



WATER RESOURCES CONNECTION GUIDE: CANNABIS OPERATIONS

Burlington Water Resources supplies domestic water, and wastewater collection/treatment service across the City. This fact sheet is meant as a guide for new cannabis operations in BTV, and may not encompass all applicable requirements. We strongly encourage you to contact us as early as possible in your planning process to ensure there are no unnecessary delays. Once we have received all of the necessary information, review can take anywhere from 4-6 weeks to complete. We're looking forward to working with you, and welcome to Burlington!

Cannabis Licensing

This should be your first stop! Learn about where you can open your business, necessary permits, restrictions and taxation: burlingtonvt.gov/ct/cannabis-licensing

Industrial Waste Review

The City's wastewater facilities contain a robust ecosystem of microorganisms that are critical to the treatment process. Like any living thing, they are susceptible to sudden and extreme changes in their environment. In this case, their environment is the wastewater coming into the plant.

You should contact Water Resources Engineering as early as possible to review your proposed operations plan, and discuss any potential pre-treatment systems that may be necessary to protect the City's infrastructure.

FROG Protection

Fats, Rags, Oils, and Grease (FROG) can wreak havoc on the City's sewer system. Certain extraction processes may require use of a grease trap, to ensure those materials are not reaching the sewer. It's also important to read through our resources on 'what to flush' and review this information with staff on a routine basis.

Capacity Allocation

The flow demands for new construction, redevelopment or change in use may require evaluation in order to be compliant with State and Local regulations. Interested parties are expected to contact the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation to learn about permit requirements and possible exemptions.

If your project requires an allocation letter from the City of Burlington, then you must remit the proposed design flows and project information in writing to Water Resources Engineering for evaluation.

Water Meter Sizing & Installation

We require a fixture count review to ensure the water meter installed on the property accurately records consumption for the anticipated range of flow. This is NOT just for new development - in cases where a new business is moving into an existing space, it is still important that the meter (and in some cases, the water service pipe) is sized appropriately for whatever the new business may be. The fixture count information should be sent to Water Resources as soon as it is available.

Backflow Prevention

Burlington Water Resources is responsible for providing safe, potable water to every customer. You can review the requirements that enable us to protect the distribution system from possible contamination or pollution originating from individual water service connections here: burlingtonvt.gov/dpw/backflow-prevention

