

July 2015 Flood Information

This page has been created to help keep the public updated with information related to the July 19-20 flooding. We will add contacts and other information as we gather it, so please keep checking back. Click on the documents below for specific areas of interest.

FLOOD RECOVERY CENTER: ADDED 7/31 3:00 pm The Vermont Disaster Relief Fund and Capstone Community Action have teamed up to offer a flood recovery center. The center is located at Capstone's main campus at Gable Place off of Granite Street and is open for walk-in appointments weekdays from 8AM - 4PM. Click on the link at the bottom of the page for more information.

Vermont Disaster Relief Fund : UPDATED 7/27 2:45 pm The Vermont Disaster Relief Fund is making funds available to help meet unmet need with regards to flood repairs and recovery. Funds are only available to single family homes, with the possibility of some funding assistance available for renters. Contact 211 and request to be placed on the list for consideration of relief funds. Or click on the link at the bottom of the page for more information.

Disaster Distress Helpline: ADDED 8/3/15 1:00 pm The Disaster Distress Helpline is a national hotline dedicated to providing year-round immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster. This toll-free, multilingual, and confidential crisis support service is available to all residents in the United States and its territories. Stress, anxiety, and other depression-like symptoms are common reactions after a disaster. Call 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746 to connect with a trained crisis counselor.

Muck Out Crews: UPDATED 8/11 9:00 am Muck out and mold remediation crews have completed their work in the flooded properties. The crews are leaving the area Wednesday, August 12th.

Dumpsters: UPDATED 8/11 4:00 pm The dumpsters are being removed this evening or tomorrow morning. Any additional debris will need to be brought by the property owners to the landfill.

Silt: UPDATED 8/11 9:00 am City street department personnel have picked up the last of the silt piles throughout the flooded area. If you still have silt that didn't get picked up, please call the department at (802) 476-0250.

Electrical & Building Permits: The Council voted to waive all fees associated with electrical and building permits for work related to the flooding. However, you must still do the application paperwork in the Planning & Zoning office in City Hall. For more information, contact that office at 476-0245.

Tax Abatements for Affected Properties: If your property was damaged by the flooding and you must make repairs, you may qualify for an abatement of a portion of your property taxes. Contact the City Clerk Carol Dawes at 476-0242 to discuss the process for requesting a hearing before the Board of Abatement.

Reporting Damage: **UPDATED 7/24/15 3:15 pm** Report any property damage to the Barre City Clerk's office at 476-0242. This information is being gathered for the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, who will coordinate funding assistance options as they become available.

Rural Development Home Repair Loans: **UPDATED 7/27/15 2:45 pm** USDA Rural Development's Home Repair funding program is available to single family homes damaged by the flood. Applications are available in the Clerk's office. Click on the link at the bottom of this page to review the requirements.

Business Assistance: **UPDATED 7/30/15 8:00 am** The Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation (CVEDC) is one of the twelve regional development corporations throughout Vermont. CVEDC serves the municipalities and business community in Washington County and three towns in Orange County. They provide confidential, no cost assistance with economic development issues including financing and financial incentives, workforce development, permitting, and expansion opportunities. Contact: Sam Andersen, 802-223-4654 or cvedc@sover.net.

Housing Assistance: If you were displaced by the flooding and are receiving housing assistance from the Red Cross, please contact the following:

- **ESD District Office**
McFarland Office Building, Suite 150
5 Perry Street, Barre, VT 05641-4270
Phone: 1-800-479-6151