

Good afternoon,

Volunteers

PLEASE SHARE: Volunteers desired who may have experience with trauma informed care, recovery coaching, mental health first aide, or peer supports to support people impacted by the flood. May provide time, resources or an ear and bottle of water for those struggling in the aftermath of this natural disaster. If you know anyone who fits this description, share this with them please.

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Central information

[All flood related information and resources](#) for Lamoille County is on the [flooding resource page](#). Everything in this email is there, as well.

[Mental health supports can be found here.](#)

Where to donate

[Lamoille County's Flooding Relief Fund](#): All funds stay within our local community.

[VT Flood Response & Recovery Fund](#)

Reporting damages & finding funding

Make sure to report all property damages to both 2-1-1 *and* FEMA.

[2-1-1: Click here to document damages](#) to the state.

[FEMA page for Vermont relief](#): to apply for FEMA disaster funds.

- Apply immediately – you only have 60 days from July 14.
- If you are denied FEMA disaster funds, go through the appeals process. There is often something you can fix in your application and eventually get funding.
- For help filling out forms: 800-621-3362

[Easy infographic for understanding FEMA.](#)

[Single Family Housing Rural Disaster Home Repair Grants](#): grants to very-low and low-income homeowners to repair homes.

[Information for tenants](#)

[Artists affected by flooding.](#)

Debris removal

Johnson, Wolcott, and Cambridge: Leave debris in the town right of way and the town will come through a couple times a week to pick up. Separate hazardous materials, appliances, tires, and metal from the rest of the debris, as it is easier for the Highway Department if it is pre-sorted.

[Black mold information](#): learn symptoms and solutions for black mold toxicity. [In Spanish](#).

Transportation

The Johnson shopper bus will be running to Morrisville every Monday and Thursday on [this schedule](#). PLEASE spread the word.

[Guaranteed ride home if you miss the bus. Click here for information.](#)

Water

[Information regarding water quality](#) across the state.

Please, make sure people know to stay out of rivers and streams right now, especially downstream of affected communities.

Shelter

The emergency shelter at Northern VT University in Johnson is open and available to everyone; this includes people who were previously camping or living in tents. If transportation to the shelter is a barrier, please reach out to the State Emergency Operations Center at 1-800-347-0488.

[Multi-agency Resource Center \(MARC\)](#) with supplies and support returns to Johnson Elementary Sunday, July 23. There has been a change in schedule and there will not be one in Hardwick at this time.

Businesses

[Lamoille Economic Development Corp. 2023 Flood](#) page provides links for businesses to report flood damage and lists state resources.

[VSBR Flood Recovery Guide for Businesses](#)

[Vermont Main Street Flood Recovery Fund](#): apply for up to \$2500 in flood relief grants.

[SBA Loans for businesses](#)

[Small Business Legal Assistance Project](#): links pro bono lawyers with small business owners who need advice and legal services related to their businesses. The SBA grant can also be used to assist small businesses with flood related issues.

Farmers

[VT Agency of Agriculture Farm Related Assistance](#): Vermont state resources for farmers. Or email agr.floodresponse@vermont.gov or call 802-828-5667

[Farmers report damages here.](#)

[NOFA-VT's Flood Response Resources for Farmers.](#)

[Vermont Farm Fund](#): loans to Vermont farmers and food producers and seeks donations.

[Rapid response grant](#) for farmers impacted by flooding: 30 day window for applications for assistance from date of weather event.

- [FAQ: Virtual 7/26, 2:30-3:30](#)

[USDA Disaster Assistance](#): covers damage to livestock, farmland, financial damage, and crop losses. Or call (855) 794-3676.

[Support for Farmers](#): Connect with technical, legal or financial assistance, or to a counselor or trained peer.

Food

[3SquaresVT participants](#) are permitted to buy hot and hot prepared foods at SNAP-authorized retailers (grocery stores, general and convenience stores, farmers markets, etc) now through August 18th, 2023. To find local SNAP authorized retailers, [click here](#).

World Central Kitchen: El Gato Cantina meal distribution site: Johnson at the United Community Church, 11:30am & 4:30pm, through Friday 7/21

[Hunger Free Vermont's needs assessment](#) for organizations helping with food.



What is WCC and what is this email?

WCC stands for Working Communities Challenge, a three-year grant from the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston to support collaborative work to remove systemic barriers to employment. United Way of Lamoille County is the backbone partner in the [Lamoille WCC](#), with 24 core partners participating.

Knowing what is going on helps people join the economy, so please share the sharing priority and the rest of the information in this newsletter.

- This newsletter goes out weekly to approximately 600 area leaders. The language is often exactly or close to what organizations use in order to convey what they want shared. It may not be in quotation marks for simplicity, but it is the language of the contributing organization.
- The [United Way of Lamoille County resource page](#) is continually updated with local and state information.