

COVID-19 Resources For Your Business

as of March 24

City Assistance Available



Water and Electric Will Not Be Shut Off

The City has ensured all municipal services (water and electric) will not be terminated for non-payment of delinquent water and electric bills. They are also offering late payment forgiveness for water and electric bills.



City Garages Free, On-Street Parking No Longer Ticketing

The Marketplace and Lakeview/College Street garages are now open and free. The elevators will not be in service. The City is no longer giving parking tickets for meter violations or residential parking violations. Enforcement is still in effect for prohibited areas and those that impact public safety, such as people being parked in a way that blocks traffic or pedestrians, handicapped spaces, or fire access.



Keep Your Business Safe

The BPD is dedicated to keeping your businesses safe during this time. They will continue with all usual patrols. However, to help them out all merchants should email Lt. Wade Labrecque wlabrecque@bpdvt.org with landline of store, primary contact if no one in store, and secondary contact if primary can't be reached.



Let USPS Know to Hold Your Mail

The US Postal Service will hold your mail – however it is of great help to them if you can fill out [this form](#) so that the carriers aren't forced to carry your mail around if they do not have to.

Tell the Community You are Open for Business

Please fill out [this form](#) to share your operations plans during this time. We want to let the public know how to support your business during this difficult period.

State and Federal Assistance Available



Vermont Tax Deadline Relief

Income tax filing dates have been extended until July 15. Businesses who were unable to meet their **Meals and Rooms Tax** or **Sales and Use Tax** for March 25th and April 25th will not be charged any penalty or interest for late submissions of these taxes.



How to Help Your Employees

[The Department of Labor](#) has multiple resources to help you assist your employees through this difficult time. **Utilize employer resources [here](#).** Or call 1-877-214-3331 for employer assistance. Encourage staff to file for unemployment with [this form](#).



SBA Disaster Loan Assistance

Apply for a disaster loan through the SBA [here](#). They are experiencing high traffic slowing the site and suggest filing between 7pm and 7am.



IRS Coronavirus Tax Relief

The IRS has announced that **small and midsize employers can begin taking advantage of two new refundable payroll tax credits**, designed to immediately and fully reimburse them, dollar-for-dollar, for the cost of providing Coronavirus-related leave to their employees. Learn more [here](#).

We will continue to alert you of resources as they become available.