



WINTHROP WEEKLY

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE TOWN OF WINTHROP

November 27, 2024



TOWN OF WINTHROP PUBLIC CALENDAR

All meetings and agendas are posted up to 48 hours in advance. Click on meeting information below to read posted agendas.

Good Energy-Winthrop Electricity Public Meeting
December 2, 2024, 6:00 PM
Harvey Hearing Room
[More Details](#)

School Committee
December 2, 2024, 6:00 PM
Gathering Room
[More Details](#)

Tree Committee
December 2, 2024, 6:00 PM
Department of Public Works
[More Details](#)

Town Council
December 3, 2024, 6:30 PM
Harvey Hearing Room
[More Details](#)

Conservation Commission
December 4, 2024, 7:00 PM
Via Zoom
[More Details](#)

Winthrop residents can easily access *public meeting schedules and agendas with one click!* Simply go to www.winthropma.gov



33RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING

Join us in Winthrop Center...

MUSIC ✨ LIVE PERFORMANCES ✨ FAMILY ACTIVITIES
FUN CHARACTERS ✨ PHOTOS WITH SANTA

NOVEMBER 29, 2024
4:00-6:00
WINTHROP CENTER ✨ FRENCH SQUARE



Photos with Santa
4:00-5:00



2ND ANNUAL

COMMUNITY FAIR

TO BENEFIT

Myles ones

The Myles P. Vercruyse Memorial Fund

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

Memorial Gymnasium,
By Larsen Rink - Pauline Street, Winthrop, MA

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Crafters, vendors, small businesses, community programs, games, and prizes!

Also featuring animals from Reptiles Circus, games with Yard Games World, fun with Project Play, Touch-A-Truck with Winthrop Police, Fire, EMS, ABH Services, Inc, and more!



REMINDER
Trash & Recycling Collection Delay

No collection on Thanksgiving Day,
Thursday, November 28, 2024

All trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day **AFTER the 28th** for the rest of the week.



Holiday Overflow Collection
begins Friday, Nov. 29 the day after
Thanksgiving, through Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024.



On the first scheduled curbside collection immediately following a Town recognized holiday only, each unit in a 1-3-unit dwelling can place one (1) bin of overflow trash curbside for collection, in a lidded container provided by the resident, without the purchase of The Town of Winthrop overflow bags. Any overflow beyond the one permitted bin will need to be in the Town of Winthrop PAYT Overflow Bags and placed on the curb in a bin with a closed lid for collection. Questions? Call 617-846-1341 x 2609

HARBORCOV
Communities Overcoming Violence

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

HarborCOV is collecting toys for children ages 0-22 who have experienced domestic violence.

Many of these children would not otherwise have holiday gifts. Thanks for helping make the season brighter for them!

Please drop gifts off at:
Winthrop Department of Public Health
45 Pauline Street, 1st floor
Winthrop, MA

or

Larsen Rink Lobby
Winthrop, MA

Please contact juliana@harborcov.org with any questions
www.harborcov.org

2025

Resident Parking Stickers / Visitor Placard

ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE

Order Today and Receive Before the New Year

Scan on phone

OR

1. Go to <https://epay.cityhallsystems.com/selection>
2. Enter "Winthrop MA" in the Municipality field and select View/Pay bills
3. Scroll down under "Select Your Bill" and select "Resident Stickers"
4. Then select "2025 Resident Sticker"
5. On the next screen scroll down to the bottom and select your Street and Street Number
6. Next fill in all of the required fields and payment if required (65ys and up / handicap are Free)
7. Select "Add to Cart" and complete the Checkout process

Town of Winthrop
Upcoming Road Work

Reconstruction & Related Work along Winthrop Street & Revere Street Corridor
Project No. 607244-122603
Federal Aid No. CMQ-0036(014)X, STP-0036(014)X, TAP-0036(014)X A. R. BELLI, INC

Week of 11/25
Conduit crossings at Winthrop/Main Streets

Week of 12/2
Finish conduit crossings at Main/Winthrop Streets - Drainage at Argyle Street

Week of 12/9
TBD (Weather-pending)

Please follow all posted signage in the area.
EXPECT DETOURS AND DELAYS
Questions? Call the Winthrop DPW at 617-846-1341.

