

2023 EXCAVATION PERMITS

Permits for excavation work within town public ways (streets and sidewalks) for calendar year 2023 will be issued beginning Monday, April 3, 2023 weather permitting. No permits will be issued after November 1, 2023. All excavations within the town public way shall be completed, backfilled and restored to its preconstruction condition on or before Wednesday, November 15, 2023. Projects requiring excavation within the public way should take this schedule into consideration for implementation during 2023.

Street Opening Permits are required if residents are planning to upgrade their underground utility services or make connections to a municipal or privately owned utility system. This includes water, drainage, sewer, gas, electric, telephone, or cable TV. Permits are also required for paving or reconstructing driveway aprons and for locating dumpsters within town public ways or sidewalks. All contractors must contact the Engineering Division (781-235-7600 Ext. 3314) a minimum of 72 hours before work begins (excluding weekends and holidays). An approved permit must be on site when work begins. Contractors should note:

- Unless approved by the Department of Public Works, water and sewer utilities shall be placed in separate trenches in accordance with Mass DEP Guidelines.
- All trenches must comply with OSHA requirements.

Permit submission have moved to an online portal. For further information and instructions, please visit wellesleyma.gov/323/Street-Occupancy-Permits. All currently bonded contractors will need to renew their registration online prior to submitting permit applications.

Permitting questions should be directed to Rafi Razzaque, 781-235-7600, Ext. 3314. Appointments should be scheduled during the office hours of 8:00-11:00am and 1:00-3:00pm, Monday-Friday at the Department of Public Works at 20 Municipal Way.

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