

Orange & Rockland Seeks Public's Help in Keeping a Social Distance; Asks Customers to Secure Pets to Reduce Dog-Bite Risk to Workers

To maintain the safety and health of its customers and employees, Orange & Rockland (O&R) urges the public to please refrain from approaching our crews, work sites or trucks as O&R employees read meters in the community.

All O&R employees have been instructed to follow Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines to practice social distancing among themselves and between their crew members and the public. That becomes more difficult to do when approached by passersby who may not be as familiar with social distancing.

So, please respect social distancing and keep back from O&R work areas and remain at a safe distance from O&R workers.

In addition, O&R asks its customers who own dogs to keep their dogs on a leash, indoors or otherwise under secure control to avoid the possibility of O&R personnel being bitten while working on customer property.

O&R is well aware that its customers cherish their dogs. Every responsible dog owner knows that even the most even-tempered, gentle dog is capable of biting someone. These days when more family members are home during the day, it makes sense that dogs may feel more protective of their home turf than usual and become more agitated and aggressive when strangers appear outside the home.

That's why, to help create the safest environment possible for both O&R employees and customers' pets, O&R asks its customers to keep dogs on a leash, indoors or otherwise under secure control to avoid the possibility of conflict when O&R workers are present.