

GPOWER LINE

Georgetown Municipal Light Department

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General Manager's Letter



As spring approaches, thoughts turn to the outdoors and warmer weather that lies ahead. And while temperatures rise, it's a good time to take a look at some of the projects in and around the house that you can begin now to save money next fall and winter. If you haven't already done so, now is the perfect time to have an energy assessment to find out how you can save money and energy.

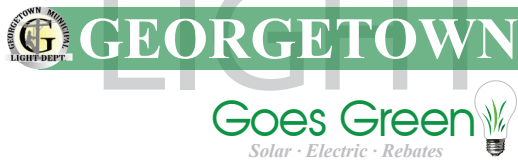
During the past year, several Georgetown Light customers took advantage of the weatherization incentives we offer after they had a no-cost energy audit performed by Energy New England (ENE). ENE's Residential Energy Advisors assess your home to identify heating, lighting, and weatherization opportunities that can lead to increased energy efficiency and save money on your utility bills. After the audit, you'll receive a Home Energy Assessment report that describes potential home improvements, the return-on-investment ratio, and a summary of our rebate programs. If you do some of the work recommended in the energy assessment, you may be eligible for a rebate. You can find more information about our weatherization program in this newsletter.

You'll also find out more information about the new battery/electric lawn equipment rebate program we introduced earlier this month. Georgetown Light is committed to doing its part to meet the carbon free mandates set by the Commonwealth and the Federal government. We hope all our customers, especially our residential customers take energy saving – and money saving- rebate incentive programs.

Finally, although the winter is almost behind us, we all still need to be mindful of the need to save energy at home, work and school. Remember to turn down the thermostat when you leave the house for extended periods of time, turn off lights when you leave a room, and unplug your chargers when your phone or electronic device is fully charged. You'll be surprised how simple things can add up!

Dave F. Schofield

Dave Schofield,
General Manager



Think Green ... and Go Green with Georgetown Light!

Georgetown Light has expanded its rebate and incentive program for residential customers just in time for spring!

In addition to Energy Star-rated appliances, air source heat pumps, and electric vehicle charger rebates, Georgetown Light now offers incentive rebates for lawn equipment and electric snow blowers.

	Rebate Amount
Chain & Pole Saw	\$40
Hedge Trimmer	\$40
Leaf Blower	\$30
Pressure Washer	\$40
Push Lawn Mower	\$100
Riding Lawn Mower	\$200
Rototiller	\$40
Snowblower	\$100
String Trimmer & Hedger	\$25



To see if you're eligible for a rebate, click on the rebate tab on the Georgetown Light website: www.georgetownlight.com or use the QR code on your smartphone or tablet.

Energy Star® Appliance Rebates

And remember, Georgetown Light offers the following rebates and incentives as part of its Georgetown Goes Green rebate and incentive program:

Energy Star Appliance Rebate

Smart / Wi-Fi thermostat	\$25
Programmable thermostat	\$25
Air purifier	\$50
Dehumidifier	\$50
Clothes washer	\$50

Refrigerator (receipt for removal of old appliance required)	\$50
Hybrid Water Heater (<55 gallons)	\$500

Customers who purchase an eligible appliance or thermostat may receive only one rebate in an appliance category per account, per year. Rebates will be paid up to 50% of item's cost. Appliances included in a home purchase are not eligible for rebates.

Purchase date must be within the current calendar, and applications must be submitted to the portal or postmarked by 12/31 of the current calendar year.

Energy Star certification and a copy of the sales receipt are required.

Weatherization Air Sealing and Insulation Incentive Rebate

A home energy assessment is required prior to applying for a weatherization rebate from Georgetown Light. You can schedule an energy assessment online at georgetownlight.com or call Energy New England (ENE) at 888-772-4242. Your assessment will provide a list of energy-saving recommendations.