<https://tinyurl.com/WWTArchTour>

Winthrop Architectural Walking Tour

Date: November 24th
Start Time: 1:00 pm
Duration: 2 Hours Maximum

Approximately 1.5 miles in distance, ending at the center

- Learn about different types of architecture
- See the various styles of residential dwellings in our community
- Gain knowledge and understanding of architectural design

"Tour sponsored by Winthrop Working Together"
www.winthroptogogether.org

Festival of Wreaths

Presented by the Odd Fellows Zenith Lodge #42
196 Winthrop St. Winthrop, MA

The Festival of Wreaths Open House & Raffle will last from November 12th thru December 12th Open Tues. thru Thurs. 3-6 pm and Saturdays 12-2pm

Enjoy refreshments while viewing the festive handmade wreaths created by local artisans and make your own holiday decorations with our live winter evergreens and supplies.

20 Raffle tickets included with your \$10.00 donation.

Winners drawn at the December 14th Zenith Lodge Holiday Dinner and called for pick-up the following week.

The Odd Fellows Zenith Lodge Thanks You For Your Support.



How can we make our community healthier?

With you, to start!

The Winthrop Community Equity Health Needs Assessment aims to help us understand the biggest health needs of our community, and what we can do to meet those needs.

TAKE THE SURVEY:



(It'll only take 15 minutes!)

Or, go to this link: https://winthropma.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2uzkFgzDQEhihBY

Town of Winthrop Curbside Leaf-Green Waste Collection

Saturday, November 23, and December 14, 2024

Capital Waste will go throughout the entire Town for pickup. Leaf Bags/Bins must be on the curb by 7 am

What is "Green Waste"?

Green waste includes grass, leaves, vines, hedge trimmings, and small to medium size branches. Root balls and branches over three inches are not accepted. Grass, leaves, vines, and hedge trimmings need to be in brown bags or unbagged in a bin. It is not necessary to purchase special compost bags to participate in the program. It is essential that other wastes, such as rocks, plastic, construction material, trash, or animal waste do not mix with green waste.

Missed pick up? Call Capital Waste 617-569-1718



Winthrop Chamber of Commerce Memory Star Dedication

Dedicate a Star

DEDICATE A STAR TO A LOVED ONE TO BE HUNG ON THE HOLIDAY TREE IN FRENCH SQUARE.



CONTACT NAME _____ DEDICATED TO _____ PAYMENT ___ CHECK ___ CASH ___ CC ___ CREDIT CARD # _____ CODE ___ EXP DATE _____ CHECK NUMBER _____

Contact the Chamber of Commerce for more information at (617) 846-9898 or visit the following Links for Stars: Dedicate a New Star Re-Dedicate a Star from Last Year

Now, More than Ever, Our Community Needs Food Donations!

Please join the Winthrop Public Library's Food for Fines Promotion to benefit the Winthrop Food Pantry

Please bring donations of usable, non-perishable food during the month of December.

One item of food = up to \$5 in fines. We encourage participation even if you owe no fines!



See marked boxes at the library desks

Suggestions for needed items:

Pasta, pasta sauce, tuna, mayonnaise, jelly, pancake mix, pancake syrup

All usable, non-perishable items are welcomed!

Visit the library soon - bring along some food donations along with your books!

St. John's Episcopal Church 222 Bowdoin St. Winthrop

SNOWFLAKE FAIR

Sat. December 7th 10-2pm

Live Wreaths, Swags & Gift Baskets

Crochet & Quilted Handmade Gifts

Homebaked Holiday Treats, Cookies & Dinners-To-Go

Beautiful Jewelry & Raffles

Lobster Lunches, Chowder & more served for lunch



To Reserve your Generous Lobster Roll, Bag of Chips & Triple-Chocolate Brownie for only \$20: Call or Text the Church by Wed. Dec.4th @ 617-846-2363 and leave a message

Flu Vaccine Clinics

(Registration Encouraged)



