

Wendell NET Drop Policy

Below is the Wendell NET policy outlining the eligibility criteria for a Town subsidy towards drop costs for each subscriber requiring installation during the upcoming broadband construction phase.

Subsidy Eligibility

A subsidy of up to \$1,600 will be applied towards the drop cost for each subscriber that activates their broadband service during the initial construction phase and commits to at least a year of service. This subsidy will be applied to the estimated costs of bringing fiber from the curb to the home in the most direct path and/or lowest cost option available as well as any in-home installation costs. If a specialized installation is desired, the subscriber will pay the difference between the "lowest cost" option and the option chosen. Examples of specialized installations include an underground installation when the lowest cost option is through an aerial connection, diversion of an underground conduit to go around a garden or other landscaping feature instead of going the shortest distance through it or installing in more than one room or floor. Subscribers can discuss these options and get estimates during their installation consultation. Any installation costs above the \$1,600 subsidy are the responsibility of the subscriber and will be paid directly to the town.

Multiple installations on one property: If a property owner has more than one structure or unit on the same property (e.g. duplex, home and guest cabin, home and apartment), and would like to receive service for both, each separate subscription will require its own installation. In this situation, if each service address takes service during the initial construction phase, and commits to at least a year of service, a \$1,600 subsidy will be applied to each installation. (Note: If one installation does not cost the full \$1,600, the remaining funds can be applied to the second installation, should that installation exceed the \$1,600 subsidy.) If a property owner would like to have fiber installed to additional structures/addresses on their property but are not taking service until a later date, they will be responsible for paying the full drop cost as estimated in the PPR. If a property owner foresees the potential for the future need of an additional drop to an existing structure, for example for the creation of an office or apartment, they could request a second installation, but since they would not be taking service immediately, the property owner would be responsible for the full drop cost.

Delayed Service

Residents who would like fiber to be installed, but do not want to activate service immediately, are not eligible for the subsidy, but may pay the full drop cost and still have fiber installed during initial construction.