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# Durham Public Works

## Spring Newsletter

### Please Contact Durham Public Works Before Repaving Your Driveway

Durham Public Works would like to remind residents who wish to modify or construct a new driveway from a Town controlled road must apply for a written permit prior to construction. Please click [HERE](#) for additional information.



A DigSafe ticket must be filed for any project that requires the excavation or disturbance of the ground surface. Full program details can be found [HERE](#).

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## Residential Bulky Waste Collection Program – Begins May 1<sup>st</sup>

The Residential Bulky Waste Collection Program begins on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please place bulky waste items curbside no earlier than April 29<sup>th</sup> and no later than 7:00am on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Durham Public Works will collect NO MORE THAN 6YD<sup>3</sup> PER HOUSEHOLD and will make one pass through each neighborhood. No commercially generated waste will be accepted.

### Acceptable Materials:

- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Bulk Processed Wood Products
- Carpeting / Rugs
- Tires Without Rims
- Metal

### Unacceptable Materials:

- Household Trash
- Wood Scraps
- Paint
- Batteries
- Hazardous Waste – Oil, Gas, Diesel, Etc.
- Solid Fill – Concrete, Brick, Stone, etc.
- Large Playground Equipment
- Cardboard, Mixed Paper, Plastic Containers
- Loose Construction Debris – Drywall, Shingles, Insulation, etc.
- Brush / Tree Limbs
- Boats
- Windows/Glass
- Yard Waste



The following electronic items will be collected but **REQUIRE** an electronics/appliance sticker available for purchase for \$15 at Durham Public Works:

- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Air Conditioners
- Dehumidifiers
- Computer Monitors
- Televisions
- Laptops
- Water Coolers

**\*\*\*The Transfer Station will accept bulky items free of charge on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am – 3:00pm. Residents are encouraged to visit during these hours to ensure proper recycling of their materials occurs.\*\*\***



# Spring Project Spotlight

## Emerson Road Watermain Replacement

In Spring 2022, Durham Public Works awarded a contract to Pichette Brothers Construction of Manchester, NH for the replacement of approximately 2500 lineal feet of 6" and 8" cast iron water piping on Emerson Road between Madbury Road and Westerly entrance of Littlehale Road. The watermain has experienced significant break history recently with six water main breaks in as many years. During each emergency response break event, customers experienced unplanned and extended water service interruptions, and the roadway longevity was greatly impacted by required roadway trench excavations to access the watermain and make the necessary repair. Significant supply chain disruptions delayed pipe delivery by 9 months, thus delaying the project until this year.

Construction will be completed in two phases (Edgewood to Madbury and Edgewood to Littlehale) beginning in early April. During each phase, the roadway section will be closed to through traffic during normal business hours, with temporary detours in place.

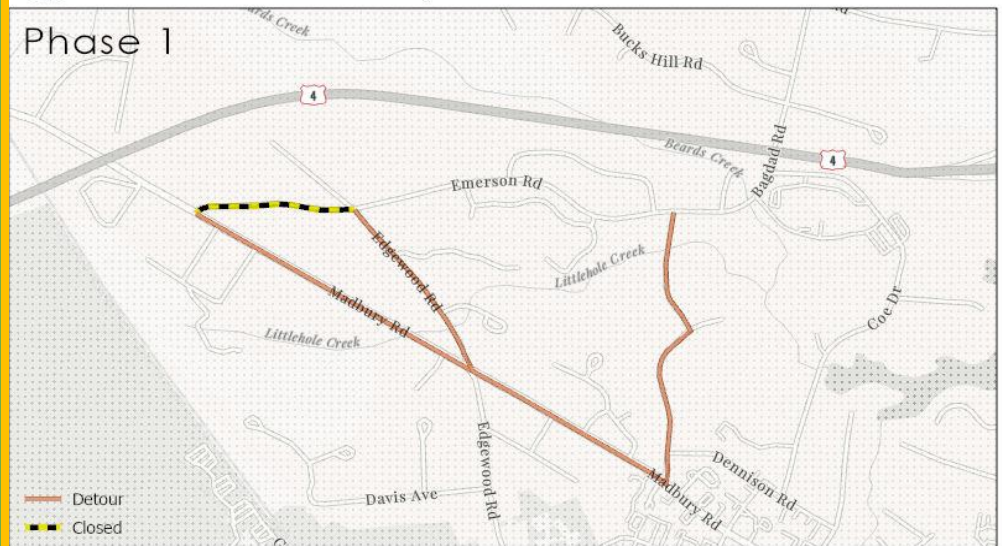
Following utility construction, the roadway, driveway approaches, and sidewalk surfaces within the project limits will be replaced. Furthermore, sidewalk, drainage, and roadway enhancements will occur concurrently on the Emerson Road segment from Bagdad Road to the westerly entrance of Littlehale Road.

Lastly, the Town is coordinating closely with Unitil Gas to install a gas main beginning at the intersection of Madbury Road and Emerson Road and extending down Emerson Road to Edgewood Road. This gas main extension is necessary to continue to provide gas to existing customers which would otherwise be impacted during the Edgewood Road, Littlehale Culvert Replacement Project.