TUESDAYS
9:00AM-5:00PM



Winthrop Public Health
EB Newton Building
45 Pauline Street, 1st FL

OFFERING TO AGES 2+



FLU MIST



REGULAR DOSE



HIGH DOSE

Contact Us

(617) 539-6837



Winthrop Department of Public
Health & Clinical Services

Annual Holiday

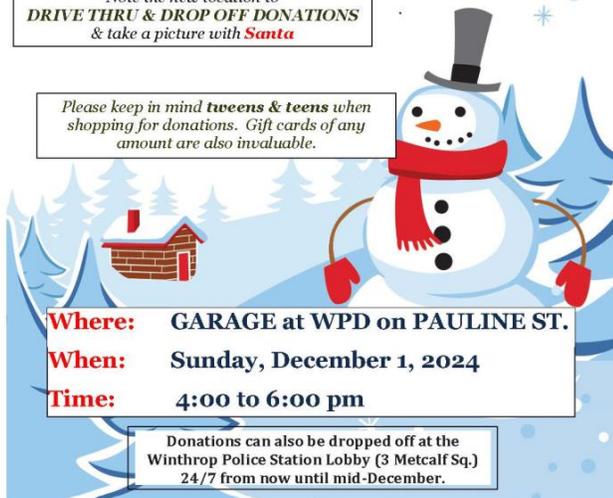


Toy Drive

Sponsored by
Winthrop Police

Note the new location to
DRIVE THRU & DROP OFF DONATIONS
& take a picture with **Santa**

Please keep in mind **twens & teens** when
shopping for donations. Gift cards of any
amount are also invaluable.



Where: GARAGE at WPD on PAULINE ST.

When: Sunday, December 1, 2024

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Donations can also be dropped off at the
Winthrop Police Station Lobby (3 Metcalf Sq.)
24/7 from now until mid-December.

CLASS OF 2025 PRESENTS

SKATE WITH SANTA

Have a holly jolly holiday season kickoff with Santa!

DECEMBER 7TH
1PM
\$10 Entry Fee
LARSEN RINK

Come join us to skate with Santa!
Raffle prizes (we accept Venmo and cash).
Photos with Santa, Hot Cocoa, Crafts, Snacks,
Letters to Santa and more!

Note: No skate rentals available.

Amy's Breakfast with Santa

Great food, raffles, take photos with Santa

For tickets, write name and how many
Text: Kathy Hubert 617-981-3866
Venmo: Ellen_baxter_2 |

Donations of any kind appreciated. Benefitting
St Michael's youth ministry (with a portion donated to
Amy's Washington DC fund to ensure no child is left
behind).

Proceeds benefit St Michael's
Youth Ministry, and Amy's
Washington DC fund

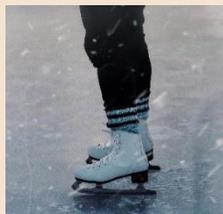
Tickets \$5
Age 2 and under
are free.

Sunday, December 8
After 10 a.m. Mass

St. Michael's Lincoln Street Entrance
St. Michael the Archangel Parish
320 Winthrop Street
Winthrop, MA 02152

PUBLIC SKATE

Public Skating at the rink begins Sunday October 13th. Every Sunday 12:40 to 1:50pm for \$3.



**Town of Winthrop
Pay-as-You-Throw
Overflow Bags**
are available at the following locations:



Cumberland Farms, 7/11, T & T Convenience, Quick Food Mart, D&T Convenience, Town Hall, and the DPW.
Sold in a roll of 5 bags for \$15

YOU CAN BE A TV PRODUCER



Sign up for the next video production class at WCAT. Learn Digital Camera Operation, Video Editing, Sound board, Lighting, Green Screen and more!

CALL MIKE AT WCAT 617-846-3400

Stay informed of all town notifications:



Sign up for Code Red & the Town Manager's Blog
Town Website
Facebook

Contact the Town Manager's Office

(617) 846-1705

email: townmanager@winthropma.gov.

ATC PTO
Holiday Raffle
DAILY DRAWING
DECEMBER 1ST-12TH

1. Disney on Ice, Agganis Arena-4 Tickets
2. Mane & Mani-3 Pack of Blowouts
3. Cheesecake Factory \$50 GC
4. Kendra Scott Sunburst Necklace & Earrings
5. Worcester Red Sox-4 Tickets Spring 2025
6. Immersive GameBox, Peabody-1 Game for 4
7. Celtics vs. Spurs Febuary 12, 2025-2 Tickets
*Donated by the Chapdelaine Family
8. Newport Marriott-Hotel Stay & \$150 Spa GC
9. Taqueria Jalisco, East Boston \$50 GC
10. Blue Man Group, Boston-4 Tickets
11. Santa's Village, Jackson NH-2 Tickets
12. Patriots vs. Bills January 5, 2025-4 Tickets
*Donated by the Ross Family

TICKETS \$20 EACH
CASH, CHECK OR VENMO



ATC PTO
617-846-1705
venmo

Thanks to our sponsor



Project play Presents

Holiday Hop & Coat Drive

4:30-6:00
Saturday 07 December

Adriana's Cafe, 19 Main St, Winthrop

Celebrate the holidays with a FREE kids concert by Evan of Music at the Blissful!

