TOWN OF
DUNSTABLE

WELCOME TO DUNSTABLE!

New Residents' Guide

2026



TOWN HALL

511 Main Street
(978) 649-4514

Town Administrator, Council on Aging, Treasurer/Collector, Health, Town Clerk, Assessing, Water, Accounting, Inspections, Planning, Conservation

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire
28 Pleasant Street
(978) 649-6661

Fire Chief, Fire Prevention, Fire Inspections, Permits

Police
23 Pleasant Street
(978) 649-7445

Police Chief, Police Records, Permits, Firearms Licensing

LIBRARY

588 Main Street
(978) 649-7830

Books, E-books, Audio books, Museum and Park Passes, Family Programming, Public Computer and Internet Access

HIGHWAY

511 Main Street
(978) 649-4514 Ext. 227
roads@dunstable-ma.gov

Road Repair, Paving, Driveway and Curb Cuts Permit, Street Opening Permit, Signs, Brush Clearing, Line Painting

Stay Connected

GET TOWN UPDATES

SUBSCRIBE TO E-ALERTS

Visit the Town website, www.dunstable-ma.gov, to subscribe for e-alerts if you would like to receive news and announcements, meeting agendas and minutes, and other town-related information.

First:

Click → SUBSCRIBE TO E-ALERTS at the top of the page

Then:

Fill in your email and select the topics you would like to receive.

Last:

Click → Subscribe Me

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Instagram
@townofdunstable

Youtube
@townofdunstable3179

Linkedin
Town of Dunstable

Nextdoor
Town of Dunstable

Online Payments

SIMPLE AND EASY

Residents can pay their bills by visiting the Town's website at www.dunstable-ma.gov and clicking

Dunstable uses UniBank's UniPay Gold service for online bill payment services.

Remember, residents can only pay taxes online for current bills. If the tax has not been paid by the due date, you must pay the tax by mail or in person.

View and Pay Real Estate Taxes, Motor Vehicle Excise, Water Bills, Curbside Trash Pickup, Dog Licenses, Fire Permits, and Vital Records

Online Payments

Summer Concerts on the Common

The Dunstable Summer Concerts are a free, family-friendly concert series that take place Wednesday evenings from mid-June to early August.



Open Space, Conservation Areas, and Fields

Dunstable prides itself with the many preserved open spaces, conservation lands, and agricultural fields and forests that provide opportunities for outdoor recreation, nature appreciation, and wildlife habitat. These areas are preserved to maintain the natural beauty, environmental benefits and to provide the community with an opportunity to enjoy nature. They are vital to maintaining the town's rural character while offering a range of recreational opportunities for visitors of all ages.

There are several popular destinations including the Flat Rock Conservation Area, the DRLT Wildlife Refuge and the Spaulding-Proctor Reservation which offer passive activities like hiking, bird-watching, and nature exploration. In winter, the trails are often used for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Another gem is the Arched Bridge Conservation Area, where trails lead visitors to the iconic arched stone bridge and then along an old railroad bed. Side trails lead to an abandoned granite quarry and along the wetlands of Salmon Brook. Salmon Brook, the prominent river flowing through the middle of Dunstable, and the Nashua River, a designated Wild and Scenic River on the western Town border, are ideal for fishing and kayaking.

Horse Hill Quarry is a beautiful rocky area that leads into an extensive wildlife management area owned by Massachusetts Department of Fish and Wildlife. Other popular destinations are the Nashua River Rail Trail, Pierce Town Forest and Blanchard Hill for those looking for an outdoor activity.

For those interested in Dunstable's agricultural heritage, simply driving around town one will see the vast fields of the Tully Farm, McGovern Farm and several others, which provide a glimpse into the towns farming history and present agricultural activity.

As the main active recreational area in Dunstable, Larter Field hosts soccer and baseball fields, a basketball court, tennis and pickle courts, play structure, and track loop around the property. Families can also enjoy Swallow Union Playground.

For more information one can view the "Dunstable Open Space and Recreation Areas" map available online: visit www.dunstable-ma.gov/conservation-commission or www.drlt.org.