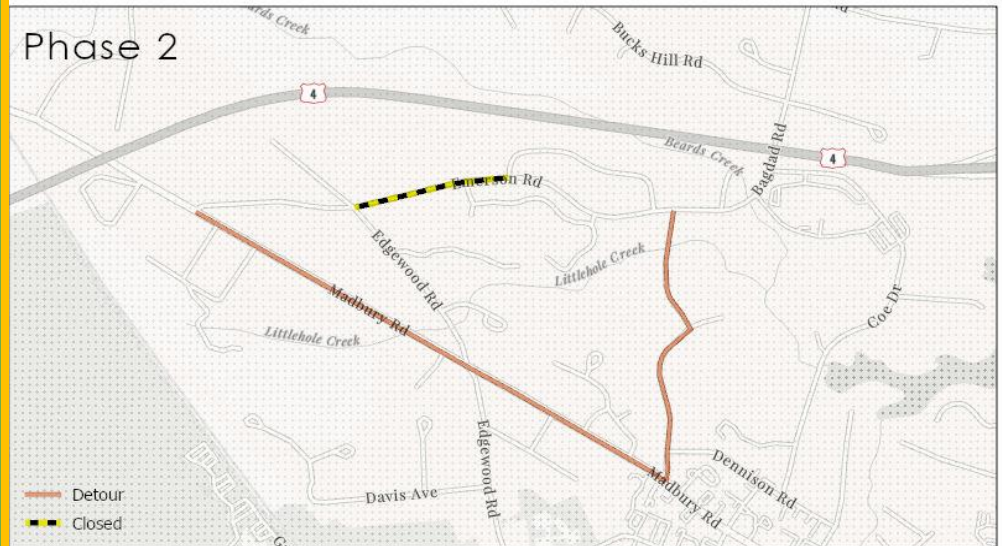


### Emerson Road Water Main Replacement Traffic Detours

#### Phase 1



#### Phase 2



## Main Street – Newmarket Road Sidewalk Replacement

Sidewalk replacement will occur this Spring on 920 lineal feet of concrete sidewalks with deteriorating brick banding on Main Street and Newmarket Road, from Smith Park Lane to Mill Pond Road, inclusive of ADA accessible curb ramps. The sidewalks currently have non-compliant accessible ramps, areas of failed and overturned curbing, dislodged bricks with upheaved and deteriorated concrete panels. The project will remove the existing concrete and brick banded sidewalks and replace with new concrete panels, eliminating the failed brick banding.





# Help Keep Durham's Waterways Clean!

## Green Grass & Clear Water



*Did you know that you can have a healthy, green lawn that is both attractive and safer for the environment?*

Some lawn care practices create local water quality problems. Excess nutrients (including nitrogen and phosphorus found in fertilizers) that run off our properties into nearby waterbodies can trigger harmful algal blooms.

Many of us enjoy the time we spend working on our lawns and are willing to try new practices as long as our lawns continue to look good. This information card shares simple and easy tips, customized for northern New England, that can lead to **Green Grass & Clear Water**.

For more details about these tips and others:

[extension.unh.edu/agriculture-gardens/yard-garden/home-lawn-care](http://extension.unh.edu/agriculture-gardens/yard-garden/home-lawn-care)



**1 Choose the right grass seed.** The best seed mixes include low maintenance varieties with higher % of fine-leaf fescues and turf- or compact-type tall fescues, and lower % of Kentucky bluegrass and perennial rye grass.



**2 Mow smart.** Leave grass at least 3" high. Cut no more than one-third (1/3) of the blade each time you mow to encourage longer, stronger roots. Leave the grass clippings after mowing so they can return nutrients to the soil.



**3 Don't overwater.** 1" of water per week (from rain or irrigation) is usually enough. Overwatering can cause nutrients to move out of root zones and into waterbodies or groundwater.



**4 Have your soil tested** to learn more about specific characteristics and needs of your lawn. Contact UNH Cooperative Extension: [extension.unh.edu/programs/soil-testing-services](http://extension.unh.edu/programs/soil-testing-services)

**Only if your lawn requires added nutrients from fertilizer:**



**5 Avoid overapplying.** Measure the area where you plan to apply and calculate the square footage. For lawns 10+ years old, apply half (1/2) the amount recommended for your square area one time per season. New lawns may need another application. Apply no more than 4 times per season.



**6 Choose the right fertilizer.** Select fertilizers with zero or low phosphorus unless a soil test says otherwise. Slow release nitrogen fertilizer is generally preferable. Over-applying fertilizer (any type) can cause water quality issues.



**7 Know when and where to apply.** Apply only after spring "green up" and before mid-September. Avoid applying in mid-summer. Never apply near waterbodies or storm drains.

## PICK UP THE POOP EVERY TIME, EVERYWHERE



### FOR OUR WATER. FOR OUR HEALTH.

The bacteria and nutrients in pet waste impact our rivers and streams. Keep our water clean by picking up your dog's poop every time, everywhere.



[theconservationfoundation.org](http://theconservationfoundation.org)

Preservation of the Town's water resources is a priority for our community. These are helpful tips and pollution prevention measures that residents can take to help protect water quality in the Oyster and Lamprey Rivers, as well as the Great Bay Estuary.

This outreach message helps our community meet U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) stormwater permit requirements as part of the MS4 program for some New Hampshire municipalities.

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