

For the Week of April 14, 2025

Champlain Water District Water Conservation Notice

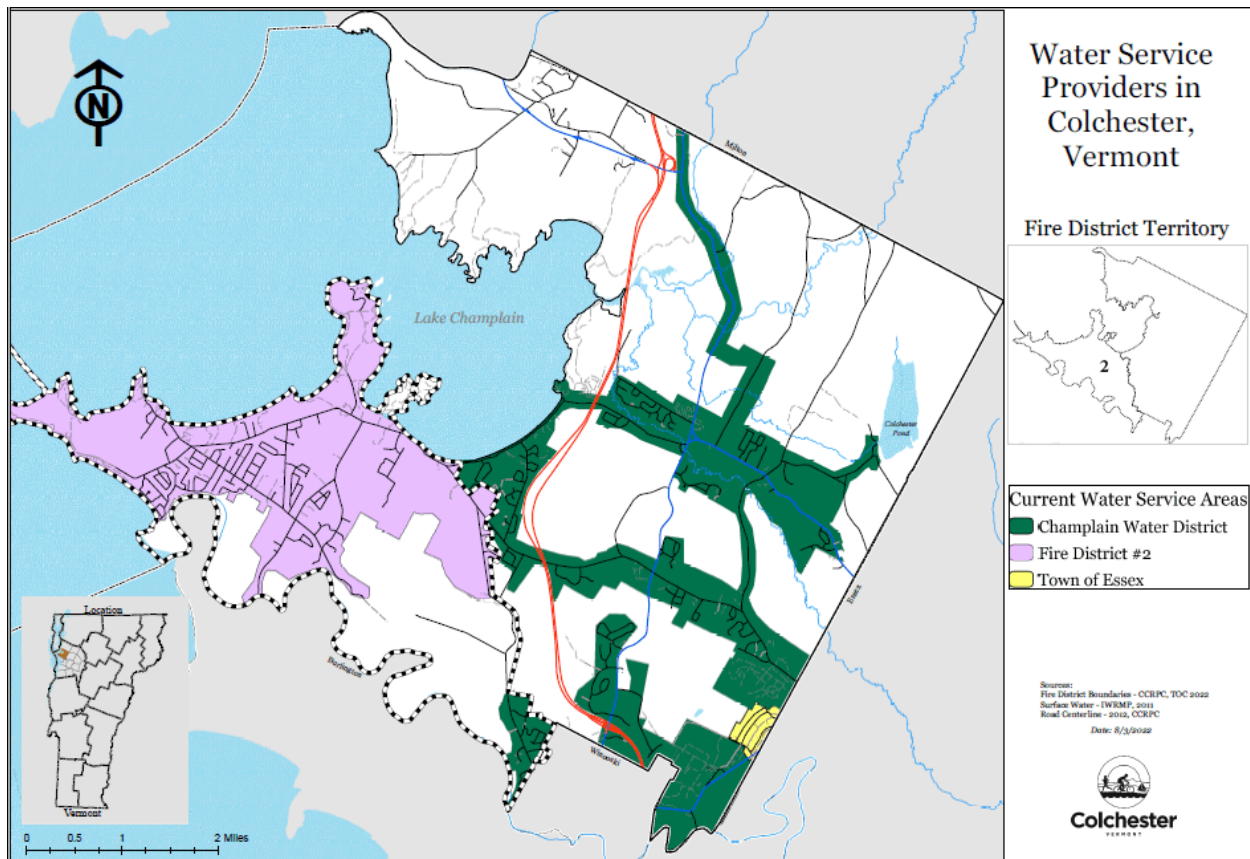
On **Wednesday, April 16, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Champlain Water District (CWD) will be shutting down the Water Treatment Plant due to ongoing facility construction.



On this date, CWD requests that customers **stop all non-essential water usage** during this 10-hour shut down period. This includes all outdoor water usage and non-essential indoor water usage such as laundry and using the dishwasher.

This conservation effort will allow CWD to maintain adequate storage volumes of water for any potential emergency.

Please refer to the map below to see if you will be impacted by this shutdown.



All areas highlighted in green are serviced by Champlain Water District.

For an enlarged version of this map, visit <https://colchestervt.gov/502/Colchester-Water-Supply-Services>

For questions and updates regarding the construction at CWD's plant visit:
<https://www.champlainwater.org/> or call (802)864-7454.