Free hot cocoa & crafts
Food, beer & wine for purchase

Bring new or gently used winter wear to donate to local families in need

Green Waste/Yard Waste Transfer Station Information



Open:
April 6th-December 7th, 2024
Hours:
Fridays: 9a-12p and 3a-6p
Saturdays: 9a-12p and 1p-3p

What is Green Waste? Green waste is yard waste which is banned from regular trash collection. This waste includes grass, leaves, vines, hedge trimmings, and small to medium-sized branches under 3" in diameter. Root balls and branches over three inches are not accepted. Other wastes, such as rocks, plastic, construction material, trash, or animal waste cannot be mixed with green waste.

WINTHROP COUNCIL ON AGING SENIOR VAN



The Senior Van runs Monday - Thursday from 8:45am to 3pm. Reservations must be made at least 2 weekdays in advance of your trip. Medical rides will be prioritized. A full list of destinations and pricing is available on our website and in our newsletter. To schedule a ride, call the Senior Center at: 617-846-8538.

| Destination | Round Trip |
|--|------------|
| Local (Winthrop Area) | FREE* |
| Revere MGH (Beach) | \$5 |
| Stop & Shop | \$5 |
| Beth Israel (Chelsea) | \$7 |
| East Boston Neighborhood Health Center | \$7 |
| Revere MGH (Broadway) | \$7 |
| Chelsea MGH/Market Basket (Chelsea) | \$8 |

*Free Winthrop van rides are limited to two roundtrip rides per day.

Thrift Shop Dates - 2024

First Church of Winthrop United Methodist
217 Winthrop Street - Back Entrance
Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 PM



2nd and 4th Thursday and Saturday of month
Women's, Men's, and Children's Clothing

Winthrop Police Department
Cordially Invites You to Our
HOLIDAY GALA

Where: Winthrop Yacht Club
When: December 7, 2024 7pm
Donation: \$40 per ticket
(Table of 8 \$300)

Purchase tickets at the **Winthrop Police Station**
For Info:
Deputy Chief Steve Rogers (srogers@town.winthrop.ma.us)
Sergeant Samantha Ferrino (sferrino@town.winthrop.ma.us)

This is an adult event. All proceeds to benefit Winthrop Police Explorer program. There will be a DJ, Dancing, Chinese food buffet and prizes. Dress wear is Christmas themed so wear that ugly Holiday sweater, Holiday Pajamas or your best Victorian suit.

Joy and Peace on Earth

Art Market and Exhibit - December 1 and 14, 2024, 10:00-2:00

Exhibit Only Through January

Gallery Hours: Thursdays 1:30-4:00

Saturdays 1:00-5:00 December 7 and 21, January 4 and 18

The Cloek Tower Gallery
E.B. Newton Cultural Center
45 Pauline Street, Winthrop MfI

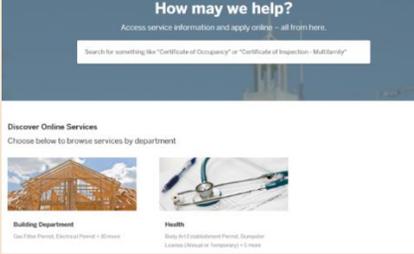
617-721-9162



APPLY FOR PERMITS ONLINE

The Town of Winthrop has partnered with Open GOV to drive efficiency for staff and improve the quality and convenience of services for community members with technology that automates permitting and licensing approvals processes, allows for online inspections management, and provides a user-friendly online portal for applicants. Residents can now apply for permits, request inspections and access information online from the Building Department and Public Health Departments.

<https://winthropma.viewpointcloud.com/>



Biohazard Waste Sharps Disposal

Includes Needles, Syringes, Lancets, or any other medical waste sharps item.

