

## Privacy Notice

Gillespie County maintains this web site as a public service to provide available service and information to our constituents. The purpose of this policy is to explain how Gillespie County handles information collected from you during your visit to the County web site. It is important to keep in mind that Gillespie County does not collect personally identifiable Information (name, address, e-mail address, social security number, or other unique identifiers) on our web site unless we specifically advise you that we are doing so.

### **Please Note:**

All information collected or maintained by Gillespie County is subject to the Texas Public Information Act (chapter 552, Texas Government code).

### **How we handle the information we gather when you visit our web site:**

We collect and store only the following information about you: The name of the domain from which you access the Internet (i.e., erols.com, if you are connecting from an Erols account, or harvard.edu if you are connecting from Harvard University's domain); the date and time you access our site; the item you requested from the server; and the Internet address of the web site from which you linked directly to our site. If your browser accepts cookies, we may use a cookie to determine if you are a repeat or new visitor, or to understand how many different visitors come to our sites. When we examine this data, it is always presented in an aggregate form. Except as outlined in the Security section at the bottom of this document, we do not track or look at individuals' usage behavior.

### **If you identify yourself by sending an E-mail:**

When you send us personally identifying information, (e.g., in an electronic mail message containing a question or comment), or by filling out a form that E-mails us this information, Gillespie County will use this information to respond to your request. We may also forward the information you submit (including your E-mail address) to other Government employees, who are better able to answer your questions.

We want to make it clear that we will not obtain personally identifying information about you when you visit our site, unless you choose to provide such information to us. Except for authorized law enforcement investigations, or as otherwise required by law, we do not share any information we receive with any outside parties.

### **Links to other sites:**

The documents posted on this Website may contain hypertext links or pointers to information created and maintained by other public and private organizations. These links and pointers are provided for visitors' convenience. Gillespie County does not control or guarantee the accuracy, timeliness, or completeness of any linked information from a non-Gillespie County sites.

### **Cautionary Note:**

The Gillespie County privacy policy only applies to this web site. When you follow a link to another site, even the sites of state agencies, local governments, and local Gillespie County officials, **this policy will not apply**. You should check the privacy policy of each of these sites if you have concerns about how they handle personally identifiable information.

The inclusion of links or pointers to Web sites is not intended to assign importance to those sites or the information contained therein, nor is it intended to endorse or recommend any views expressed, or products or services offered on these sites.

**Security:**

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**Cookies and Gillespie County:**

What is a Cookie?

A cookie is a small piece of information that is sent to your browser-- along with a Web page-- when you access a Web site. There are two kinds of cookies. A session cookie is a line of text that is stored temporarily in your computer's RAM. Because a session cookie is never written to a drive, it is destroyed as soon as you close your browser. A persistent cookie is a more permanent line of text that gets saved by your browser to a file on your hard drive. Depending on your browser settings, you may receive notification that a given site is requesting cookie information, possibly with an expiration date. Persistent cookies have an expiration date in the future. Session cookies have no date associated with them.

**Gillespie County's Use of Cookies:**

The site will create a session cookie whenever you access Gillespie County. The session cookie is destroyed as soon as you close your browser. Gillespie County does not create persistent cookies.

**County Seal:**

It is a violation of the law to use the Gillespie County Seal in an unauthorized manner. It is strictly prohibited for anyone to use the Gillespie County Seal or any other official logo on the Gillespie County web site to imply an official endorsement, recommendation, partnership, or other relationship with Gillespie County without the express written consent of Gillespie County.