Consolidation of Community Justice Services

This article will briefly explain current community justice services, legislative changes, re-entry services, pre-charge services, and the future of community justice services.

Current Community Justice Services: The Colchester Police Department partners with the Essex Community Justice Center (ECJC) to provide restorative justice to the community. The goal of restorative justice is to give an alternative route for cases, rather than prosecution and the traditional criminal legal system. Restorative justice keeps the focus on “who was harmed” and “how can the harm be repaired” instead of “who did it” and “what should we do to them”. ECJC does this by allowing law enforcement officials to refer low-level offenders to their pre-charge program. In this program, outreach is done to all victims/harmed parties and those responsible for the harm will go in front of panels comprised of trained community volunteers and are held accountable for their actions through the creation of an Agreement that addresses the harm caused and ways to avoid making similar mistakes in the future. ECJC also offers reentry services for individuals returning to their communities after incarceration. ECJC is funded with state grants and ongoing operating funds from the Towns of Colchester and Essex.

Legislative Changes: Chittenden County has four community justice centers. The Vermont State legislature passed a bill in 2024 to consolidate community justice with one center in each county and which may provide some administrative efficiencies for the State and could improve community justice in other counties where there are fewer services. For ECJC, we will see changes to the way its restorative justice programs are funded and are set to consolidate some of the services it provides to our community.

Re-Entry Services: ECJC's reentry program currently receives funding from the Vermont Department of Corrections. Starting in Fiscal Year 2026, the Department of Corrections is opting to have a single entity provide reentry support programs for Chittenden County and will end funding to ECJC's program. This funding has been awarded to the City of Burlington's Community Justice Center and the Burlington CJC will provide re-entry services beginning in July 2025.

Pre-Charge Services: Also beginning in Fiscal Year 2026, the ECJC's pre-charge program will receive funding and oversight from the Attorney General's Office instead of the Department of Corrections. Effective at the start of Fiscal Year 2027, pre-charge funding will only be provided to the Burlington Community Justice Center. Following this change, the City of Burlington and the Attorney General's Office have indicated that they support operating pre-charge programs locally in Chittenden County towns. The details of this plan are still in the works.

Future: The Colchester Selectboard has asked for the programs to continue to remain community-based in light of these changes. Further updates will be provided as these changes are implemented.

For more information regarding this matter, visit:
https://clerkshq.com/Content/Attachments/Colchester-vt/info250408_c2.pdf?clientSite=Colchester-vt

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week (NPSTW) is held annually during the second week of April to honor public safety telecommunicators for their commitment, service, and sacrifice.

NPSTW began in 1981 and in 1994, President Bill Clinton signed a proclamation officially declaring the second week of April as NPSTW.

This week we thank and honor Colchester's telecommunications personnel (informally known as public safety dispatchers) who serve our community, residents, and public safety personnel 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Please join us in thanking our dedicated dispatch staff:

Det. Elizabeth Fell
Sean FitzGerald
Cody FitzGerald
Quentin Hoskins
Candace Johnson
Ian Kilburn
Craig Lamoureux
Alyssah Martinez
Maeli Rutherford
Megan Severance
Evidence Technician Jonathan Wheeler



*The communications center at the
Colchester Police Department*

We thank you for all that you do!

CCRPC-led Mapping Workshop: Share Your Thoughts on the Regional Planning Commission's Proposed Future Land Use Map and 2050 Housing Targets for Colchester

**Tuesday, April 29th
6:30 pm-8:15pm
Colchester Town Office Building**

Thinking about the Future: Chittenden County Draft Future Land Use Map

Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) is working with cities and towns to implement a regional Future Land Use Map with growth assigned to each community according to state law. This map, once adopted, will generally guide how land in the region will be used in the future. The land use categories on the map are defined in state law, and CCRPC is tasked with

determining how the categories apply in the region. CCRPC is seeking input from the public to help guide the mapping work.

Add your voice to the conversation about Colchester’s regional future land use map at an upcoming mapping workshop! At the workshop, you will learn about the Future Land Use Mapping process, have a chance to ask questions, and be able to view and provide feedback on the map.

