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Avoid CORONAVIRUS Relief Payment Scams

5 things you can do to avoid a Coronavirus relief payment scam



Don't respond to calls, texts, or emails about money from the government—or anyone asking for your personal or bank account information.

| Government agencies like the IRS will not call, text, or email you about your relief payment.



Don't pay anyone to get your relief payment.

| There are no fees to get your money.



Don't respond to anyone who says your payment was too high, and tells you to repay the money by sending cash, a gift card, or a money transfer.

| That's always a scam.



Never click on links in emails, texts, or on social media about your relief payment.

| Always start at irs.gov/coronavirus to check your eligibility, payment status, enter direct deposit information, or find out what to do to get your payment.

How to Avoid Parcel Package Thefts

Package theft is a crime that occurs throughout the year as online shopping becomes more and more common. Shopping online is likely to remain a popular alternative to the department store. As some of you may have heard in the news recently, there have been incidences of parcel packages being taken from front porches in neighboring cities. The City of San Gabriel has also had cases of parcel package thefts in the past. Below are some tips to help prevent the likelihood of your items being taken from you.

- **Remove packages from the porch as soon as possible.**
- **Consider using your work address or the address of a trusted friend who will be home during delivery.**
- **Ask a neighbor who is home to watch for your package and hold it for you.**
- **Add shipment tracking and track your packages.**
- **Request a signature delivery option if available.**



What to Do If You Are a Victim

If you do not receive your shipment on time, check with the company of origin and confirm the delivery. If the item was delivered and you did not receive it, report the theft to the original company, the shipping company and your local police department.

Overnight Parking is Exempt Due to COVID-19

Due to the current circumstances surrounding COVID-19, restrictions on overnight parking for passenger vehicles have been exempt until further notice, effective immediately. In addition, timed parking restrictions in the community have also been relaxed with the exception of the area surrounding the San Gabriel Valley Medical Center. Commercial and recreational vehicles are still not permitted to park on City streets.

For the latest developments on the coronavirus and how it affects City of San Gabriel services, visit our website: www.sangabrielcity.com.

If you notice anything suspicious or out of place call the San Gabriel Police Department at (626) 308-2828 (non-emergency) 9-1-1 (emergency)

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