged. Customer Service will be available to take requests for copies over the phone and charge them to a credit card for your convenience. If you require an upgrade to your Titleview account or create a new Titleview account to allow for offsite printing, please call Christine Richards at (508) 830-9286. For more information, [click here](#).

**Suffolk**: The Suffolk Registry of Deeds is recording but remains closed to the public. Title examination and research is only available on [masslandrecords.com/Suffolk](http://masslandrecords.com/Suffolk). Recorded Land can be recorded electronically (by those who have contracted with an electronic recording vendor), by Fed Ex, by UPS and by the U.S. Mail. Electronic submission of documents is strongly encouraged. For more information, [click here](#).

**Worcester North**: As of Monday, March 23, members of the public will not be allowed into the ROD. The registry will still be accepting both e-recordings and paper mail. Additionally, for those needing to walk-in documents, they will be providing a drop-off mailbox on the first floor. For more information, [click here](#).

**Worcester South**: Effective March 24th, the Mercantile Center, which houses the Registry of Deeds, will be closed to the public. The building is tentatively scheduled to reopen on April 7, 2020. If you have a walk-in recording, before arrival please first contact the Registry at 508-368-7000 to let us know you're dropping off documents. We will meet you at the entrance to the building at 100 Front Street, Worcester, to take the documents for recording. The originals will be returned via USPS. There are no changes to the process for mailed or electronically recorded documents. For more information, [click here](#).