



# WHAT'S IN THE WORKS

Danvers Department of Public Works Spring 2019



## RECYCLING 101

Danvers needs to work hard to eliminate recycling contaminants! Countries that purchase municipal recycling have taken a strong stand on **recycling contamination** and are rejecting contaminated materials at their facilities. As a result, municipalities, including Danvers, are taking a **back to basics approach** as to what can be placed in curbside recycling. In Danvers, **ONLY** the items pictured below can be recycled in your curbside bin:



### DANVERS RECYCLES DUAL STREAM

Place together in one reusable recycling container:



**Metal**



**Food and Beverage Cans**  
empty and rinse



**Plastic**



**Bottles, Jars, Jugs and Tubs**  
empty and replace cap



**Glass**



**Bottles and Jars**  
empty and rinse

Place in container, paper bag or recyclable box:



**Paper & Cardboard**



**Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Magazines, Boxes**  
empty and flatten

**NO!**



**Do Not Bag Recyclables**  
No Garbage



**No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap**  
(return to retail)



**No Food or Liquid**  
(empty all containers)



**No Clothing or Linens**  
(use donation programs)



**No Tangles**  
(no hoses, wires, chains or electronics)

When you have an item in question, visit <https://recyclesmartma.org/>.

Common "contaminants" found in curbside recycling include:

Recyclable at some retail stores:

- **Plastic Bags** (includes retail, produce & newspaper bags)
- Film Packaging (includes case & dry goods packaging)

Recyclable during Danvers Zero Waste Weekends & at Transfer Station:

- Metal items that are NOT containers
- RIGID Plastic items

These items belong in curbside TRASH:

- **Styrofoam**
- Glass items that are NOT containers
- Miscellaneous trash (includes paper towels, napkins, soiled paper products)
- Paint Cans (Latex only, dried out with cover off in open bag/barrel)

Dispose of at G. Mello, Georgetown:

- Construction & Demolition Debris
- Wood pieces

The items above cannot go in your recycling bin!

## NEW ENERGY EFFICIENCY COORDINATOR HIRED

**Jeff Elie** was recently hired to the position of Energy Efficiency Coordinator for the Electric Division. Jeff has experience employed with National Grid as a Distributed Generation Analyst and with the City of Salem as an Energy & Sustainability Manager. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Economics & Political Science from UMass Amherst and a Master's Degree in Regional Economic Development from UMass Lowell. Jeff has already hit the ground running with an update to the Danvers Electric Rebate program, a program to encourage electric vehicle use and an excellent power cost analysis. We're excited to have Jeff on board.



## DPW NOTES & EVENTS

- **Fix-A-Leak Week** is March 18-24. See the Town website and Facebook & Twitter pages for water saving tips.
- **Yard waste** collection will take place Town-wide on your trash/recycling day the weeks of April 7 & 21, May 5 and June 2.
- Town and Contract **Street Sweeping** will tentatively start in April, weather permitting.
- May is **Electrical Safety Month!** Check for frayed cords, hidden extensions and electronics used near water.
- **Outdoor Water Use Restrictions** start at Level 2—Seasonal Conditions on May 1. Watering by automatic system allowed daily from 7:00PM—8:00AM ONLY.
- Celebrate **Drinking Water Week** from May 5-11. The 2018 **Water Quality** Report will be available at Town offices and on the Town website in May.
- **Public Works Week** is May 19–25. Learn what we do every day to help your life run smoothly.
- **PLASTIC BAG BAN** for retail & grocery stores in Danvers starts June 1. Keep an eye out for Reusable Bag Drives!
- **Town Hall will be closed** Patriot's Day-April 15 and Memorial Day-May 27. Trash & recycling pickup will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week following the full day holidays.