Walk In & Drop Off

Winthrop Public Health
45 Pauline Street, 1st FL
617-539-5937



Need a Mammogram?

If you are due for your breast cancer screening, please join us on **Dana-Farber's Mammography Van!** The American College of Radiology recommends a mammogram every year if you are age 40 or older.



Lawrence Larsen Rink
45 Pauline Street, Winthrop, MA 02152
Wednesday, December 18
7 AM to 3:15 PM

The mammography van offers digital screenings (3D mammography). The van comes to you, and our friendly, professional staff provides easy access to a vital screening. The entire process takes less than 20 minutes.

Pre-registration is required. To schedule your mammogram or learn more, please [register online](#), call 617-632-1974 or email mammo_van@dfci.harvard.edu.

This van day is hosted in conjunction with the Winthrop Department of Public Health & Clinical Services. Dana-Farber's Mammography Van possesses a valid license and certificate of inspection issued by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

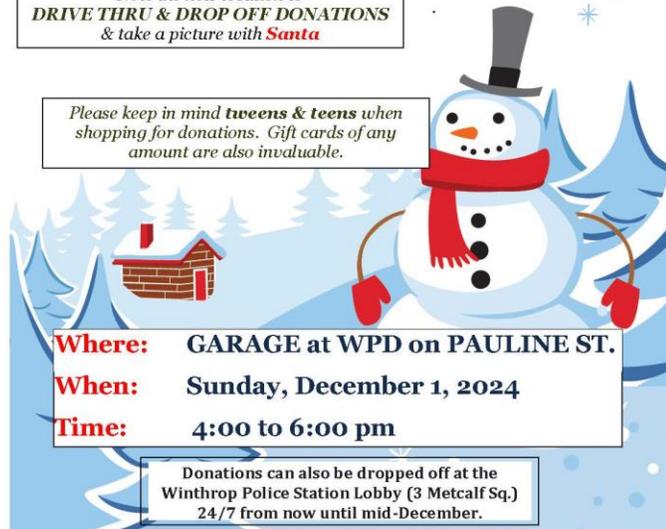
Annual Holiday Toy Drive



Sponsored by
Winthrop Police

Note the new location to
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& take a picture with **Santa**

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Donations can also be dropped off at the Winthrop Police Station Lobby (3 Metcalf Sq.) 24/7 from now until mid-December.



2024 Needs Assessment

A community survey for adults 60 and older and caregivers

Share Your Opinion

What supports would help you on your aging journey?

What is your community doing well?

What would you like to see more of?

Share your thoughts with Mystic Valley Elder Services and the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs!

Take the Survey Online

Scan the code with your phone's camera or go online to www.bit.ly/2024-needs-survey



The Winthrop Art Association Presents the Annual

JAZZ BRUNCH

Sunday, December 8, 2024 Noon — 2 PM

E. B. Newton Cultural Center, 45 Pauline Street, Winthrop

Featuring

MAX WHITING'S MUSICMAKERS

The Public is Invited. Free - Donations Accepted



THE GFB PTO INVITES YOU TO



DINE & DONATE

AT THE WINTHROP ARMS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2024
4PM-10PM

130 GROVERS AVE, WINTHROP, MA

10% OF ALL TAKE-OUT AND DINE-IN FOOD & DRINK ORDERS WILL BE DONATED TO THE GORMAN FORT BANKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE FOR A 50/50. CASH ONLY.

FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT THE ARMS AT (617) 846-4000 OR VISIT WINTHROPARMS.COM

FOR QUESTIONS EMAIL FORTBANKSPTO@GMAIL.COM



NEED HELP PAYING YOUR HEATING BILLS?

Apply in person at the Chelsea Senior Center on 11/19/24 & 12/10/24!

CAPIC's Fuel Assistance Program will be accepting applications in person for the 2024-2025 season at our satellite site at the Chelsea Senior Center, located at 10 Riley Way, Chelsea.

A bi-lingual Fuel Assistance Program staff member will be available from 9:30am to 1:00pm to assist with applications.



The program assists households in paying heating bills from November 2024 to April 2025 and is open to tenants as well as homeowners, whose income is within 60% of the state median income. Heat may be oil, propane, kerosene, gas or electric. For more information please call 617-884-6130.

FREE TO APPLY!



