

WHAT'S IN THE WORKS

Danvers Department of Public Works Summer 2021

DANVERS ELECTRIC OFFERS NEW REBATES!

Danvers Electric is offering a new set of rebates available to Danvers residents with accounts in good standing. Go to www.danversma.gov/energy-conservation-rebates/ to enter your rebate application online!

New Cordless Yard Equipment Rebates (May 2021):

- \$150 for Riding Lawn Mower
- \$100 for Pushing Lawn Mower
- \$40 for String Trimmers and Edger
- \$40 for Hedge Trimmers
- \$40 for Leaf Blower
- \$50 for Pressure Washer
- \$50 for Chain and Pole Saw



List of Existing Rebates:

- \$100 for Refrigerators
- \$45 for Room AC/\$115 on Central AC
- \$250/ \$500 for Electric Heat Pump
- \$25 for Dehumidifiers
- \$300 for Hybrid Water Heater Pumps
- \$50 for Wireless-Enabled/SMART Thermostats
- \$25 for Programable Thermostats (non-wifi)
- \$300 on Level 2 EV Chargers (240V)

LEVEL 2 SEASONAL OUTDOOR WATER RESTRICTIONS

On May 1, the Town of Danvers moved to Level 2 - Seasonal Conditions of our Outdoor Water Use Restrictions policy. This means outdoor **lawn and garden watering with a sprinkler or other automated system is allowed between the hours of 7:00 PM & 8:00 AM ONLY**. Hand-held lawn and garden watering by hose or can is allowed at any time.

These water restrictions were instituted when the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) mandated regulations as part of the **Water Management Act**, due to growing concerns of highly stressed river basins. Danvers is one of several communities in the Ipswich River basin, which is a stressed water basin that prompted these new regulations. DEP regulations include a summer cap, which runs from May 1 through October 1, restricting Town use to 3.8 million gallons per day. Conserving water now will reduce the need for the Town to implement more stringent restrictions later.

TOWN OF DANVERS WATER DIVISION	
OUTDOOR WATER RESTRICTIONS	
LEVEL 1	Normal Winter Conditions — (Oct. 1 to April 30) NO RESTRICTIONS
LEVEL 2	Seasonal Conditions — (May 1 to Sept. 30) Outdoor lawn & garden watering allowed between the hours of 7:00PM and 8:00AM ONLY
LEVEL 3	Drought Condition Outdoor lawn & garden watering allowed 3 days a week ONLY (Tues., Thurs., and Sat.) Outdoor lawn & garden watering allowed between the hours of 7:00PM and 8:00AM ONLY
LEVEL 4	Drought Condition Outdoor lawn & garden watering allowed 2 days a week ONLY (Tues. and Sat.) Outdoor lawn & garden watering allowed between the hours of 7:00PM and 10:00PM ONLY
LEVEL 5	Drought Condition Outdoor lawn & garden watering by hand-held hoses and cans ONLY Hand-held lawn & garden watering ONLY from 7:00PM to 8:00AM NO filling swimming pools NO washing of cars
LEVEL 6	Drought Condition NO OUTDOOR WATER USE ALLOWED

SMARTSAVINGS PROGRAM—RESUMES ON JUNE 1

Danvers Electric is offering a demand management program to residential and small business customers. If you have a **Google Nest smart thermostat** connected to your central air conditioner you can participate! You will earn direct payments AND your participation helps lower the electricity peak, which benefits everyone in Danvers and New England. Customer Benefits:

- Adopt leading consumer technology and save energy year round
- \$60 gift card for joining program
- \$20 gift card for participating this summer

Go to www.danversma.gov/smartsavings/ to enroll in the SmartSavings program today!

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Why Scoop?

Pet waste contains potentially harmful microorganisms, which can cause stomach illness and rashes in humans. Pet waste that is not scooped up or is dumped down a catch basin can get flushed directly into storm drains. Storm drains discharge directly to our waterways: Danvers, Porters, Crane, or Water Rivers.

Scooping poop is not just about the mess, it's about keeping our waterways clean and protecting the health of the community!

Thank you for being a good neighbor. #Bag-It-Trash-It



SUMMER 2021 ROADWORK



The Town's road improvement projects are funded by a State grant program called 'Chapter 90' and supplemented by Town funds. The Danvers DPW is planning to pave the following streets Hobart Street, West Street, portions of Pine Street, Washington Street, Washington Street Ext, Barker Street, Pentucket Lane, and Williams Street for the Spring/Summer program. Additional streets will be evaluated for paving in the fall.

DPW PROJECT UPDATES

Water Treatment Plant—Carbon Filter #1 Rehabilitation project at Water Treatment Plant was completed in March 2021 and Carbon Filter #2 is nearing completion.

Water Main Flushing Program—The Water & Sewer Division started annual water main flushing on March 22 and completed on April 14 by flushing 1569 hydrants to maintain a clean distribution system.

The Folly Hill Water Tank Chlorine Booster Station Project is at final completion with startup and testing scheduled in May. This project will improve our chlorine disinfection on the East side of Danvers. Residents may notice an increase in the chlorine odor and perhaps the taste of the water however, this project is very important to have the highest water quality.

SUSTAINABLE DANVERS—WORKING TOWARD ZERO WASTE

The small changes you make individually can make a big difference! While recycling is important, we want to share additional R's for consideration. Waste disposal is becoming a serious issue in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We urge you to consider the 8 R's before you purchase, use and/or dispose of materials. We have some thoughts to share for each R listed below.

Rethink how you purchase cleaning supplies and/or soap products. Select products with less packaging.

Refuse single use produce bags at the grocery store.

Reduce consumption of individual plastic water bottles and refill a reusable water bottle from the tap instead.

Reuse glass jars (mason jars) for drinks and/or food storage.

Refurbish old furniture.

Repair appliances/electronics before you replace them.

Repurpose an old candle jar for storage or craft project.

Recycle dual-stream cardboard, paper, newspaper and then plastic containers, glass and aluminum when all other R options have been exhausted. Recycle is last before trash. We would add **Rot** as a 9th R. Consider composting fruit and vegetable scraps, details on www.danversma.gov/sustainable-practices/

We would love to hear your ideas on the 8 R's—Please share your experiences on the DanversDPW Facebook and Twitter pages when we post this image on June 21. Thank you SalemRecycles for sharing this image on Facebook.

*Image source: @SustainabilityWorld - Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)



DPW NOTES & EVENTS

- **Yard waste** collection will take place Town-wide on your trash/recycling day the weeks of June 13, July 11, August 15 and September 12.
- The **2020 Water Quality Report** is available at www.danversma.gov/waterquality/. You may also obtain a copy by contacting Jason McCarthy at 978-774-5054 or by e-mail at jmccarthy@danversma.gov.
- **Town Hall will be closed** Independence Day-July 4 and Labor Day-September 6. Trash & recycling pickup will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week following the full day holidays.

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978-762-0231

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

Transfer Station
East Coast Road
978-774-5172