## EARTH DAY ZERO WASTE RECYCLING WEEKEND

On Saturday and Sunday, **May 4 & 5**, Danvers will hold a weekend long recycling event in the High School Parking Lot at 60 Cabot Road from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM. Bring **clothing, shoes, linens, paper to shred, CDs, DVDs, audio books, records, electronics, rigid plastics and metal**. Cub Scouts will be collecting **redeemable bottles and cans**. Please check our website closer to the event date for more details. Danvers Residents only.



**Compost Bins** will also be available for purchase by residents with a \$25 check made payable to the Town of Danvers. Limited number, first-come, first-served, no pre-orders, NO CASH. Rain barrels will not be for sale. Danvers now rebates up to \$100 on your own rain barrel purchase. Details are posted on the Town website.

## MAPLE & SUMMER STREET PROJECT UPDATE

In March 2018, the Engineering Division publicly bid and awarded the Maple Street Intersection Improvement Project to Allied Paving Corporation of Chelmsford. The Contractor began construction of the project in June 2018 with oversight by the Town and its consulting engineer Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB). **Traffic pattern and lane alterations of 1,000 feet of Maple Street and approximately 500 feet of Summer Street were completed in November 2018.** The major completed work components include; widening sections of Summer Street and Maple Street to accommodate new signalized turn lanes, improving stormwater capacity, removing and replacing existing Summer Street center islands, pavement milling and pavement overlay, cement concrete wheelchair ramps, new vertical granite curbing, and new bituminous concrete sidewalks. "We are very pleased with the improvements so far and would like to thank the Engineering and Electric Divisions for their excellent work," said DPW Director, David Lane.

Allied Paving is scheduled to return in **April 2019** to complete the installation of a new traffic signal system, install pedestrian crosswalk accommodations that will comply with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) & Massachusetts Architectural Access Board CMR 521 (MAAB) regulations, final line stripe the new travel lane configurations, complete the cement concrete wheelchair ramp and curbing in the new center island on Summer Street, and perform landscaping restoration to the affected abutting properties.

## NEW ELECTRIC REBATES ARE HERE!

Danvers Electric has updated the existing residential electric rebate program to **improve** the rebate process, **expand** rebates to a broader range of efficient products and **reflect improvements** in technology being installed today. Danvers now offers the following rebates within a year of purchase. Equipment must be Energy Star rated AND meet required specifications. Rebates are for Danvers residents only with active accounts in good standing. Danvers also offers rebates for water efficient appliances & fixtures!! For more information, call the DPW at 978-777-0001 x3011.



- \$100—REFRIGERATORS
- \$45—ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS with proof of proper disposal (SEER ≥ 15)
- \$115—CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING UNITS (SEER ≥ 16)
- \$250 or \$500—ELECTRIC HEAT PUMP UNITS (SEER ≥ 18 or ≥ 20)
- \$300 on HYBRID WATER HEATER HEAT PUMP
- \$50 on WIRELESS-ENABLED/SMART THERMOSTATS
- \$25 on PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTATS (NON-WIFI)
- \$25 on DEHUMIDIFIERS
- \$300 on Level 2 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER (240V)

## WATER MAIN FLUSHING



The Water Division will be conducting its annual **flushing program** of the water distribution system beginning on Monday, **March 25** as weather allows. Flushing is done every spring to remove sediment which has settled and collected in the system. Over a **5 week period** starting on the Middleton line and moving southeast, hydrant flushing will occur from 7:00AM—7:00PM.

You may notice some discoloration of the water when first used. Please run your cold water from the highest point in your home for 10 minutes to clear out any discoloration. If your water does not clear up within 1 hour, please contact the Water Division at 978-762-0230. See our live App on the Danvers website and on Facebook to monitor our progress and see when we'll be in your neighborhood!

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1 Sylvan Street  
978-777-0001

**Public Works**  
95 Hobart Street  
978-762-0231

**Business & Electric Divisions**  
2 Burroughs Street  
978-774-0005

**Transfer Station**  
East Coast Road  
978-774-5172