EXPLORE DUNSTABLE

BLANCHARD HILL



ARCHED BRIDGE



FLAT ROCK



MCLOON BARN



SPAULDING PROCTOR RESERVATION



TULLY FARM



LARTER FIELD



WILDLIFE PRESERVE



Trash and Recycling Collection

SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM

The Dunstable Board of Health offers a trash and recycling subscription program. The Town's contracted trash hauler is G.W. Shaw and Sons. The annual trash fee is $396 per household and each participating resident is supplied with a 64-gallon recycling container and 32-gallon trash container. Overflow bags are sold at Dunstable Town Hall. They are sold in packs of 5 for $20. Residents can sign-up anytime during the year and will be charged a prorated fee based on a $33 charge per month.

Program subscribers can make their trash payments online on the Town's website, by mail, or by dropping their payment off at Town Hall or in the payment drop box outside of Town Hall. For subscriber renewals, the trash service runs from July to June based on the Town's fiscal year. Renewal payments must be made by June 30, or a $33 late fee will be imposed.

Recycling is co-mingled or single-stream collection conveniently allowing for all recycling material to be mixed in the container. Weekly curbside collection occurs on Thursdays. Trash containers should be at the curb no later than 7 AM on Thursday.

For any questions or concerns about the service offered residents can contact G.W. Shaws and Sons at 1-800-649-7419 or 603-878-4108. You can also contact The Board of Health at health@dunstable-ma.gov or 978-649-4514, ext. 224.

BULKY ITEMS

FEE SCHEDULE

Hide-A-Bed	$50.00
Couch	$40.00
Sectional Couch Set	$100.00
Love Seat	$30.00
Recliner or Livingroom Chair	$30.00
Other Non-Conforming	$40.00
Refrigerator, Freezer	$40.00
Stove, Washer, or Dryer	$30.00
Dishwasher	$30.00
Microwave	$25.00
Water Heater	$25.00
Grill	$30.00
Television	$40.00
Console	$55.00
Monitors - All Sizes	$40.00
Tires - cars	$20.00

MATTRESS PICK-UP

Visit www.utecinc.org/mattress-recycling:

First:

Click → Schedule Service

Next:

Select Dunstable from the drop-down menu

Then:

Select service date, amount of mattresses and box springs

Last:

Complete pick-up details, payment information, and place order

You can email UTEC, the mattress hauler, at mattress@urecinc.org or call at 978-856-3997.

Get a Library Card

DUNSTABLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
HOURS OF OPERATION

TUESDAY	3 PM TO 8 PM
WEDNESDAY	10 am to 2 PM
THURSDAY	10 am to 6 PM
FRIDAY	10 am to 2 PM
SATURDAY	10 am to 2 PM

To register for a library card, a Dunstable resident needs to:

Present a current valid driver's license with a current Dunstable address or a current valid government issued photo ID with a current Dunstable address.

Alternatively, if neither of those can be provided, a resident may present a current valid driver's license or a government-issued photo ID and one of the following with a current Dunstable address:

- Property tax bill
- Excise tax bill
- Utility bill
- Car registration
- Renter's lease
- Postmarked mail

Town Contact Information

Department	Address	Phone
Accounting	511 Main St. Dunstable, MA 01827	978-649-4514 X249
Assessing	511 Main St. Dunstable, MA 01827	978-649-4514 X225
Animal Control	511 Main Street, Dunstable, MA 01827	978-649-7445
Health	511 Main St. Dunstable, MA 01827	978-649-4514 X229
Emergency Management		978-808-0210
Fire	28 Pleasant Street, Dunstable, MA 01827	978-649-6661
Groton Dunstable Regional School District	344 Main Street, Groton, MA 01450	978-448-5505
Greater Lowell Technical High School	250 Pawtucket Boulevard, Tyngsborough, MA 01879	978-454-5411
Highway	511 Main St. Dunstable, MA 01827	978-649-4514 X227
Inspections	511 Main St. Dunstable, MA 01827	978-649-4514 X226
Library	588 Main Street, Dunstable, MA 01827	978-649-7830
Planning and Conservation	511 Main St. Dunstable, MA 01827	978-649-4514 X230
Police	23 Pleasant Street, Dunstable, MA 01827	978-649-7445
Select Board	511 Main St. Dunstable, MA 01827	978-649-4514 X224
Senior Services and Recreation	511 Main St. Dunstable, MA 01827	978-649-4514 X223
Town Administrator	511 Main St. Dunstable, MA 01827	978-649-4514 X224
Town Clerk	511 Main St. Dunstable, MA 01827	978-649-4514 X222
Treasurer/Collector	511 Main St. Dunstable, MA 01827	978-649-4514 X228
Veterans Services	511 Main St. Dunstable, MA 01827	978-649-3919
Water	511 Main Street, Dunstable, MA 01827	978-649-4514 X249

