

One People, One Climate

A Call to Join the Climate Strike on September 20

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Hello Burlington workers,

This spring, over one million students around the world went on strike for the climate, targeting decades of government inaction and corporate irresponsibility. On September 20th workers will join them.

We invite you to join workers across the state in the global climate strike. Workers at many businesses like yours — Ben and Jerry's, 7th Generation, Burton and others — have already pledged to participate.

The stakes are incredibly high. The 2018 UN IPCC Global Warming Special Report called for systemic change to keep our planet habitable, and we're working against the clock. According to the IPCC, we have only 11 years left to make massive and unprecedented changes to our global energy structure. The costs of the climate crisis are borne disproportionately by those least responsible for causing the problem, by ordinary people and the most marginalized, oppressed, and exploited communities. Radically changing weather contributes to international migration, putting climate refugees and border militarization on a collision course at the U.S. southern border.

The urgency of the climate crisis means that we can no longer go on with business as usual, and we need to take action.

Every product and service relies on us. Strikes create a crisis for those in power, forcing them to respond. General strikes have a powerful history uniting workers to win essential needs like pay raises and shorter work weeks. Now, the climate catastrophe facing us today means that we must shut down business as usual in order to change the course of an economy that is exploiting both the planet and millions of workers.

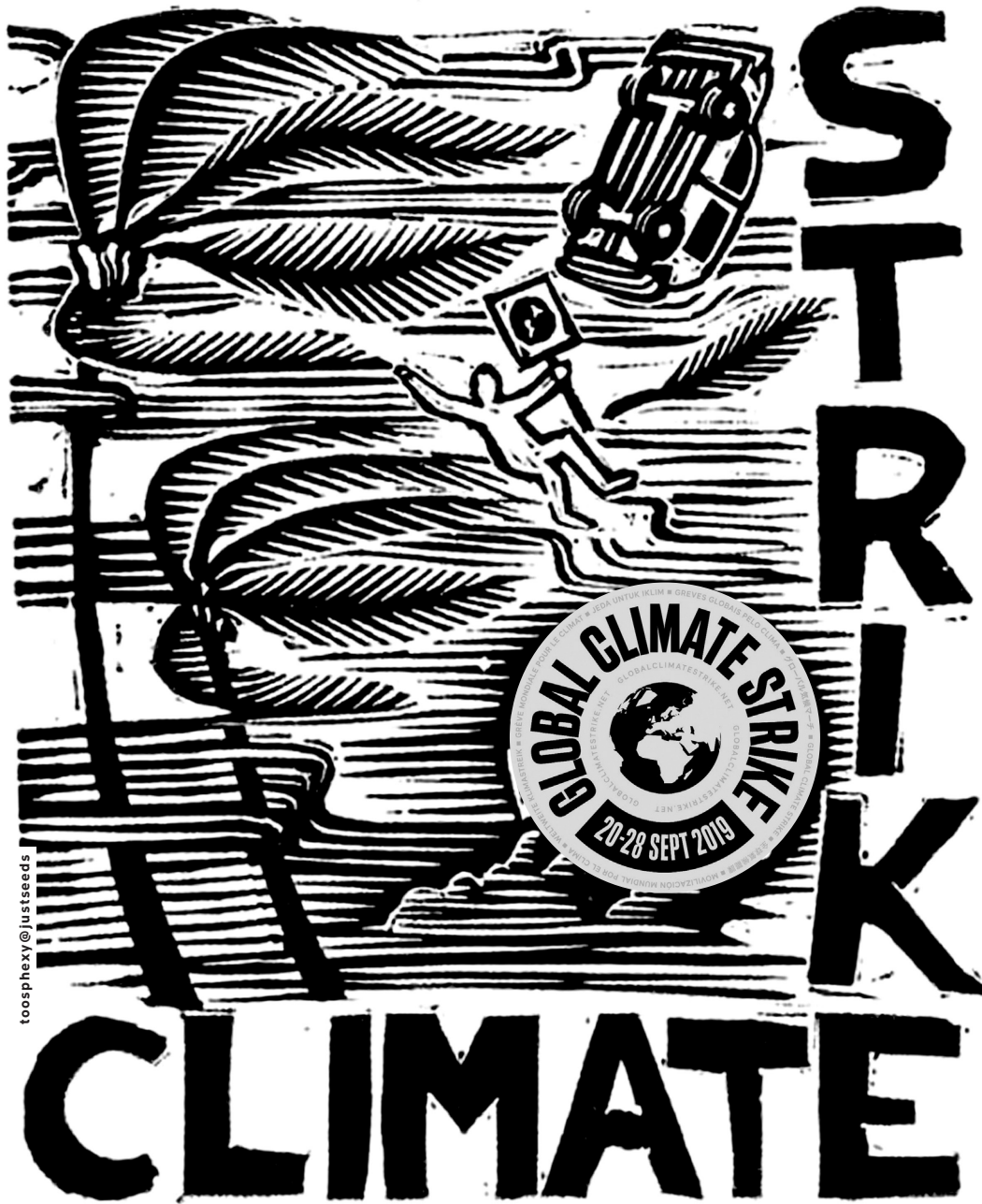
There are many possibilities for collective action. Start by talking with coworkers. People can take the whole day, or part of the day as leave, join the large noon rally for the climate in Burlington, do a picket line before work, develop a green demand for your workplace, wear green shirts, or organize a meeting on responding to the climate crisis. There are many ways to support this effort.

