

Town of Easton Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy

The following policy is approved by the Board of Selectmen:

As part of Easton's overall goals of conserving energy and resources, reducing waste, protecting public health and the environment, and promoting the use of clean technologies it shall be the policy of the Town of Easton to purchase only fuel-efficient vehicles for municipal use whenever such vehicles are commercially available and practicable.

Heavy-duty vehicles such as fire-trucks, ambulances, and public work trucks are exempt from this Policy. Police cruisers are also exempt from this criterion. However, the Town commits to purchasing fuel efficient cruisers when they become commercially available. Police Department administrative vehicles shall meet this fuel efficient policy.

The Town will maintain a vehicle inventory for non-exempt vehicles and a plan for replacing these vehicles with vehicles that meet the fuel efficiency ratings below. These fuel efficiency ratings are set to ensure that at least 5 or more automatic transmission models of mass production are available for sale in Massachusetts (all from affordable brands; no luxury brands).

Based on 2009 and 2008 EPA data, replacement vehicles for non-exempt vehicles are to have a combined city and highway MPG no less than the following:

- 2 wheel drive car: 29 MPG
- 4 wheel drive car: 24 MPG
- 2 wheel drive small pick-up truck: 20 MPG
- 4 wheel drive small pick-up truck: 18 MPG
- 2 wheel drive standard pick-up truck: 17 MPG
- 4 wheel drive standard pick-up truck: 16 MPG