

Converting From CFU Email to A Free Email Provider

If you are CFU webmail user, now is the time to transition to a new email platform. Cedar Falls Utilities urges @cfu.net email users to migrate to free web-based email.

Follow these steps to migrate to a new email platform.

1. Create A New Email Address

Pick a new email provider or use an existing free email account. We recommend Gmail.

Creating a Gmail account: Go to gmail.com and select Create Account. You will be asked for your first name, birth date and gender. Once you have a successful username, create a secure password including a capitalized letter and number or character.

2. Start Using Your New Email Address Immediately for All New Emails

Use the new email address going forward for all emails you send. This gives all recipients your new address to reply to in the future. You can also include a statement in all new emails that your old email address should not be used in the future.

3. Set Up Autoreply on Your Old CFU Email

Use the autoreply/out of office function in the CFU email system to tell others “My email has changed to XXXXX@gmail/outlook/yahoo.com please use my new email for all correspondence” or something similar to inform all email senders of your new email address.

You need to use a desktop or laptop to complete the autoreply setup. The menu option is not available on a phone or tablet. This option is available in the Menu under Preferences, in the Out of Office section.

****Once you set up autoreply, it may take a few hours for our vendor’s system to begin sending autoreply messages.**

4. Set Up Forwarding of All CFU Emails to Your New Email Address

Use the forwarding feature in CFU email to forward all the emails you receive in your CFU email to your new email address. You need to use a desktop or laptop to complete the forwarding setup. The menu option is not available on a phone or tablet.

You will want to reply to all emails from your new address, do not reply from your CFU email address. Stop using CFU email completely except for the forwarding and autoreplies. The forwarding function is available under Preferences>Mail>Receiving Messages Once you set up autoreply, it may take a few hours for our vendor’s system to begin sending autoreply messages.

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5. Transfer Your Contacts List to Your New Email Provider

Most email providers allow you to import contacts. To do so, you'll have to export your contacts list from your cfu.net email address into a .csv file. If you need to do so, you can log into the Webmail via webmail.cfu.net on a computer and doing the following:

- Click on the Preferences tab
- Click Import/Export
- Under the Export section, select Contacts in the Type Field
- In the Source Field, change the default from "All Folders" and select the Contacts Folder.
- Click the Export button.

The screenshot shows the webmail interface with the 'Preferences' tab selected. In the left sidebar, the 'Import / Export' option is highlighted. The main content area shows the 'Import' and 'Export' sections. The 'Export' section is active, with 'Type' set to 'Contacts: Outlook 2003 Contacts' and 'Source' set to 'All folders'. The 'Export' button is highlighted. A 'Choose Folder' dialog box is open, showing a list of folders with 'Contacts' selected.

Import instructions:

- Gmail: [Add, move, or import contacts - Computer - Contacts Help \(google.com\)](#)
- Outlook: [Import contacts to Outlook.com or Outlook on the web - Microsoft Support](#)
- Yahoo: [Import, export or print contacts in Yahoo Mail | Yahoo Help - SLN28070](#)

6. Transfer Your Old Emails to Your New Email Provider

Transferring emails from your cfu.net email address can unfortunately be a challenging task. CFU's email platform's export function for emails and folders is very limited and outputs into a file type that is difficult for most email providers to interact with. The simplest option may be to identify truly critical emails in your CFU mail account and forward them to your new email address.

For those who feel the need to copy every email and/or folder, best practice currently is to install a free client such as Thunderbird on a computer, add both email accounts, and drag folders/messages from one account to the other. Customers may contact the Help Desk for more information.

7. Notify Critical Contacts of Your New Email Address Immediately and Change Online Account Login Information

- Identify those contacts you use frequently and are most critical and send them a direct email letting them know your email address has changed.
- Monitor all the emails you receive from contacts, businesses, etc. If you have an account set up with any of these contacts or accounts, you will want to log into your account at each of these businesses to change your contact emails and possible login credentials if they use your email address and change them to your new email address. You might want to categorize them by the types listed below—although this is by no means a comprehensive list. Begin to document by categories of who you will need to contact and update with the new email address you created.
 - Friends/relatives – for many of these you could look at your Contacts list in your cfu.net account.
 - Credit card accounts
 - Daily news
 - Financial services
 - Legal services
 - Social Security and other governmental agencies
 - Health care
 - Subscription services

You may need to log in to websites for some of the above in order to update your contact information with the organizations themselves.

8. Plan On Monitoring Emails and Identifying Accounts That Need to Be Changed For 6 Months Or Longer

It will take some time for all your contacts and accounts to flow through to your new email and for you to change your contact emails with friends, family and businesses.

9. Log Into Your CFU Email Account Monthly

- Check emails coming into your old CFU email address to see if any of your contacts are not using your new email address. Notify them directly to make that change, some may take a phone call due to “noreply” type of emails you receive from businesses.
- Check to make certain autoreply and forwarding are working correctly.
- Logging in regularly keeps this email functioning properly until you are ready to turn it off.

10. Notify CFU When You Are Ready to Have Us Turn Off Your Email Service

You can call the Help Desk at 319-268-5221.

Questions? For additional support please call the CFU Help Desk At 319-268-5221