

DISPLACED EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE

STATE OF MINNESOTA AND DAKOTA COUNTY RESOURCES FOR DISPLACED WORKERS

ITEMS UNDERLINED HAVE A DIRECT ONLINE LINK TO THAT WEBSITE

FILING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT WWW.UIMN.ORG

If you've become unemployed or had your hours greatly reduced, you should:

1. Complete the Application.
2. Read Information Handbook.
3. Look for letters in the mail about your benefit amount and how to request payment.
4. Request a benefit payment every week, even if your eligibility is being determined.
5. Respond to requests timely completely, and honestly.

You can apply for unemployment benefits either online or by phone using the self-service system.

You can apply by phone on Fridays, between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm.
Twin Cities area: 651-296-3644

Before you apply, have ready:

- Social Security number
- Driver's license # or other state government identification #
- Employment history for last 18 months, including: employer's names, address and telephone number, dates of employment (month and year), pay rate, reason you left that employer
- Your bank account and routing numbers, for direct deposit.

HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE

There are several locations around Dakota County to access holiday assistance. Click [HERE](#) to see a list.

CHAP Store - Toys for Tots
2020 State Highway 13 East
Burnsville (952) 890-8222

Father's House - Toys for Tots
609 Travelers Trail West
Burnsville (612) 564-9272

UNEMPLOYMENT FOR FURLOUGHED WORKERS

You may be eligible for Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits if you are temporarily or intermittently laid off or your hours are reduced below 32 hours per week.

Apply for UI benefits during the first week you are laid off or your hours are reduced below 32 hours per week. You cannot backdate the application. You could lose benefits if you wait. To receive a benefit payment or get credit for nonpayable week, must request benefit payment.

Every applicant for UI benefits must serve a nonpayable week before they can receive any payments. Your nonpayable week is first week you are eligible to receive a benefit payment.

EVICITION PREVENTION

Residents who are experiencing a short-term financial hardship with an eviction or utility shut-off can **apply for financial assistance.**

- 651-291-0211
- 211unitedway.org
- Text "MNRENT" to 898-211

COLD WEATHER RULE

All electric and natural gas companies must offer CWR protection. **If you are having trouble keeping up with your winter heating bills**, find your electric or natural gas company at MN.gov to sign up for a payment plan.

For assistance in working with your utility, contact Consumer Affairs of the MN Public Utilities Commission: 651-296-0406 | consumer.puc@state.mn.us

The **SALVATION ARMY** (651-746-3546) provides emergency utility assistance for people with no other options for aid. They can help individuals pay for natural gas, oil, propane, and electricity depending on what heats their home. 8AM-4:30PM M-F

ASSISTANCE FROM NON PROFITS

360 Communities

CHAP (urgent apply NOW)

COVID Housing Assistance Program
Apply as soon as possible to **receive payment for December's rent or mortgage** from this CARES Act money. This funding ends December 31st. Apply at: HousingHelpmn.org

FOOD ACCESS | 952-985-5300

There are food shelves in Apple Valley, Burnsville, Farmington, Lakeville, Rosemount.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE with rent, mortgage, utilities, car repairs, medical bills, etc. | 952-985-5300

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS in Burnsville and Rosemount.

The Open Door Pantry.

FOOD ACCESS | 651-686-0787

Call the appointment line for Eagan or The Mobile Pantry®. **They can also assist you with connecting to other community agencies.**

CRISIS COUNSELING HOTLINES and Resource Guide available on website.

POP UP PRODUCE STAND every Tuesday, 3:00 – 6:00pm at Metcalf Middle School (2250 Diffley Rd, Burnsville). Drive thru, no appointment necessary. Text POTATO to 651-370-8095 for any updates to distribution schedule.

DON'T WAIT TO ACCESS FOOD

Utilizing a food access resource **will immediately free up money for other expenses.** Do not wait until you feel you need it, start here as it is one of the simplest ways to stretch your money.

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DAKOTA COUNTY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE 651.554.5611

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SEASONAL & TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT

TEMPORARY STAFFING AGENCIES

Express Employment Professionals
952-469-5112

CareerForce
952-703-3100

Valley Staffing
952-469-5050

SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT

Many stores are hiring for seasonal work, check out a location near you.

- Walmart & Target
- Hy-Vee & Aldi
- UPS & FedEx
- The Home Depot
- PetSmart
- Kohl's & Macy's
- Post Consumer Brands
- Lunds & Byerlys
- Door Dash

DAKOTA COUNTY EMPLOYERS LINK lists companies in Dakota County who are hiring right now.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

360 Communities (952-985-5300) and The Open Door (651-686-0787) have volunteer opportunities for those that are able and interested.

DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM

For those who's unemployment may not be temporary, the Dislocated Worker Program can help you land a job—quickly. Their counselors will help you choose a path that is right for you.

- Assistance looking for a job in the same type of position or field
- Assistance developing your resume and searching for jobs
- Assistance with updating skills

Their Counselors are **currently offering all services** remotely including:

- Latest labor market information
- Employer Connections
- Connect with training programs to upgrade your skills if needed
- Learn job search skills, including writing résumés, interviewing techniques, finding job openings, understanding and using labor market information and more.

Job Seeker Information

- Virtual Services for Career Seekers
- Job Seeking Workshops

Job Posting Links

- Dakota County
- MinnesotaWorks
- JobsinDemand

FREE CHROMEBOOKS & WI-FI HOTSPOTS

Dakota County Library now offers Wi-Fi hotspots and Chromebooks to provide free internet access at home or on the go. To check one out, individuals can visit the Library catalog to place a hold on a Wi-Fi hotspot or Wi-Fi hotspot and Chromebook kit. You can also stop by a library location to pick one up while supplies are available.

Each can be checked out for 6 weeks, with a Dakota County Library Card.

To use a Wi-Fi hotspot, individuals will use their own device to connect and access the internet. Or, you can check out a Wi-Fi hotspot and Chromebook to connect to the hotspot.

Dakota County Libraries
651-450-2900
askalibrarian@co.dakota.mn.us

Comcast Xfinity Wi-Fi Hotspots will be available to anyone who needs them for free – including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers. For a map of Xfinity WIFI hotspots, visit www.xfinity.com/wifi.

Once at a hotspot, consumers should select the “xfinitywifi” network name in the list of available hotspots and then launch a browser.

Comcast Xfinity Customer Service
1-800-934-6489

FREE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE INFORMATION



Get Connected. Get Help.™

United Way 2-1-1 provides free and confidential health and human services information for people in Minnesota. They are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to connect you with the resources and information you need.
651-291-0211
Text your zip code to 898-211*

STRESS & ANXIETY SUPPORT CONTACTS

Help is available 24/7 every single day. You can connect with a trained crisis counselor. Text TALK to 741741 for CRISIS TEXT LINE.

Crisis Connection (24-hour hotline for mental health) 612-379-6363

DAKOTA COUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCE LINKS

- Food
- Unemployment
- Hotlines and Help Lines
- Childcare
- Housing
- Financial Assistance
- Mental Health Assistance
- COVID-19 Checklists

co.dakota.mn.us/HealthFamily/HandlingEmergencies/Disasters/Pages/community-resources