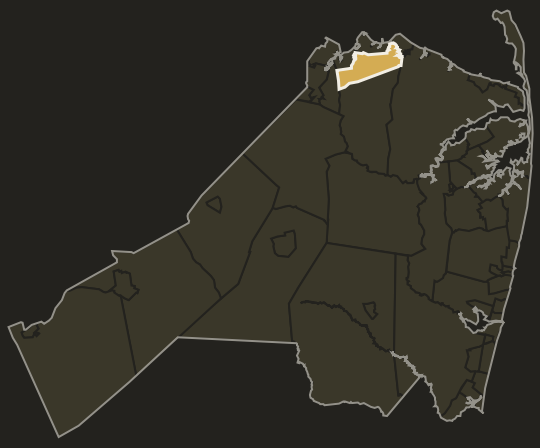
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Living in Hazlet, NJ

A short history, the sections of town, homes and taxes, where to shop and eat, things to do, and a moving checklist for your new home.



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This guide goes deeper than our website: the history, the sections of town, a moving checklist and worksheets for your visits. Keep it, mark it up, and call either of us with questions.

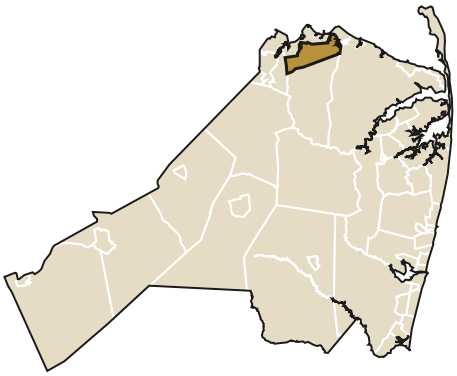
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AT A GLANCE

Hazlet at a glance

County	Monmouth
Population	About 20,100 (2020 census)
Size	About 5.7 square miles
Setting	Suburban neighborhoods along the Route 35 and Route 36 corridors
Main roads	Garden State Parkway exit 117, Route 35, Route 36 and County Route 516



Hazlet in gold, in Monmouth County

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A SHORT HISTORY

The story of Hazlet

The Lenape lived and fished along the Raritan Bay shore before European settlers took up farms here in the colonial era. For nearly two centuries the land was the western part of Middletown Township, dotted with small crossroads villages such as Centerville and Mechanicsville. On February 25, 1848 the state legislature carved it out of Middletown as Raritan Township.

Over the next 80 years Raritan Township gave up land to form Holmdel and Matawan Township in 1857, Keyport in 1870, Keansburg in 1917 and Union Beach in 1925. After a referendum, the township took the name Hazlet on November 28, 1967, honoring Dr. John Hazlett, who had an estate along what is now Holmdel Road. Hazlet marked its 175th anniversary in 2023.

KEY DATES

Timeline

1848	Raritan Township is incorporated from part of Middletown Township.
1857	Raritan Township gives up land to form Holmdel Township and Matawan Township, now Aberdeen.
1925	Union Beach becomes the last borough formed from the township's land.
1967	Voters rename Raritan Township as Hazlet Township.

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SECTIONS OF TOWN

A township of old place names

West Keansburg. The northern section next to Keansburg and closest to the bay, with smaller homes on compact lots. Some streets here sit in the flood zone.

North Centerville and Centerville. Old crossroads names for the middle of the township, now largely postwar subdivisions of capes, ranches and split levels on regular suburban streets.

South Keyport. The area along the Keyport border near Route 35 and Route 36, close to the Parkway and the downtown shops and waterfront of Keyport.

Mechanicsville. A historic crossroads name that still marks part of the township, now mostly residential neighborhoods.

Tiltons Corner. Another old place name in the township, used for the surrounding residential area.

> Hazlet was formed in 1848 as Raritan Township, and over the years it gave up land to form Holmdel, Keyport, Keansburg, Union Beach and what is now Aberdeen. Voters renamed it Hazlet in 1967, after Dr. John Hazlett, who had an estate here. It borders Aberdeen, Holmdel, Keansburg, Keyport, Middletown and Union Beach.

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HOMES AND TAXES

What you will find

Single family homes: On suburban streets across the township.

Homes near the bay side: In sections like West Keansburg, where flood zones need a close look.

Worth knowing: Check the flood zone, especially in the northern sections near the bay. In West Keansburg, the township has noted that its entire 8th Street park sits inside the 100 year flood zone, and it has kept that land as open space partly to hold floodwater. Some streets elsewhere also see flooding from heavy rain and drainage. We check the flood zone and flood history on every Hazlet home before we price it.