 **Town of Winthrop**
 Department of Public Works
 100 Kennedy Drive, Winthrop 02152

November DPW Holiday Office Hours
The DPW offices will be closed
November 27-29, 2024

The Yard Waste Transfer Station will be **CLOSED**
 Friday, Nov. 29, 2024 and **OPEN** Saturday 9 am

NO trash/recycling collection on Thursday, Nov. 28.
 Thursday and Friday collections will be
 delayed for one day.

Happy Thanksgiving from The DPW

IMPORTANT
 Message from The Department of Public Works
 Solid Waste & Recyclings Department
 Please add your house number and street
 name to your trash and recycling bins.
 Thank you.



Recycle Smart
This Holiday Season!

Packing Peanuts, Bubble Wrap, Boxes and Padded Envelopes
 Shipping boxes and packaging are unavoidable during the gift-giving season. Remember to flatten all cardboard boxes before putting them in the recycling bin - do not nest open boxes within each other. Packing peanuts and any paper envelopes with plastic padding on the inside go in the trash. Bubble wrap and fully plastic padded envelopes can be brought back to your supermarket to be properly recycled along with plastic wrap and plastic bags.

WINTHROP PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM
 2 METCALF SQUARE, WINTHROP, MA

ART EXHIBIT
KAITLYN RIPALDI


 Photography by CPO Christoph


 LEMON OLD FASHIONED


 LEMON BREAD
 POPPY SEED (with Blueberries)

Illustrator and designer with a focus on fluid watercolor paint and technical micron pen
 Exhibit through Jan. 15
 Winthrop Library Exhibit Special:
 Get 10% off any custom portraits booked between January and April 2025.
 Note Winthrop Library as your referral.
 visit www.yellowleafdesign.com



 **DISTRICT ATTORNEY**
KEVIN R. HAYDEN

SUFFOLK COUNTY FRAUD FIGHTERS WORKSHOP FOR OLDER ADULTS

Attend our second presentation in Winthrop! Get the latest updates on the newest scams, learn effective methods to identify fraud, protect your finances, and ensure peace of mind. Knowledge is power - take advantage of this opportunity to learn more!

Tuesday, December 17
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Winthrop Senior Center
35 Harvard St, Winthrop, MA

Hosted by the Winthrop Police Department's Senior Monthly Outreach Program.
 Presented by the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office and community partners.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
 Deputy Chief Stephen Rogers
 Srogers@town.winthrop.ma
 Lt. Mary Crisafi
 Mcrisafi@town.winthrop.ma
 Tracy Lithcut
 Tracy.Lithcut@mass.gov



Real Christmas Tree Collection Weeks of January 6 and January 17, 2025



WINTHROP
MASSACHUSETTS



- Place your bare tree curbside, next to your bins
- Do not bag your tree
- No lights
- No ornaments
- No garland



Unbagged, bare, real Christmas trees will be collected on your regular trash day after the 2024 Holiday season. Pickup will be the weeks of January 6th and January 13th, 2025.



Massachusetts Department of
Environmental Protection

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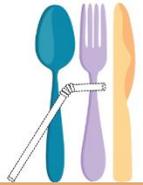
Recycle Smart This Holiday Season!



Paper Plates and Napkins, Plastic Utensils and Cups



Disposable plates, napkins, utensils, and cups make cleanup easy. Unfortunately, most of these items cannot be recycled. All noncompostable, disposable paper products go in the trash. Plastic cups made of polystyrene (colored cups or those that crack or crinkle when squeezed) also go in the trash. Clear plastic cups that easily squeeze in your hand and all aluminum cans can be recycled.



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

Recycle Smart This Holiday Season!



Food Waste

No matter what holiday you are celebrating, a tasty meal is more than likely a central part of it! After you've cleared the table and packed your guests' leftovers, rinse out those cans and jars, and make sure everything you put in the recycling bin is free of food! Check the Smart Recycling Guide or the Recyclopedia to ensure you are putting the right things in the bin. All food waste should be placed in your compost or trash.





Massachusetts Department of
Environmental Protection

Recycle Smart This Holiday Season!



String lights

Though beautiful on your house, tree or mantel, string lights don't belong in your recycling bin. They wrap around machinery at your local recycling facility, causing sorting to come to a grinding halt. Broken string lights may be an easy fix – try this repair tip. If they still don't work, many municipalities across the state provide special collection bins for string lights at the holidays or year-round as e-waste or scrap metal (search “city/town name’ trash and recycling”). You can also search Beyond the Bin for collection locations. If you can't find a location near you, you can put them in the trash.