This mapping project stems from [Act 181](#), passed into law June 2024. Act 181 overhauls Vermont’s planning framework for coordinating state, regional, and municipal land use. For more information about Act 181, please see the following materials:

- This [one-page summary](#) of the Future Land Use map.
- This [5-minute video](#) and [3-page summary](#) for an overview of the Future Land Use mapping process and related law (Act 181).
- This [graphic](#) that provides more details about each land use category you’ll see on the map.

If you’re not able to attend, please feel free to provide comments through the online mapping tool, [available here](#). Comments will be accepted through Monday, May 19, 2025.



Colchester Historical Society: Upcoming Events in April

April 14, 2025

7:00 p.m., Meeting House, 830 Main Street on the Historic Village Green

All aboard! Local author James “Jim” Jones will present the history of trolleys in our local area. His presentation will include colorful anecdotes, rare photos, maps, vintage and contemporary ephemera. Jim is a third-generation Vermont rail enthusiast and historian with degrees in technical communications and U.S. History. A discount will be offered on sales of his book, *Trolley Wires to Rubber Tires*. Hosted by the Colchester Historical Society.

Overflow parking is available at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 784 Main Street.

For more information about the Colchester Historical Society, please visit <https://www.colchestervt.gov/422/Colchester-Historical-Society>. Also, check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ColchesterVermontHistoricalSociety>



Electric trolleys served users of Fanny Allen Hospital in the early 1900s.

Blood Drive Hosted by the Colchester-Milton Rotary Club

Thinking about donating blood? The Colchester-Milton Rotary Club is gearing up to host another blood drive.

Organizers are encouraging eligible donors to consider signing up to donate blood. The event aims to help provide local hospitals with an adequate blood supply to aid in emergency responses.

Appointments can be made at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>. Donors will be entered to win a gift card from Madeline's bakery in Milton.

The drive will take place **Tuesday, April 22nd, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 784 Main Street.

Department Updates:

Department of Parks & Recreation

Easter Egg Hunt – 2025

This year's annual Easter Egg hunt will be held at **10 a.m. on Saturday, April 19, 2025**, at Bayside Park. We ask that you bring a bag or a basket to collect the eggs.

Please park your vehicles at Colchester High School and enter the park by the Softball field road off Laker Lane.

Children will be separated by age group to hunt for eggs in different areas of Bayside Park. Ages 4 and under will be at Lower Bayside Park. Ages 5 through 8 will be at Upper Bayside Park.

During the event, the Colchester Lions Club will be hosting a food drive for the Colchester Community Food Shelf. Please consider contributing a non-perishable or canned item if you are able. We hope to see you there!

For more information please visit: <https://colchestervt.gov/362/Easter-Egg-Hunt>



Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas:

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Residents are welcome to attend the meeting.

Alternatively, send a note, up to 1,000 words, to TownManager@colchestervt.gov with "Citizens to be Heard" in the Subject and your name. As with in-person Citizens to be Heard, we ask that you

SHARE YOUR ADDRESS. The email will be shared with the entire Selectboard prior to the meeting and included in the information packet at the next meeting.

- Watch the Meeting Online via Live Stream: <http://lcatv.org/live-stream-2>
- Agenda: www.bit.ly/Colchester-SB-Agendas

Planning Commission: Tuesday, May 6, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Agenda: <https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docid=PLANAGENDA>

Recreation Advisory Board: Wednesday, May 14, 7:00 a.m. at the Colchester Recreation Center, 80 Dick Mazza Drive. Agenda: <https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=RecAdv&path=BOARDS%2CRecAdv%2C>

Development Review Board: Wednesday, May 28, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Residents are welcome to attend the meeting or public comments can be submitted prior to the hearing by email to zmaia@colchestervt.gov or by mail to Town of Colchester, c/o Development Review Board, 781 Blakely Road, Colchester, VT 05446. Agenda: https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docid=DRBAGENDA&path=DRB%2CDRB_Agendas%2CDRBAGENDA%2C

Library Board of Trustees: Thursday, April 17, 4:00 p.m., in the Burnham Room of the Burnham Memorial Library. Agenda: <https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=LibBoard&path=BOARDS%2CLibBoard%2C>

Colchester Conservation Commission: Monday, April 21, 6:00 p.m. in the Champlain Room, Colchester Town Office. <https://clerkshq.com/Content/Colchester-vt/Boards/ConservCommssn.htm# CPA1>

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