Property taxes

1.956%
2025 effective tax rate, as a share of market value

$10,000
2025 average residential tax bill

A home worth $500,000 on today's market would pay roughly $9,780 a year at Hazlet's 2025 effective rate. Your actual bill depends on your assessment, so we pull the real tax record for any home you are considering.

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GROCERIES, DINING AND SHOPPING

Where Hazlet shops and eats

Hazlet is a shopping town. Route 35 and Route 36 are lined with shopping centers, so most errands stay close to home.

Grocery stores

IN TOWN	**ShopRite**	3120 Route 35, Hazlet
IN TOWN	**ALDI**	3020 Route 35, Hazlet
WEST	**Stop & Shop**	100 Route 36, Keyport
SOUTHWEST	**Stop & Shop**	1129 Route 34, Aberdeen Township
SOUTHEAST	**Trader Joe's**	1447 Route 35, Middletown

Checked October 2026. Stores open, close and move, so call ahead before a first trip.

Dining

Route 35. The township's main commercial corridor, lined with shopping centers and a wide range of chain and family restaurants.

Route 36. The highway across the north side of town toward Keansburg and the Bayshore, with casual places to eat.

West Front Street in Keyport. A few minutes north, a bayfront downtown with many sit down restaurants.

Downtown Keyport: Northwest on Route 36, where West Front Street has shops and many restaurants, some with live music, near the Raritan Bay waterfront.

Downtown Red Bank: Southeast on Route 35 to Broad Street and Monmouth Street, a downtown with restaurants, shops and live entertainment.

Shopping

Route 35 and Route 36 are the main shopping roads, lined with shopping centers through Hazlet and into Middletown.

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GETTING AROUND

Roads and commuting

The Garden State Parkway runs through Hazlet, with exit 117, signed for Keyport and Hazlet, connecting to Routes 35 and 36. Route 35, Route 36 and County Route 516 all run through the township. The Hazlet station on NJ Transit's North Jersey Coast Line, between Holmdel Road and Hazlet Avenue, has about 600 parking spaces and trains to Newark Penn Station, Hoboken and New York Penn Station. NJ Transit's 817 bus provides local service, and commuter buses to New York stop along Route 36. Daily shopping is along Routes 35 and 36.

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THINGS TO DO

Things to do in and around Hazlet

James J. Cullen Center and 9/11 Memorial. The township's community center grounds at 1776 Union Avenue, next to the municipal building, with a September 11 memorial garden and the township's Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies.

Hazlet Farmers Market. A free Saturday morning market at the Cullen Center, run by the township.

Holiday Extravaganza and Tree Lighting. An early December evening at the Cullen Center with carolers, food trucks and Santa arriving on a fire truck to light the town tree. A holiday craft fair is held there in November.

Beers Street Park. A township park at 610 Beers Street with a softball field and a pickleball court.

Evergreen Street Park. A neighborhood park with a playground, basketball and the township's dog park.

Monmouth County Library, Hazlet Branch. The county library branch at 251 Middle Road, with programs for all ages.

Holmdel Park. A large Monmouth County park a short drive south in Holmdel, with trails, ponds and the Longstreet historic farm.

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MOVING CHECKLIST

Setting up your home in Hazlet

Tick each one off as you go. Most of these take one phone call or a few minutes online.

- [ ] **Township municipal building.** Hazlet Municipal Building, 1766 Union Avenue, Hazlet, NJ 07730.732-264-1700. https://www.hazlettwp.org

- [ ] **Property taxes.** Tax office phone 732-217-8652. The tax office is in the municipal building at 1766 Union Avenue, open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. New Jersey property taxes are paid quarterly, due February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1, with a 10 day grace period before interest is charged back to the due date. Postmarks are not accepted. The tax collector also bills the township sewer charge. When a home is sold, the tax bill should go to the closing attorney, and new owners should confirm where bills will be sent.

- [ ] **Water and sewer.** New Jersey American Water (water); Hazlet Township sewer utility (sewer). 1-800-272-1325 (New Jersey American Water); 732-217-8652 (township tax and utility collection). Water comes from New Jersey American Water, so transfer the water account directly with the company. Sewer is a township utility with rates set by the Township Committee, billed quarterly and collected by the tax collector's office.

- [ ] **Electric.** Jersey Central Power and Light (JCP&L), a FirstEnergy company. Outage line 1-888-544-4877.

- [ ] **Gas.** New Jersey Natural Gas. 1-800-221-0051 (customer service); 1-800-427-5325 (gas leaks, 24 hours).

