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**Dear Brenda,**

## Think Spring!

It seems spring fever has prompted a wave of potential scams that we wanted to make you aware of.

**Virus Alert/Hoax** - We received a "**Postcard from Hallmark**" virus warning. According to Snopes.com there is a virus with a variety of subject line adaptations, but it is not new. Our advice? Don't open ePostcards! Go to the card's website, find the card pick-up page and enter the ID if you believe it's for real. Worst case is there is no card for you. **NOTE:** There **IS** a new version of the **Package Delivery Notice virus**. This one encompasses Canada Postal Service. You can check it out at [snopes.com](http://snopes.com)

**Map Alert** - We received notice from a member who was contacted by a woman whose lead-in referred to an ad in a Central Vermont Chamber publication, and she wanted to know if the company would like an ad on the local map they are about to publish. She did not say she was affiliated with the local Chamber, but it would be easy to believe she was. The Central Vermont Chamber will begin sales late spring, **this map is not ours!** Frankly, I have no idea whether this is a good map, a legit map, or what. I do know there have been "bogus map sales" in the past and want you to always do your homework before advertising!

**Mandatory Posters** - I received the notice to purchase Mandatory State & Federal posters. You can choose to buy them, but **mandatory posters are provided for download at no charge**. I've linked them from [central-vt.com](http://central-vt.com) for your convenience.

Brenda Comstock

Save  
25%

If you are using a special coupon or promo code, include it here. Or, indicate if the coupon must be printed and presented in person. Is the coupon transferable? If so, encourage recipients to share the offer with friends and family to maximize the viral effect of the coupon. Add a link to your website with more information to drive traffic and to gauge what offers your customers find most appealing.

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