



TOWN OF MENDON

BOARD OF HEALTH

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On behalf of Mendon, the Board of Health would like to congratulate you on your new property purchase! We'd like to provide you some information that you may or may not know what the Board of Health oversees in town, and hope this helps you with some common areas that most residents didn't know. You may also visit our website for more detailed information by going to www.mendonma.gov/boh on these topics.

➤ TRASH & RECYCLING CURBSIDE SERVICES

The Town of Mendon has a Town Subscriber Service available to all residents. If any resident is interested in having weekly trash and recycling curbside services, they would need to contact the Board of Health and set-up an account. You may choose a different **Mendon Licensed Trash Hauler**, which a list is available on our website. **Please confirm with the Board of Health that the previous owner of the property has the service up to date to avoid service delays.**

➤ TEMPORARY DUMPSTER SERVICE

If the time comes that you're doing some work on your new home or doing a big spring cleanout, and decide that a dumpster would be easier to have on site, that would also need to be a **Mendon Licensed Trash Hauler**. A lot of residential permits that come through for home remodeling require all trash haulers/dumpster vendors be licensed in town. **Please review the Licensed Hauler's List to make sure you're using the approved vendor, so there won't be any delay in approving your permit.**

➤ SEPTIC SYSTEMS

If you have a septic system on the property, that too is also monitored by the Board of Health. Septic system inspections must occur within 2 years before or 6 months after property transfer. Just like trash haulers, anything to do with septic systems is required by law to be licensed in the town they provide services, especially those who pump septic systems and/or provide porta potty rentals to the resident. A list of **Mendon Licensed Septic Haulers** is also available on our website.

➤ PRIVATE WELL DRINKING WATER

Just because your water is clear and tastes good, doesn't mean it's safe. The only way to ensure it's free of contaminants and bacteria is to have your private well regularly tested. Even if you have a home water treatment system, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends you test your drinking water at least once a year. Unlike the Trash/Septic Haulers, the laboratory that tests your water does not need to be licensed in Mendon but does need to be **Certified by the State of Massachusetts as a laboratory for water testing**.

These are the most common, but not all, areas that the Mendon Board of Health monitors and oversees throughout the Town. If you have any questions regarding these or any other areas you would like more information on, please don't hesitate to call us or send us an email. We're here to help and to assist you in any way we can!

Sincerely,

Mendon Board of Health