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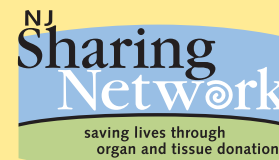
The "Donate Life" specialty license plates may be purchased for an initial fee of \$50 at all Motor Vehicle Commission agencies in the state. The fee, along with a yearly renewal fee of \$10, will go directly to the Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Education Fund and will help educate New Jersey residents about the life-saving benefits of organ donation.

Did you know?

1. Over 95,000 people are waiting for transplants. Over 4,200 of them are NJ residents. Eighteen people die each day while waiting for a transplant.
2. You can say "yes" to organ donation when you apply for your New Jersey digital driver's license.
3. You can purchase a "Donate Life" specialty license plate for your car.
4. You can make a donation to support organ donation public education efforts on your New Jersey personal income tax form 1040-NJ.
5. You should tell your family about your decision so they understand your wishes. If there is no designation on your driver's license or other legal means of donor designation, the final decision about organ and tissue donation will be made by your family.

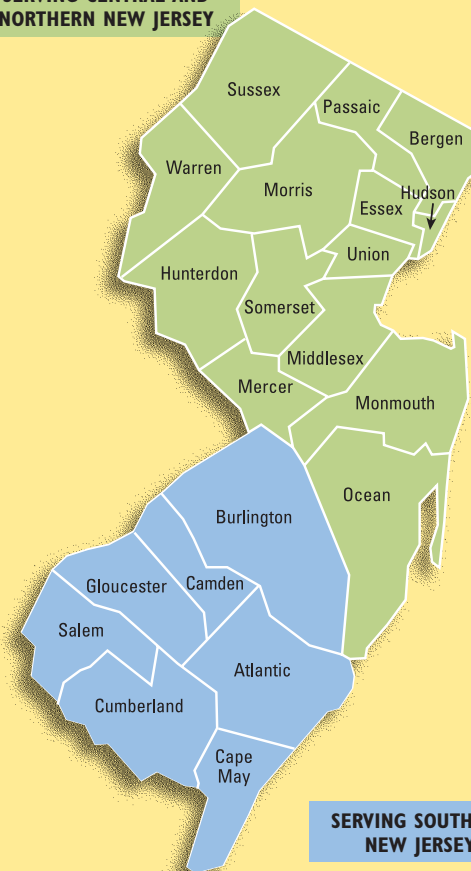
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For more information, contact the organ donation program serving your community.



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Make it a license to **SAVE LIVES**

One organ, tissue and cornea donor can save or enhance more than 50 lives.

When you first apply for and each time you renew your license, you will be asked if you'd like the "Organ Donor" designation to appear on your license. This pamphlet answers some of the most frequently asked questions about donation, which you should discuss with your family.

Your decision to be an organ donor can make a difference in as many as 50 other lives throughout New Jersey and across the nation. Right now, tens of thousands of people are awaiting organ transplants, while thousands more are in need of tissue and corneal transplants. The shortage of donors is so severe that every day 18 people die waiting for organs that could save their lives. You can give the gift of hope simply by agreeing to become a donor.

Saying "yes" to organ and tissue donation is an important decision for everyone: you, your family, and the over 4,200 New Jerseyans who are waiting for organs. Your decision makes your driver's license a license to save lives and will make a difference in the lives of more than 50 people. Learn more about being an organ donor. Get the answers you need. You have the power to give others the most precious gift—life.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

**If you live in Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester or Salem counties, please call Gift of Life Donor Program, 1-800-DONORS-1.
If you live anywhere else in New Jersey, please call NJ Sharing Network at 1-800-SHARE-NJ.**

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What you need to know about organ and tissue donation.

Who can be a donor?

Anyone can decide to be a donor. A person's physical condition, not his or her age, determines potential for organ and tissue donation and is evaluated on a case-by-case basis at the time of death.

What happens when I say "yes" to the organ donor designation?

The words "Organ Donor" will appear on the front of your license and will be included in your computer record with the Motor Vehicle Commission. This means you legally consent to the donation of your organs and tissue for purposes of transplantation, therapy, research and education.

Could there be any conflict between saving your life and organ and tissue donation?

No. Donation cannot occur until after a person has died. In the event of an accident or emergency, physicians and nurses will do everything possible to try to save your life. In fact, the medical team treating you is always completely separate from the transplant team.

What organs and tissue can be donated?

Life-saving organs for transplant include the heart, kidneys, lungs, pancreas, liver and intestines. Tissue, such as bones, ligaments and tendons, are needed for surgical procedures to repair injured or diseased joints and bone. Donated corneas, heart valves and skin also improve a person's quality of life.

How are donated organs allocated?

They are allocated on the following criteria: match with donor, medical urgency and time on the waiting list. A patient's age, gender, race, ethnicity, or wealth do not affect who receives available organs.

Will my family be charged for organ donation, and will donation affect funeral arrangements?

No. There are no costs to the family for donation. Organ or tissue donation does not interfere with customary funeral plans, including those with open casket viewings.

Can my relatives make the donation decision?

In the absence of a donor designation or if an individual is under 18, the family is responsible for making all decisions regarding donation. This is why you should talk to your family about your wishes.

Do all religions support organ and tissue donation?

Yes. Every major religion supports donation and considers it the greatest gift a person can give.

Do I have to renew my organ donor designation every time my license is renewed?

Yes. Every time you renew your license, be sure to indicate your donor designation.