

NETWORKING

Eden Chamber of Commerce

336-623-3336; www.edenchamber.com

- Business networking opportunities via Morning Coffees, Chamber After Hours and seminars
- Ribbon cuttings, grand openings
- Annual business directory
- E-mail marketing services
- Educational programs

Downtown Merchant Associations

Both downtowns have active associations that work toward bettering their businesses and areas.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Façade Grant

The City offers a matching façade grant up to \$500 for property owners who renovate the fronts of their buildings. Call Mike Dougherty in Economic Development for more details and an application - 336-623-2110, option 7.

Self-Help Credit Union

Self-Help offers loans to new and expanding small businesses and non-profit organizations. Loan amounts vary and can be used to start, buy or expand a business or non-profit agency, purchase real estate, construct a building, buy equipment and machinery or provide working capital and inventory. Call 336-478-2600 or visit www.self-help.org

Banks & Other Financial Institutions

Several local institutions cater to small business customers. Some work with the Small Business Administration.

SPECIAL EVENTS & FESTIVALS

The City and downtown merchants host several annual special events and festivals with excellent opportunities to draw potential customers to your business.

The Eden Downtown Development Corporation

Overseeing Eden's
Main Street Downtown
Revitalization program since 2007.



Starting A Business Downtown



EDDC is here to help
facilitate business growth in
two downtown areas of Eden -
Historic Leaksville and
Draper Village.



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First things first ...

Before you sign a lease, purchase a building or buy equipment, be sure to explore local business resources in Eden and Rockingham County.

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

City of Eden Economic and Tourism Development

336-623-7789, ext. 3046; www.exploreedennc.com

- Assistance with identifying and securing available property
- Marketing and publicity support
- N.C. Main Street Program support
- Special event and promotion support

Rockingham Community College Small Business Center

336-342-4261, ext. 2316; www.rockinghamcc.edu

- "How to succeed in business class" to help develop business plans
- Support classes throughout the year
- "Gate" entrepreneurship program

Rockingham County Business & Technology Development Center

336-342-7853; www.rockinghambusiness.org

- Business mentoring services
- Business planning services
- SCORE (Service Corp of Retired Executives) chapter counseling
- Technology assistance and education

Small Business & Technology Development Center

336-334-7005; www.sbtfdc.org

SBTDC is a business development service of the University of North Carolina system offering free, confidential professional guidance and information to aspiring or established small business owners.

REGULATIONS/SCHEDULES

Alcohol Sales

The Bureau of Alcohol and Beverage Commissions Permit Compliance Division reviews and processes applications to sell and serve alcoholic beverages. Visit www.ncabc.com/permits. Non-profit organizations are able to apply for a permit only if they comply with city ordinances. Contact Administration. Call 336-623-2110, option 8.

Change of use

If your business is changing from one use to another (for example, going from retail to restaurant), you will need to determine what is required to meet building and fire codes from the Planning & Inspections Department. Call 336-623-2110, option 2.

Parking

It is strongly recommended that business owners and employees park behind their buildings or in the public parking lots in the downtown areas. Parking in front diminishes available customer parking.

Privilege License

All businesses need to procure a business license. Visit the Planning & Inspections Department at City Hall or call the Finance Department. Call 336-623-2110, option 1.

Register

To register your new business in Rockingham County, file a certificate of assumed name with the Register of Deeds office or call the Tax Department to see if your business requires a Schedule B privilege license. Call 336-342-8280.

Restaurants

Eatery and catering business owners must contact the county's Environmental Services division to have the business inspected before a permit to operate can be obtained. Call 336-342-8180; www.co.rockingham.nc.us

Retail/Professional

If the occupancy has not changed, you will need to obtain a privilege license and have a fire inspection by the Fire Department prior to opening. Call 336-623-2110, option 9.

Signage

You will need to obtain a sign permit from the Planning & Inspections Department before placing a sign on your building. Be certain the sign you purchase complies with the sign ordinance. Call 336-623-2110, option 2.

Trash removal

Trash removal is Thursdays in Historic Leaksville and Mondays in Draper Village, removing trash in green containers. Contact Environmental Services at 336-623-2110, option 4 for other trash removal days. The city will also pick up white goods and other refuse. Call 336-623-2110, option 1 to start service.

Utilities

Duke Energy, 800-777-9898
www.duke-energy.com/north-carolina.asp
Piedmont Natural Gas, 800-752-7504
www.piedmontng.com

Zoning

Do not sign a lease or purchase a building until you determine from the Planning & Inspections Department if the business you are planning to open is an allowed use in the downtown areas. Call 336-623-2110, option 2.