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## **New Business Information- Helpful Contacts**

### **Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce**

217 S. Church Street  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

<https://www.bgchamber.net/>  
419-353-7945

- Membership Based organization
- Group discounts including: Health Insurance plans, Workers' Comp and more.
- Marketing & Networking opportunities
- Educational Business Seminars

### **Bowling Green Economic Development**

217 S. Church Street  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

<https://bowlinggreen-oh.com/>  
419-353-3591

- Membership based organization
- They offer a Revolving Loan Fund
- Networking opportunities & Business-to-Business Marketing Opportunities
- Energy efficiency loan fund
- Free efficiency smart consultation

### **Bowling Green Municipal Utilities**

304 N. Church  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

419-354-6255

- Call the office to get an average of what the facility uses.
- This office handles Electric, Water and Sewer
- Tax ID or Social Security Number is required to put service into your name.



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## **City of Bowling Green- Planning & Zoning**

304 N. Church Street  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

<https://www.bgohio.org/departments/planning-department/>  
419-354-6218

- Call the office to ensure you need a zoning Compliance Form- Application for Business Verification to meet zoning qualification. There is a small fee.
- Sign Permit information
- Additions to the structure (ex. Deck, Patio...)

Do you need a vendor's license? Check here!  
1-888-405-4089

## **City Tax Division**

304 N. Church Street  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

<https://www.bgohio.org/>  
419-354-6212

- Business Registration Form- <https://www.bgohio.org/departments/finance-department/income-tax-division/income-tax-forms/>
- Set up for withholding tax if you have employees
- Business Account Set-up Individual or corporation

## **Downtown Bowling Green Special Improvement District**

217 S. Church Street  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

<https://downtownbgohio.org/>  
419-354-4332

- Help with locating a space downtown
- Promote Businesses within the downtown Special Improvement District
- Offers special events & beautification efforts
- Liaison for updated information from the City of Bowling Green



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## **Internal Revenue Service**

1-800-829-4933

<https://www.irs.gov/businesses>

- Here you can apply for an Employer Identification Number (EIN).
- For a banking account in the State of Ohio you must have an EIN. Before you file you need to know what kind of business you will be.
- Tax & Filing Information for businesses.
- Publication 583 – Starting a Business and Keeping Records: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p583.pdf>

## **Ohio 1-Stop Business Connection**

1-800-248-4040

[Business.ohio.gov/starting](https://business.ohio.gov/starting)

- They provide state-level information needed to start or continue with your business.
- They offer a business startup kit as well as a startup guide.

## **Ohio Business Gateway:** [www.obg.ohio.gov](http://www.obg.ohio.gov)

- Information about starting, growing and managing a business.
- Tax information and filing information

## **Ohio Department of Taxation**

1-888-405-4039 (Tax Questions)

4089. (Registration Questions)

## **Ohio Division of Liquor Control**

<https://com.ohio.gov/liqr/>

614-466-2360

- Apply for Liquor permit
- Liquor laws & Rules



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## Ohio Secretary of State

1-877-767-3453

<https://www.ohiosos.gov/businesses/>

[https://bsportal.ohiosos.gov/\(S\(mlca0mpa4sciminrnfqkuidp\)\)/Resources.aspx](https://bsportal.ohiosos.gov/(S(mlca0mpa4sciminrnfqkuidp))/Resources.aspx)

- File business documents online (Ex. Name, Registration, Sole proprietor trade name or LLC)
- Info on starting and maintaining a business
- Resources such as grants

## U.S. Small Business Administration

1-800-827-5722

409 3rd St., SW

Washington, DC 20416

<https://www.sba.gov/>

### Northern Ohio District – Serving Wood County

1-216-522-4180

350 Euclid Ave., Suite 211

Cleveland, OH 44115

[216-522-4180](tel:216-522-4180)

### Resource Partners

- **Small Business Development Centers**  
Small Business Development Centers provide counseling and training to small businesses including working with SBA to develop and provide informational tools to support business start-ups and existing business expansion.  
<https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance/resource-partners/small-business-development-centers-sbdc>
- **SCORE Business Mentoring**  
SCORE, the nation's largest network of volunteer, expert business mentors, is dedicated to helping small businesses plan, launch, manage and grow. SCORE is a nonprofit organization that is driven to foster vibrant small business communities through mentoring and educational workshops.  
<https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance/resource-partners/score-business-mentoring>
- **Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC) program**  
The Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC) program offers resources to veterans, service members, and military spouses who are interested in starting or growing a small business.  
<https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance/resource-partners/veterans-business-outreach-center-vboc-program>



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- **Women's Business Centers**  
WBCs provide free, to low-cost counseling and training and focus on women who want to start, grow, and expand their small business.  
<https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance/resource-partners/womens-business-centers>

### **Visit BG Ohio**

217 S. Church Street  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

<https://visitbgohio.org/>  
800-866-0046

- Free targeted marketing to community members and visitors.
- Use of the Gobgohio.com calendar for event information.
- Inclusion on marketing materials that are provided to tour groups and visitors.

### **Welcome BG**

217 S. Church St.  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

[welcomebgoh@gmail.com](mailto:welcomebgoh@gmail.com)  
<https://welcomebgoh.weebly.com>  
567-413-4003

Welcome BG was launched in 2019 to develop and promote Bowling Green as a welcoming, safe, and inclusive community for all, including immigrants, people of diverse backgrounds and New Americans. Welcome BG addresses labor shortages, encourages business development and entrepreneurship, assists in the settlement and integration of newcomers and fosters a welcoming environment.

### **Wood County Auditor**

One Courthouse Square, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
PO Box 368  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

<https://auditor.co.wood.oh.us/>  
419-354-9162



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- Vendors licenses can be purchased in person but it is highly recommended to purchase through the Ohio Business Gateway website (See Ohio Business Gateway).

**Wood County Health Department**

1840 E. Gypsy Lane Rd.  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

<https://www.woodcountyhealth.org/>  
419-352-8402