

General Manager's Letter



Summer is on our doorstep, and we'll soon be hearing the hum of air conditioners and fans as we all try to keep cool. Summer is also the time that customers of electric utilities like Georgetown Light consume the

most electricity, causing the utility to reach – and sometimes exceed – their peak loads. Before the dog days of summer arrive, take a look around your house to make sure your windows and doors are tight and that your air conditioners and fans are in good working order. And make sure that you clean or replace the filters in your central and window air conditioners before you start them for the season.

Conserving energy can go a long way in keeping your electric bill from rising during the warm months. So, too, can making sure that you replace your old air conditioners and appliances with ones that are Energy Star rated. You may even qualify for an incentive rebate from Georgetown Goes Green, our green energy-friendly incentive and rebate program. We recently expanded this program to include cordless and battery-operated lawn and yard equipment. Make sure to check out our website www.georgetownlight.com for more information.

Our website also includes information about what it means to be a customer of a public power utility. Our rates are lower than those paid by customers of investor-owned electric utilities, we are owned and governed by you, our customers, and our reliability rate speaks for itself. This is especially important as we get further into hurricane season when a severe storm could cause widespread outages.

Finally, if you own an electric vehicle, you'll be happy to see the Level 2 EV charges we recently installed in three locations in town. Learn more about the chargers in this newsletter.

Happy summer!

Dave F. Schofield

Dave Schofield,
General Manager



Georgetown Light Installs EV Chargers

Georgetown Light recently installed electric vehicle (EV) chargers in three locations in Georgetown: Georgetown Peabody Library, 2 Maple Street; Town Hall, 1 Library Street; and at the Park and Ride on East Main Street. The Town Hall and Park and Ride both have two charging ports while the Library has four charging ports, for a total of eight public chargers that are available in the community.

According to General Manager Dave Schofield, partial funding for the Level 2 chargers was provided by grants received by the Town and Georgetown Light.

"The installation of the BreezeEV chargers is another step forward in our ongoing commitment to promote sustainable and renewable energy options for our ratepayers," General Manager Schofield said. "The grants enabled us to install the eight chargers in convenient locations throughout the community."

The chargers are dual chargers which allow users to charge a battery electric vehicle (BEV) to 80% from empty in four to ten hours, and a plug-in hybrid (PHEV) in one to two hours. Both peak and off-peak rates are offered at each location.



Georgetown Town Manager Orlando Pacheco and Georgetown Light General Manager Dave Schofield unveiled the newly installed BreezeEV chargers located at the Town Hall.

To access the BreezeEV chargers, the Amp Up app must be downloaded to the user's phone to scan the QR code at each station. The app will interface with the EV charger.

In addition to the public EV chargers, Georgetown Light has an EV rewards program for its customers that lets them earn a \$10/month credit on their electric bill for Level 2 charging or a \$5/month credit for Level I charging in their homes. Customers must first enroll in the program and charge their EV between 10 p.m. – 12 p.m. (next day). Georgetown Light also offers a \$300 rebate on newly installed home Smart (Wi-Fi Capable) Level 2 chargers.

For eligibility and restrictions about the Georgetown Goes Green rebate program, visit the website www.georgetownlight.com, call 978-352-5730, or email info@georgetownlight.com.

Summer Energy Tips

Use natural lighting

Save money and reduce your electricity consumption this summer by using natural lighting to light up rooms during the day. If you work from home, working near the window can eliminate the need to use lamps or electric lighting during the day.

Unplug chargers and other devices when not in use

Even if you're not using your devices, lamps, certain appliances, and other chargeable items, you're still using electricity if they're plugged in. This phantom, or vampire, power can cost approximately \$150 a year in energy costs. Look around your home and see which appliances are plugged in but not being used. Unplug the ones you can to save money and reduce your electricity usage.

Water your lawn and plants early in the morning or in the evening

If you have a yard, garden, or plants, the best time to water is early in the morning or at dusk. The plants will have more time to soak up the water and you'll use less water. When you water during the heat of the day, much of that water evaporates from the sun, wasting water and requiring more watering to keep your plants growing.

Use solar energy for outdoor lighting

Consider purchasing solar lights rather than plug-in lights. You'll have all the energy you need to power the lights while not only reducing your carbon footprint but saving you money by not having to pay for the electricity to power your outdoor lights.

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, May 29 – Memorial Day
Monday, June 19 – Juneteenth
Tuesday, July 4 – Independence Day
Monday, September 4 – Labor Day
If you have an emergency, call
Georgetown Light at (978) 352-5730.

Commissioners:

John Smolinsky, Chairman
Peter Dion
Wayne Snow

General Manager:

David Schofield



Cordless Electric Yard Equipment Rebates

If your lawn mower looks and sounds like it's seen better days, now is the perfect time to consider a cordless push or rider mower. Georgetown Light now offers incentive rebates for all types of qualifying cordless and battery-operated lawn and yard equipment, from lawn mowers to snow blowers:

String Trimmer & Hedger	\$25
Leaf Blower	\$30
Chain & Pole Saw	\$40
Hedge Trimmer	\$40
Pressure Washer	\$40
Rototiller	\$40
Push Lawn Mower	\$100
Snow Blower	\$100
Rider Mower	\$200



The lawn/yard equipment rebates were added to the Georgetown Goes Green program effective January 1, 2023. Only equipment purchased after that date is eligible.

The rebate program is for residential electric accounts only. Commercial accounts are not eligible. To qualify for an incentive rebate, customers must meet the following criteria:

- An active residential electric account with Georgetown Light is required (6 months).
- Electric account must be in good standing for at least 6 months.
- Applicant must own the property linked to the account.
- Rebate item must be installed or used at account location.
- Resident must agree to allow Georgetown Light to inspect the installation on premises.
- Rebate maximums are reset on January 1st of each year.
- Rebate offer is subject to funding availability and can expire at any time.
- Maximum of one item per account, per year.
- Rebate will be paid up to 50% of item's cost.
- Rebate issued as a check.
- Purchase date must be within the current calendar year.
- Application must be submitted to the portal or postmarked by December 31, 2023.

Rebate applications must include a copy of the sales receipt, and customers can apply online via the rebate portal administered by Energy New England. Email questions to rebates@ene.org.

To see if your account is eligible, contact Georgetown Light at 978-352-5730 or email info@georgetownlight.com.

Georgetown in the community



Georgetown Light Lineworker Joe Laperchia recently hung flags in the downtown area as part of the department's commitment to the community.



Georgetown Light Lineworkers TJ Middleton, Mike Correale, and Joe Laperchia joined safety consultant Ray Gouley at the Penn Brook School to talk to second graders about the safe use of electricity during the recent safety program sponsored by Georgetown Light.