- [ ] **Trash and recycling.** Recycling days and what goes in the bin are in the township's Recycle Coach tool, online or in the app. Public Works runs the recycling yard at 39 Leocadia Court and two appointment only bulk pickups a year per home (call 732-217-8654). Call the municipal building to confirm your regular trash day.

- [ ] **Driver's license and voting.** New Jersey law (N.J.S.A. 39:3-36) requires drivers to report a new address to the Motor Vehicle Commission within one week, and the MVC prefers that you do it online. To register to vote or update your address, use the state's online voter registration or send a paper form to the Monmouth County Commissioner of Registration or Superintendent of Elections. Registration closes 21 days before an election. The Monmouth County Clerk handles vote by mail ballots.

- [ ] **Flood zone.** Look up any address on the FEMA Flood Map Service Center at msc.fema.gov. New Jersey sellers must disclose a home's flood zone and flood history. Flood risk in Hazlet is mainly in the northern sections near the bay and along the creeks, such as West Keansburg; most of the township sits on higher ground. Hazlet takes part in FEMA's Community Rating System, which can lower flood insurance premiums for policyholders in town; it entered in 2011 and was listed at Class 6 in the state's 2019 hazard mitigation plan. Ask the township for the current class.

- [ ] **Library.** Monmouth County Library, Hazlet Branch, 251 Middle Road, Hazlet, NJ 07730.

Checked October 2026. Phone numbers and schedules change, so confirm with each office.

WHEN YOU SELL

The certificate every sale needs

New Jersey requires a Certificate of Smoke Alarm and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Compliance before a one or two family home is sold (N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.3). Since February 3, 2025 (P.L. 2025, c.19), a portable fire extinguisher is no longer part of this certificate for one and two family homes. Since September 1, 2025, Hazlet also requires a Property Resale or Change of Tenancy Certificate for every resale or change of ownership. For a home sale there are three steps in order: a Construction Permit Clearance Release from the Code Enforcement Office confirming there are no open permits, a Fire Compliance Certificate from the Bureau of Fire Prevention (732-264-1427), and a Certification of Resale from the Code Official. Applications are made online through the township's SDL portal. Start early, because open permits must be closed first.

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QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Questions people ask us about Hazlet

Does Hazlet have a train station?

Yes. The Hazlet station is on NJ Transit's North Jersey Coast Line, with service to Newark Penn Station, Hoboken and New York Penn Station. It has three parking lots with about 600 spaces.

Was Hazlet once called Raritan Township?

Yes. The township was formed as Raritan Township in 1848 and was renamed Hazlet in 1967 after a referendum. The new name honors Dr. John Hazlett, who had an estate in the area.

Is there a Garden State Parkway exit in Hazlet?

Yes. Exit 117, signed for Keyport and Hazlet, connects the Parkway to Routes 35 and 36.

Is Hazlet on the water?

Hazlet is near Raritan Bay rather than on a beachfront. Its neighbors Keansburg, Union Beach and Keyport sit along the bay, and Hazlet sections closest to them, like West Keansburg, have some land in the flood zone.

Where is the closest grocery store to Hazlet?

Hazlet has its own supermarkets on Route 35, including a ShopRite and an ALDI. Just over the line there is a Stop & Shop on Route 36 in Keyport, another on Route 34 in Aberdeen, and a Trader Joe's on Route 35 in Middletown.

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TO FILL IN ON YOUR VISITS

Touring the sections of town

Drive or walk each part of town at different times of day. Note the streets you liked, the traffic, the water and anything to ask us about.

West Keansburg	
North Centerville and Centerville	
South Keyport	
Mechanicsville	
Tiltons Corner	

Is Hazlet right for you?

HOW WELL DOES THE TOWN FIT?	GREAT FIT	OKAY	NOT A FIT
Getting to work and family	☐	☐	☐
Groceries and everyday errands	☐	☐	☐
Restaurants and things to do	☐	☐	☐
Parks and time outdoors	☐	☐	☐
Being on or near the water	☐	☐	☐
Flood zone and insurance	☐	☐	☐
Property taxes	☐	☐	☐
The kinds of homes available	☐	☐	☐
Traffic and summer crowds	☐	☐	☐
How it feels on the streets you saw	☐	☐	☐

Streets or homes to look at again

Questions to ask us

TALK IT THROUGH

Call or text either of us

Thinking about moving to Hazlet, or selling a home there? Call or text either of us. We will tell you what we know about the town, honestly, and help you plan the next step.



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