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New Initiative to Encourage No-Cost Home Energy Assessments

Mass Save® Partner Reps in Yellow Vests & Town Logo to Visit Wellesley Neighborhoods With Details on How to Lower Home Energy Use and Emissions while Improving Comfort

Wellesley, MA, September 30, 2024 - A new Town of Wellesley collaboration with HomeWorks Energy, a Mass Save® partner, can lower energy use and carbon emissions while improving home comfort for Wellesley residents who are gas customers of National Grid.

Beginning in early October, HomeWorks Energy representatives will visit Wellesley neighborhoods to invite residents to schedule a no-cost home energy assessment. Representatives wear bright yellow vests displaying Town of Wellesley and HomeWorks Energy logos.

When a HomeWorks Energy specialist visits a home for a scheduled assessment, they review the home's energy performance and show the resident how to save energy year-round.

Benefits of a no-cost energy assessment for natural gas customers under the Mass Save program include:

- No-cost custom home energy report
- Eligibility for Mass Save incentives, such as:
 - 100% off the cost of air leak sealing
 - 75-100% off the cost of insulation
 - Up to \$10,000 in heat pump rebates
 - 0% financing for energy efficiency upgrades up to \$50,000
- No-cost energy-saving items (e.g., thermostats, water-saving devices, and advanced power strips)
- See full list of energy-related incentives [here](#).





Residents can schedule home energy assessments now by calling HomeWorks at **781-305-3319** or visiting **[HWE.Works/Wellesley](https://www.wellesleyma.gov/energy/HWE.Works/Wellesley)**.

Residents who heat with oil, propane, and/or electric resistance, are not eligible for the Mass Save program. These residents should call the Center for EcoTechnology at **888-577-8448** or schedule an assessment with the Wellesley Municipal Light Plant at **www.wellesleyma.gov/EnergyAuditForm**.

The Town of Wellesley recommends residents get multiple quotes for heating and cooling system upgrades. Home energy assessments and upgrades are voluntary, and agreements, arrangements, and implementation regarding such services are exclusively between residents and their chosen vendors.

HomeWorks Energy has canvassed across numerous Massachusetts towns including Carlisle, Lexington, Melrose, Arlington, and Canton. During a recent canvassing effort in Lexington, over 600 residents scheduled their no-cost home energy assessment. HomeWorks Energy conducts thousands of home energy assessments per year.

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“A home energy assessment is the first step to insulation and air leak sealing and to electrification, with, for example, heat pumps, a heat pump water heater, and an induction stove,” said Sue Morris, Chair of Wellesley’s Climate Action Committee. “Residential buildings contribute approximately 34% of townwide greenhouse gas emissions. Transitioning Wellesley’s buildings off fossil fuels is, therefore, a key strategy in Wellesley’s [Climate Action Plan](#) and the [Massachusetts Decarbonization Roadmap](#). Good examples of municipal building electrification include Wellesley’s all-electric Municipal Light Plant building, two new net-zero elementary schools, and the electrification of Wellesley’s historic Town Hall.”

The HomeWorks Energy canvassing program is part of the Town’s broader climate action [Be Part of It!](#) campaign designed to support residents with climate action in areas of [home weatherization](#), [heat pumps going solar](#), [getting around sustainably](#), [sustainable landscaping](#), and [reducing waste](#).

The Town also offers [no-cost energy coaching](#) to provide personalized advice for residents on energy-related home improvements.

The [Climate Action Committee](#) fosters awareness and mobilizes the collective action of residents, businesses, educational institutions, and town employees in Wellesley to combat the existential crisis of climate change. Through education and advocacy, we strive to reduce carbon emissions, promote renewable energy, and cultivate a resilient environment for present and future generations.

Questions?

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