



If you have questions, we still have answers.

The Nevada Business Environmental Program ([BEP](#)) at the University of Nevada, Reno remains open and staffed with a statewide team to provide free and confidential business advisory services to Nevada businesses.

If you have any environmental or energy questions or concerns, do not hesitate to get in touch with us. While the COVID-19 emergency may have us primarily working remotely from home, we are staffed as always from 8am - 5pm, Monday through Friday.

Our toll-free hotline is still taking calls and we are promptly answering all emails. We are also available to communicate via calls, photos, and online video meetings.

Hotline: (800) 882-3233 Email: help@unrbep.org

[Visit our BEP website.](#)

News & Updates

Phase 1: Nevada Roadmap to Recovery Continues

On May 15, Governor Steve Sisolak announced that Phase 1 of reopening the economy will continue. All Nevadans are urged to continue social distancing and wear face coverings.

Training Event: Getting Back to Work in Nevada - How to Reopen Your Restaurant

Tips from the Business Environmental Program and Restaurant Owner Mark Estee

As Nevada's economy begins to slowly reopen, many small businesses are left wondering what the "new normal" will look like. Restauranters are uncertain of new health mandates and best practices, and are unsure of how to prepare for the summer.

The Nevada SBDC is here to answer your questions.

Join us on May 20th at 10am PST for a conversation with Reno's favorite restaurateur Mark Estee ([@ChefMarkEstee on Facebook](#)), Chris Lynch of the Nevada Business Environmental Program, and Rod Jorgensen of the Nevada Small Business Development Center as they discuss required guidelines for reopening under Governor Sisolak's continued Phase 1 Reopening Plan, tips on running a smarter small business, and changes local restaurants are already undergoing to ensure a safe reopening.

[Registration Link](#)

New! Small Retailers, Hair Salons and Nail Salons Tip Sheets Getting Back to Work in Nevada

The Nevada SBDC and BEP just released new Tip Sheets for Small Retailers, Nail Salons and Hair Care Salons who are getting ready to open and operate under Governor Sisolak's continued Phase 1 restrictions. This is part of our [series of tip sheets](#) which lay out minimum requirements, tips for reopening and additional resources.

Download the new tip sheets:

[Getting Back to Work in Nevada: Small Retailers Tip Sheet](#)

[Getting Back to Work in Nevada: Nail Salons Tip Sheet](#)

[Getting Back to Work in Nevada: Hair Care Salons Tip Sheet](#)

Additional tip sheets will be released in the next few days that focus on Barber Shops, Daycare, Realtors, and In-Home Repair. Check our [tip sheet homepage](#) often to view and download the latest tip sheets.

Counselors at the [Nevada Small Business Development Center](#) and [BEP](#) are available to assist you with analyzing your options to help keep you in business and profitable.

Recycling: Still Important During the Pandemic

One of the impacts we are seeing from this pandemic are the changes in recycling and waste streams, both commercial and residential. Business waste and recycling have gone down dramatically while residential waste and recycling potential has sky rocketed. One thing that has not changed is the need for materials to be recycled and recycled without contamination.

There are some businesses that need recycled materials as a raw component in production of their products. According to the [US EPA's Recycling During COVID-19 web page](#) essential goods such as paper towels and sanitizing wipes are a few of those recycled content products. It is important that the recycled materials are collected without contamination.

This [EPA video](#) , reminds us in both our businesses and in our homes, we need to be mindful of what ends up in the recycling stream and what needs to go into the waste or landfill stream.

To learn more about how to recycle here in Nevada, check out the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection's [recycling information pages](#) .