Change to Weatherization Projects and Rebates

Air Sealing: Caulking, weather stripping, gaskets, pipe and duct insulation 50% of total job cost; \$500 maximum rebate

Insulation: Whole attic, wall, rim joist, basement. Rebate maximum is \$500 per year, per account.

The rebate can be any combination of air sealing & insulation. The rebate will not exceed 50% of job cost.

Home energy assessment date must be within 5 years of the job date, and the work can be completed by a contractor or can be a self-install. Self-installed labor costs are not eligible for a rebate.

Rebates are issued as a check, and the purchase date must be within the current calendar.

Application must be submitted to the portal via georgetownlight.com or postmarked by 12/31 of the current calendar year.

Customers must provide the home energy assessment report and proof of payment when submitting their application.

Location:

Georgetown Light Office
94 Searle Street
Georgetown, MA 01833
Tel: 978-352-5730
Fax: 978-352-5733

Customer Service hours:

Monday - Thursday
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
info@georgetownlight.com

Emergency number:

978-352-5730

Payment Options:

Walk in payment
94 Searle Street

Payment online
www.invoicecloud.com/georgetownlight

Drop Box payment
Water Dept. parking lot -
W Main St at Moulton

Light Dept parking lot at
94 Searle Street

Holiday Closings:

Monday, April 17th – Patriots Day
Monday, May 29th – Memorial Day
Monday, June 19th - Juneteenth
If you have an emergency, call
Georgetown Light at (978) 352-5730.

Commissioners:

John Smolinsky, Chairman
Peter Dion
Wayne Snow

General Manager:

David Schofield



NEPPA Launches Student Scholarship Program

As a member of the Northeast Public Power Association (NEPPA), Georgetown Light customers have an opportunity to apply for a NEPPA Student Scholarship, a program which provides scholarships to NEPPA residents pursuing a higher education. The Student Scholarship is funded in large part by the NEPPA Member Value Committee and is available to students regardless of their academic status, whether just graduating from high school, currently enrolled in college, enrolling in college for the first time, or re-enrolling after a period of time out of college.

There are two scholarships available:

University / Trade School Students: One Scholarship directed at students currently enrolled in college or trade school program during 2022/2023 program year.

Graduating High Schools Seniors: One Scholarship directed at students who are seniors in high school during the 2022/2023 school year. Recipients should be enrolling in college or trade school program upon HS graduation.

Application criteria: High School/University GPA, High School/University curriculum, extracurricular activities, short essay, community involvement.

The application deadline is March 31st, 2023, and the two winners will be announced on May 1st, 2023. \$500.00 will be awarded per scholarship winner. Applications are available at <https://neppa.org/neppas-student-scholarship-fund>.

Remember, students must be served by NEPPA utility, like Georgetown Light.

Georgetown Light Lends a Helping Hand



Georgetown Light lineworkers lent a helping hand to their counterparts in New Hampshire and Vermont as part of the mutual aid program in the aftermath of the recent winter storms. Lineworkers Jesse Cote and Mike Correale assisted New Hampshire Electric Cooperative and Mike Correale and Joe Laperchia assisted Washington Electric Cooperative in Vermont to help restore power.

The mutual aid program is a valuable resource for municipal electric utilities

and provides both an opportunity for lineworkers to gain experience while assisting other utilities and is available for utilities who need help in a similar situation.

Georgetown Light in the Community



Georgetown Light staff participated in the Town's annual tree lighting and lighting of the Star of David in early December. The family-friendly event was held at Harry Murch Park and included music and refreshments along with the traditional lighting of the tree and the Star of David.

In addition to the annual tree lighting, Georgetown Light crews helped put up the lights and provided electricity for the tree and Star of David.

We're available 24/7

Although the office is closed after business hours, Georgetown Light is always available if you have an emergency or if you would like to report an outage or a problem with your service.

Just call 978-352-5730 and press 1 and a dispatcher will answer your call and send a crew your way. Georgetown Light is always there to answer your call!

As a reminder, if it's a nonemergency situation or an issue with your account, give us a call during the business day at 978-352-5730.