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Coronavirus Resources

As the Novel Coronavirus continues to be of worldwide concern, BOMA BC has created the following list of resources. We will update this page as new information becomes available.



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Here is what BC Hydro is doing in response to COVID-19

Source: BC Hydro

The COVID-19 Customer Assistance Program provides residential and commercial customers the option to defer bill payments or arrange for flexible payment plans with no penalty. Customers are encouraged to call customer service at 1-800-BCHYDRO (1-800-224-9376) to discuss bill payment options.



BC Hydro anticipates that the outbreak may have a financial impact on their customers if they are unable to work, or if businesses close. As a result, BC Hydro will also stop disconnections for non-payment. If

you're having trouble paying your bill, please give BC Hydro a call at 1-800-224-9376 to arrange for flexible payment plans with no penalty.

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FortisBC Supporting British Columbia during the COVID-19 outbreak

Source: FortisBC



Billing & payment: FortisBC has waived late payment fees and will ensure that no customer is disconnected from the energy they need for financial reasons.

FortisBC's team will help customers with any billing questions they may have and can help find flexible payment options.

There are currently no impacts to FortisBC's natural gas and electricity operations. As always, crews are monitoring the network and systems very closely. FortisBC has a robust emergency response and pandemic plan in place to maintain critical services to homes and businesses in the event of widespread illness.

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How changes brought on by coronavirus could help tackle the climate crisis

Source: Corporate Knights

Glen Peters, research director at the Center for International Climate and Environment Research, writes that there is a link between economic activity and carbon dioxide emissions, since most of the world uses fossil fuels as a source of energy. This means we may see carbon dioxide emissions decrease due to reduced energy consumption.

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Commercial natural gas heat pump pilot program

Source: FortisBC

FortisBC is looking for five small businesses to test a new innovation in natural gas heating and cooling—a heat pump that could potentially reduce your space and water heating costs by 30 to 50 per cent. Click below to learn more about eligibility



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B.C. government puts \$217.7 million towards energy efficient

Source: Journal of Commerce/Construct Connect

School districts across B.C. will find it easier to make their schools more energy efficient, thanks to a multi-million dollar investment from the provincial government.

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Nexii begins Squamish, B.C. plant retrofit to meet demand for its panelized

Source: Journal of Commerce/Construct Connect

As the demand for prefabricated and modular construction continues to grow, B.C.-based Nexii Building Solutions Inc. is working to install its low-carbon panel system as part of a retrofit project at a 90,000-square-foot plant in Squamish.

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Consider carbon footprint of building materials, consultant tells Nelson council

Source: BC Local News

While there is a focus on creating energy efficient buildings in B.C., a Nelson building consultant says many forget about embodied carbon, which is “all the energy it takes to extract, transport, and manufacture the materials we build with.”

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BOMA BC is taking an active role in promoting energy efficiency and sustainability with its members by providing cost-effective tools and resources to improve performance in buildings. We offer utility tracking and reporting software, energy training, total waste management services, and a green building certification program. All members are encouraged to contact BOMA BC to see what programs are right for your organization.



Building Tune-Up Program

The BOMA BC Building Tune-Up Program is a recommissioning (RCx) program to identify low-cost energy and emissions savings through adjustments or minor upgrades to BOMA members' building automation systems (BAS). Targeting largely B & C class buildings, the program provides 100% of the cost to conduct a detailed assessment of operational energy conservation measures (ECMs), a further fixed value amount to implement the identified measures, along with the full cost to verify the measures after implementation. Building owners and/or managers can apply directly to BOMA BC to be a candidate for this service.

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BOMA uTrack

BOMA uTrack (powered by PUMA) is a utility tracking and reporting service offered to all members, at preferred pricing, to help reduce energy costs and track greenhouse gas emissions. Sign up now and start saving energy and money! BOMA uTrack clearly identifies utility spending and savings among multiple sites, prioritizes energy projects by identifying least efficient facilities and sets achievable targets while easily charting and reporting on the results. For more information please contact [David Salsberg](#).



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BOMA e-Energy Training

The BOMA eEnergy Training course is an interactive online course for professionals to gain a comprehensive understanding of energy management. Participants develop the skills and knowledge to identify energy reduction opportunities in buildings and learn how to develop strategies to encourage stakeholders to save energy. The BOMA eEnergy Training course is an interactive online course for professionals to gain a comprehensive understanding of energy management. Participants develop the skills and knowledge to identify energy reduction opportunities in buildings and learn how to develop strategies to encourage stakeholders to save energy.



For more information or to register for the course, please go to the [BOMA Learning Website](#)

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BOMA BEST® 3.0 is a national green building certification program developed to address an industry need for realistic standards for energy and environmental performance of existing buildings based on accurate,

independently-verified information. Currently BOMA BEST® 3.0 provides seven modules for certification (office, light industrial, shopping centre, open air retail, multi-unit residential, health care and universal). These certifications focus on 10 key areas of environmental management (energy, water, air quality, comfort, health and wellness, purchasing, custodial, waste, site and stakeholder engagement).



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BOMA Total Waste Management

The Total Waste Management (TWM) Program is a one-stop, cost-effective recycling service. The service provides a comprehensive waste audit and custom solutions to meet all BOMA members' recycling needs (paper, cardboard, mixed containers, batteries, electronics, and organics).



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