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## **Support Options for those affected by the July 10<sup>th</sup> flooding in Barre City**

The City is working with many different public and private agencies and organizations to provide assistance for the residents and business in Barre City effected by Monday's flooding. This memo will be updated as more options and details become available, so check back frequently. Visit the City website at <https://www.barrecity.org/> for the most up-to-date information, or call the City Clerk's office at (802) 476-0242 for updates.

**Vermont 211:** Vermont's community resource specialists are available 24/7 to take information about damage and needs. You can reach them by (1) calling 2-1-1; (2) if that number is not response, dial (866) 652-4636 or (802) 652-4636; or (3) visit the [2-1-1 website by clicking here](#).

**Muck Out Crews:** Muck out crews from out-of-state have arrived and have commenced to work with homeowners in need of assistance. If you have not already requested a muck out crew, please call 211 and give them your information. Mucking out needs to be performed by those who have the training and equipment, so please be careful and don't put yourself or your friends or family in danger.

**Dumpsters:** The City has 3 dumpsters currently placed on Main Street for residents and merchants to use for the disposal of flood-damaged debris. Additional dumpsters have been deployed to the hardest hit areas of the North End, and trash haulers have begun to circulate around the City to collect flood debris left on lawns. **ITEMS THAT CANNOT GO IN THE DUMPSTERS:** aerosol cans, animals, appliances, asbestos, car batteries, cell phones, computers, electronics, explosives, fire extinguishers, lead, medical sharps, monitors propane tanks, yard waste, tires.

**Silt:** If you have silt on your property, please do not put it in the roadway, streams or storm drains. Please pile it on your property and report the pile to the City by calling the Manager's office at (802) 476-0241 or the Clerk's office at (802) 476-0242. The City will make arrangements to pick it up and take to away as resources become available.

**Electrical & Building Permits:** The City Council has approved waiving all fees for building and flood hazard permits for repairs needed as a result of the flood. Please note that permits will still be required retroactively, but you will not be charged the fees. For more information, contact the Permitting Office at (802) 476-0245.

**Tax Abatements for Affected Properties:** Barre City property tax bills are scheduled to be mailed out by mid-August, with the first quarterly installment due by September 15th. State statute requires the City to bill properties based on their value as of April 1st each year, so tax bills will be sent out based on pre-flood assessments. If you're property experienced flood damage, you will have an opportunity to submit an appeal to the Board of Abatement. Additional information about such appeals will be shared on Front Porch Forum and on the City website as

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the schedule develops. Contact Barre City Clerk Carol Dawes with any questions after you receive your tax bill by calling (802) 476-0242 or via email at [cdawes@barrecity.org](mailto:cdawes@barrecity.org).

**Reporting Damage:** Report any property damage to [Vermont 211](#) or City Clerk Carol Dawes at (802) 476-0242. This information is being gathered to share with recovery organizations, who will coordinate funding assistance options as they become available.

**FEMA:** FEMA has issued a disaster declaration for our area, and is available to begin assisting residents at the Multi-Agency Resource Center at the Auditorium.

**SBA Loans:** The Small Business Administration will be establishing access to services for business loans in support of commercial properties damaged in the floods. Updates will be added to this resource memo as they become available.