Working together to organize can also be a transformative experience. Millions of people are feeling so overwhelmed by the climate crisis that they might as well ignore it. The solution is to act together. We won't win our demands in a day, but it will be a significant and hopeful step toward a solution to our climate crisis.

In solidarity,

Vermont Climate Strike Workplace Committee

VermontClimateStrike.org



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One people. One climate. Join a strike.

On September 20, people all over Vermont and the world will be striking and walking out of work and school, sending a clear message that the time for climate justice is now.

Be part of it! ...and other events during the **Global Climate Strike Week**.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20

School Walkout Teach-In

8:30 am – 3:30 pm, Main Street Landing Film House, Burlington

Walkout, Strike

Noon-2 pm
Burlington City Hall Rally.
Marches from Champlain College, UVM, Pine Street.

Save the Bees! music and rally

3:30 – 7:30 pm, UU Church, 152 Pearl St., Burlington

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22

Race Against Racism

11 am Rally, 11:30 am 5k Race
5 High School Drive, Montpelier

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25

Action vs. Fossil Fuel Lobbyists

4:30 pm, Montpelier

7 pm **Film Screening**

"Anthropocene", Main Street Landing Film House, 60 Lake St., Burlington, \$8

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

Gather at 5:45, Ride at 6 pm
BIKE BLAST Critical Mass Bike Ride at 350VT Office, 179 S. Winooski Ave., Burlington

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

Coal Plant Rally & Action

Bow, NH
NoCoalNoGas.org

FOR MORE INFO:

VermontClimateStrike.org

VERMONT CLIMATE STRIKE is a coalition of many groups including: 350Vermont, Champlain Valley Democratic Socialists of America, Climate Disobedience Center, EnACT (Environmental Action Group) at Champlain Valley Union High School, Extinction Rebellion Vermont, Sunday Night Environmental Group, at Middlebury College, Sunrise Movement Burlington, Sunrise Movement Middlebury, US Youth Climate Strike VT, Upper Valley Affinity Group, University of Vermont, Youth Climate Summit, Vermont Natural Resources Council, VPIRG (Vermont Public Interest Research Group), Vermont Youth Lobby

Our demands:

- Transition rapidly to clean and renewable energy
- Keep fossil fuels in the ground
- Build a just and inclusive movement
- Implement immediate solutions rooted in the respect for all people