Massachusetts Department of
Environmental Protection

Recycle Smart This Holiday Season!



Trees and Wreaths

As the Holidays are winding down, remember cut Christmas trees and Holiday wreaths are handled differently. Most Massachusetts cities and Towns provide tree collection. (Usually the first two weeks in January.) The trees collected are chipped and either used for compost or mulch. If you have questions about where to take your tree for proper disposal or when to put it on the curb, contact your city/town for information. Remember to remove all lights, tinsel, ornaments, and garlands. Bare trees only! Although many wreaths are made from trees, they are not collected with trees or yard waste collection. The wires in wreaths are a contaminant. Wreaths go in the trash.



What is Winthrop Community Electricity?

Winthrop Community Electricity is our Town's new electricity supply program. It is designed to provide residents with new electricity supply and options that feature competitive prices, longer-term price stability and more renewable energy (though savings cannot be guaranteed). This program was approved by the Winthrop Town Meeting in 2023 and by the Department of Public Utilities in September 2024. Nearly 170 other cities and towns in Massachusetts have similar programs.

When does it start? The Town chose Direct Energy to provide the program's electricity starting January 2025. All program prices are fixed for 35 months until December 2027.

How do I participate? The answer depends on your current electricity supplier:

- *I am using National Grid Basic Service* (most residential customers) - Anyone currently using National Grid Basic Service supply is eligible for automatic enrollment and will receive a letter in November informing them of their options and how to opt-out (i.e. not participate) if desired. The deadline to opt-out before the program begins is December 14, 2024. Those that do not opt-out will begin receiving electricity from Winthrop Community Electricity in January 2025.
- *I have chosen another electricity supplier already* - Anyone that has proactively chosen their own electricity supplier will not be automatically enrolled in the program; however, these customers may sign up for the program at any time (please check with your current supplier for any cancellation penalties). To join, use the form at WinthropCommunityElectricity.com or call (866) 968-8065.

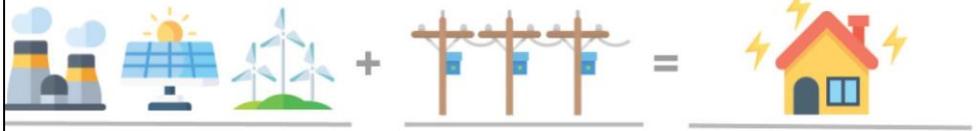
Do I have to participate? Participation is voluntary. Customers may opt-out at any time, without penalty, before or after the program begins.

Why is this an automatic enrollment program?

The State law that enables municipal aggregation programs like Winthrop Community Electricity, M.G.L. c.164 section 134(a), specifies that these programs are opt-out. This design was intended to give a Town or City enough buying power to attract qualified suppliers and negotiate favorable prices for the community (again, recognizing that savings cannot be guaranteed).



WINTHROP COMMUNITY ELECTRICITY



SUPPLY

Winthrop chose Direct Energy to supply the electricity for Winthrop Community Electricity

DELIVERY

National Grid delivers the electricity to your home, maintains power lines, and responds to power outages

POWER FOR YOU

You continue to pay a single bill to National Grid. No changes to solar, discounts, or budget billing



WINTHROP COMMUNITY ELECTRICITY

| Winthrop Basic | Winthrop Standard (Default) | Winthrop Plus | National Grid Basic Service |
|--|---|---|----------------------------------|
| 12.910 ¢/kWh | 13.340 ¢/kWh | 14.220 ¢/kWh | 16.055 ¢/kWh |
| No additional renewable energy | Adds 10% renewable energy (MA Class I RECs) | Adds renewable energy (MA Class I RECs) to total 100% | No additional renewable energy |
| January 2025 through December 2027 meter reads | | | August 2024 through January 2025 |

LAUNCHING JANUARY 2025



WINTHROP COMMUNITY ELECTRICITY

Join a community meeting to learn more about the program:

IN PERSON AND VIRTUALLY

December 2, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Harvey Hearing Room at Town Hall

1 Metcalf Square, Ground Level,
Winthrop, MA

For virtual access links and program details, visit
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