Voter Registration
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Annual Town Meeting
Second Monday of May

Annual Town Election
Third Tuesday of May

Any Dunstable resident who is a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years old, is eligible to vote in Dunstable. If you are not yet 18 years old, but will be on or before the next election, you can register to vote by the deadline. You may also pre-register to vote if you are 16-17 years old.

Voters do not need to register annually. If voters continue to answer the annual town census and do not move to another town or city, they may continue to vote in Dunstable and participate in Town Meeting.

Prior to state and local elections, there is a deadline to register to vote for that election 10 days prior.

If you have any questions regarding voting - are you registered to vote in Dunstable, deadline to register, election dates, how to vote absentee or early, contact the Town Clerk's office at (978) 649-4514 Ext. 222 or townclerk@dunstable-ma.gov.

HOW TO REGISTER!

- Register online: visit https://www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/
- Register in-person: come to the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall, 511 Main Street, Dunstable
- Register by mail: visit https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/languages/register-by-mail-forms.htm
- Register to vote at the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Make sure you receive an acknowledgment notice from the registry that you are registered.

Setting Up Utilities

Town water distribution system is limited. You can view the distribution map at the Water Department's website listed below.

INTERNET, TV, PHONE

Spectrum
855.860.9068
www.spectrum.com/contact-spectrum

verizon
1-833-VERIZON
www.verizon.com/support/contact-us/

There is no Town sewer. For information on Town septic regulations, call the Board of Health at the number listed in this guide.

ELECTRIC

nationalgrid
1-800-322-3223
www.nationalgrid-massachusetts.custhelp.com/app/ask/p/33,36/

GAS

nationalgrid
1-877-696-4743
www.nationalgrid-massachusetts.custhelp.com/app/ask/p/33,35/

WATER

Town of Dunstable
Water Department
(978) 649-4514 ext. 249
www.dunstable-ma.gov/water-department

TRASH AND RECYCLING

Town of Dunstable
Health Department
(978) 649-4514, ext. 224
https://www.dunstable-ma.gov/board-health

Dunstable Public Schools

Dunstable is part of the Groton Dunstable Regional School District. The district is a partnership between the Towns of Groton and Dunstable, offering high-quality education to students from pre-kindergarten through high school. The district is known for its commitment to academic excellence, innovative programs, and fostering a strong sense of community among students, families, and staff.

GDRSD provides a comprehensive and challenging curriculum that prepares students for success in college, careers, and beyond. The district is proud of its high academic standards, with a consistent track record of students performing well in state assessments. The dedicated faculty and staff work collaboratively to support each student's learning, ensuring personalized attention and an inclusive environment.

GDRSD offers a wide range of programs that go beyond the traditional classroom experience. From STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) initiatives to advanced placement (AP) courses, students have access to diverse learning opportunities that foster critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills. The district also places a strong emphasis on social-emotional learning, ensuring that students develop not only academically but also as well-rounded individuals ready to meet the challenges of the future.

In addition to its strong academic offerings, GDRSD provides a wealth of extracurricular activities that enrich students' lives. From athletic programs and arts initiatives to clubs and community service opportunities, students are encouraged to pursue their interests and develop leadership skills. These programs foster teamwork, discipline, and a sense of belonging, helping to create a vibrant and engaging school culture.

As the Groton-Dunstable Regional School District continues to grow and evolve, it remains committed to its mission of providing exceptional education and fostering a supportive, inclusive, and engaging environment for all students.

- **Pre-K**: Boutwell School
- **K-4**: Swallow Union Elementary School
- **Grades 5-8**: Groton-Dunstable Middle School
- **Grades 9 -12**: Groton-Dunstable High School



GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

In addition, Greater Lowell Technical High School offers 24 vocational-technical programs and a wide range of academic classes to prepare students for a post-high school career, college, or both.