



Please Conserve Water: Restrictions in Effect

Littleton water customers are reminded outdoor watering restrictions remain in place. Despite spring rains, Littleton's water sources need to be conserved to ensure a reliable supply.

The Spectacle Pond well remains at reduced capacity until the new Whitcomb Avenue Water Treatment plant comes online later this year. The treatment plant will remove the chemical compounds PFAS detected in the Spectacle Pond well at elevated levels.

What Outdoor Watering is Prohibited?

Under the restrictions, non-essential outdoor water uses that are prohibited include:

- Watering lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems.
- Washing exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways, or sidewalks, except as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement or cement.
- Washing vehicles, except in a commercial car wash, or as necessary for operator safety.
- Filling swimming pools.

What Outdoor Watering is Allowed?

The following uses are allowed:

- Watering of vegetable gardens.
- Watering using a hand-held hose or watering can between 7pm and 7am.

Violations of the water restrictions can result in warnings and fines.

Boxborough Customers & MassDOT to Split Cost of Water System Expansion

The Board of Water Commissioners recommends Town Meeting approve Article 22.

LELWD will seek Littleton Town Meeting approval to expand the water system into a portion of Boxborough impacted by groundwater polluted with PFAS and sodium. The cost for expanding the system will be paid for by the new Boxborough water customers and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

The \$13.2 million cost of installing a water main from the Whitcomb Avenue Treatment Plant to Boxborough will be paid for by betterment fees from the new Boxborough customers and MassDOT's salt remediation program, as its salt storage shed has been identified as a source of pollution.

Because this project qualifies for a zero-interest state loan, LELWD proposes including the development of a new well on Taylor Road, with 85% of the water intended for Littleton users and 15% intended for Boxborough users.

Rising Construction Costs Impacting Sewer Project

The Board of Water Commissioners recommends Town Meeting approve Article 23.

Rising construction costs have been impacting municipal projects across the state. Recently, the low bid to install sewer lines for the expanded Littleton Common Sewer System put the project over budget.

Littleton Town Meeting will be asked to authorize borrowing an additional \$4.4 million for the project to be paid by users of the 243,000 gallons per day sewer system. Only sewer users and state and

The \$6 million new well project would be funded through water rates paid by all water users who benefit and by one-time connection fees charged to new Boxborough customers. By combining the new well source with the expanded service to Boxborough, Littleton users will pay about \$3 million of the \$6 million cost.

If the new well was developed as a stand-alone project, without Boxborough, the project cost to Littleton would escalate. Littleton water users would be responsible for the entire \$6 million project cost. Without the Boxborough component, the well project would not qualify for a zero-interest state loan. When bonded for 30 years at 5.5% interest, the final cost to Littleton ratepayers would be more than \$11 million.

The Town Meeting will be asked to authorize borrowing \$19.2 million from the state's Clean Water Trust at 0% interest over 30 years with the potential for 20% loan forgiveness. The loan will be repaid by betterment fees, water revenues from consumers who benefit from the project, and MassDOT's salt remediation program.

federal grants are paying for the project.

Town Meeting approved \$25 million for the project in fall 2021. The project has received \$13 million in state and federal aid. The project will expand the existing sewer that currently serves only municipal buildings to include about 100 properties near Littleton Common.

Portions of the project are already underway. An effluent recharge site, basically a large leach field, is nearing completion under the high school playing fields. Work will begin soon on a water resource recovery facility at 242 King Street.



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Return to Navajo Nation: A Nationwide Effort to Electrify Tribal Lands

Four LELWD linemen were in Navajo Nation in early April to bring electricity to thousands of homes. The project offered professional development opportunities to electric light crews from across the United States.

Light Up Navajo improves the lives of families who have no electricity due to the high cost of installing infrastructure in remote locations. The multi-year project is organized jointly by the American Public Power Association and the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority. From April to June, crews from 14 utilities will travel to Navajo Nation.

Lead Lineman RJ Rooks, 1st Class Lineman Tom Guillot, 2nd Class Lineman Joe Fiorello, and Apprentice Lineman Ryan Dame were the crew for this third LELWD trip to the Navajo Nation, following two in 2019. During the eight days, they worked 12-hour shifts outdoors with a low temperature of 37 degrees and a high of 60.

The images show the crews setting poles and taking a moment to admire Window Rock, located in the Navajo Nation capital of the same name, and a memorial to the Navajo Code Talkers. Larger than West Virginia, Navajo Nation spans over 27,000 square miles and occupies portions of northern Arizona, northwestern New Mexico and southern Utah.



Littleton Town Meeting

May 1, 2023, 7 p.m.

Littleton Middle School
Charles Forbes Kaye Gymnasium
55 Russell Street