

Watts & Drops



Guarding Against Squirrel Outages

By installing squirrel guards in the electrical system, the number of power outages caused by the furry critters dropped to five last year, down from a high of 26 in 2017.

Falling trees and limbs were the leading cause of outages last year. Installation of sturdier tree wire should help LELWD continue to reduce the number of outages.



Green Rewards

Green Reward Limits Refresh in New Year

With the start of the new year, the limits on discounted products through the Green Rewards program refreshes. Customers are eligible for 12 LED light bulbs and four water products per calendar year.

The Green Rewards program offers exclusive rebates and incentives to LELWD customers to save both natural resources and money. Green Rewards can help reduce environmental impact and lower electric and water bills.

LELWD to Install Temporary Water Main Along Great Road to Connect Two Wells

The Littleton Water Department will be installing a temporary water main on the northerly side of Great Road this spring as the first step of a two-part strategy to continue to provide clean and reliable drinking water to its customers.

For the temporary project, the water main will be laid at ground level, within the state right of way, on the northerly side of Great Road, as far from the roadway as possible.

The two miles of eight-inch temporary water main will pipe water from the Beaver Brook wells to the Spectacle Pond well where the sources will combine before going into the system. The blended water will be below the proposed new state standards for a chemical contaminant known as PFAS.



Tests have shown the Spectacle Pond well has PFAS at an average of 25 parts per trillion. While the well is currently offline, the 25 ppt exceeds the new state guideline of 20 ppt.

The Spectacle Pond well will be needed in the summer to meet increased demand. Construction is expected to begin in March and be completed by May.

LWD has a long-term solution to filter PFAS from the water supply at a new water treatment plant on LWD property on Whitcomb Avenue. However, building and commissioning the plant is expected to take two to three years once construction starts.

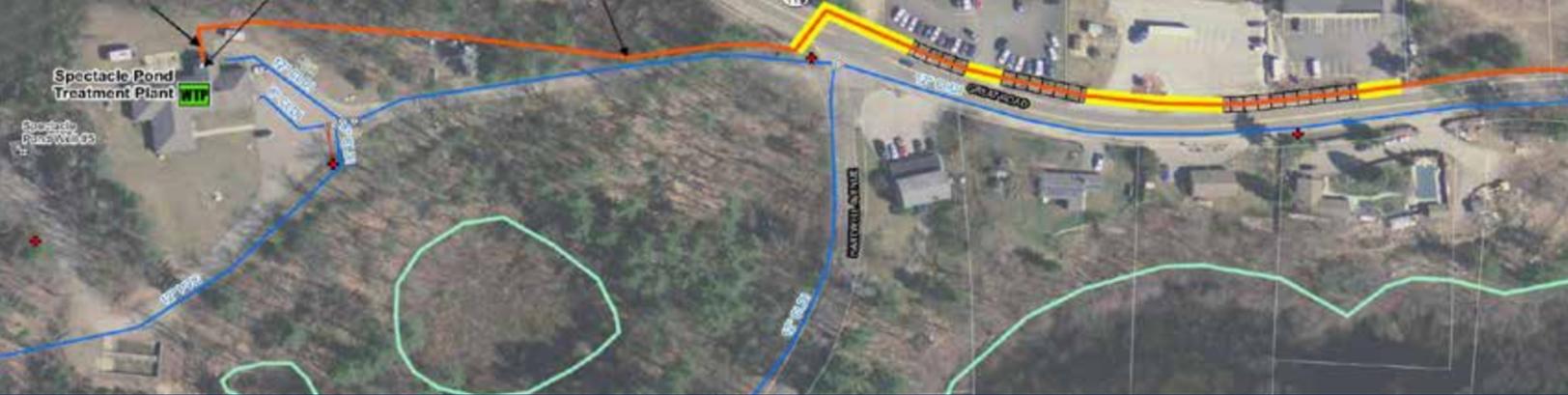
"This temporary main will be used until the new water treatment plant is finished," said Nick Lawler, LELWD's general manager. "This project is necessary for us to continue to provide clean and reliable drinking water to our customers."

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Crews will bury the water main where it intersects with driveways and roads. Pavement cuts will be patched and the water main will not create a hump in any driveways. Work will be done to minimize inconvenience to the affected residence or business.

"We appreciate the community's understanding and cooperation as work gets under way," Lawler said. "We take seriously our responsibility to deliver clean and reliable water."

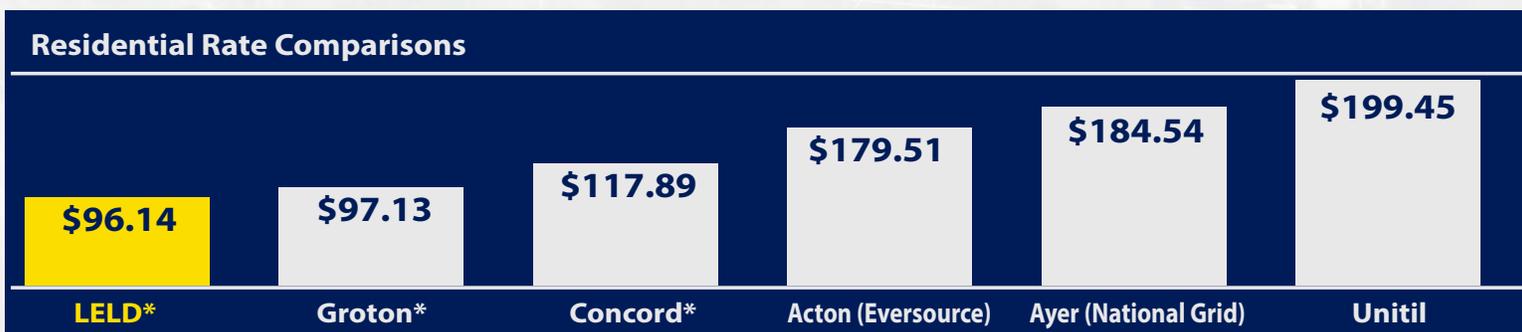
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LELD Rates Remain Lowest Among Neighbors

Every year, the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Co. issues a report on the average annual electric rates for municipal light departments compared to the investor-owned utilities. In 2019, LELWD continued to offer the lowest electric rates for residential customers compared to neighboring communities. As the chart shows, the municipally owned utilities in Littleton, Groton and Concord offered substantially lower rates than the private utilities.



*Municipally owned utility

Source: Residential rate comparison for 750 kWh based on 12-month average rate, Jan-Dec, 2019, as compiled by the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Co.

LELWD forms Sewer Working Group

LELWD has created the Sewer Working Group to review and evaluate work done on the Littleton Common sewer project to date. The working group will then present recommended next steps to the Board of Water Commissioners.

The October Special Town Meeting transferred supervision of the sewer project to the Water Commissioners from the Board of Selectmen. To move the project forward, LELWD's engineering firm is conducting a peer review of the major sewer efforts, including Littleton High School hydrogeological evaluation, the sewer siting analysis, and the sewer financial plan.

The results of the peer review are expected by early March. Information regarding the Littleton sewer project will be updated regularly on lelwd.com.

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