

Comparison of allowable construction schedules in surrounding communities

Prepared March 2023

City	Weekdays	Saturdays	Sundays/Holidays	Off Hours Permit/Relief	Off Hours Granted By	Standard for Noise Relief	Additional Notes
Somerville	7am-7pm	9am-7pm	Not Allowed unless otherwise authorised by enforcing authority	Yes	Enforcing authority [ISD for building permits]	The public convenience and consultation with Ward Councilor	[Construction not creating a noise disturbance outside of hours is not unlawful]
Belmont	7am-8pm	7am-8pm	Not Allowed*	N/A	N/A	N/A	*Construction not exceeding normal noise standards are allowed outside of construction hours
Boston	7am-6pm	Not Allowed except by Off Hours Permit	Not Allowed except by Off Hours Permit	Yes	ISD Commissioner by Off Hours Permit	None	Off Hours Permit Renewable not exceeding 1 week
Braintree	7am-8pm	7am-8pm*	Not Allowed	N/A	N/A	N/A	*Text is written oddly, appears to say Saturday is a weekday?
Cambridge	7am-6pm	9am-6pm	9am-6pm	N/A	N/A	N/A	Restrictions do not apply to domestic power tools
Chelsea	7am-6pm	8am-4pm	Not Allowed except by Off Hours Permit	Yes	Director of Municipal Inspections by Off Hours Permit	The interests of public safety or welfare require such work to occur beyond the allowed hours.	Off Hours Permit Renewable not exceeding 1 week
Dedham	7am-9pm	7am-9pm	7am-9pm	Yes	Chief of Police, through MGL c. 136 s. 7 or 15		
Malden	7am-5pm	7am-5pm provided no excessive noise	Not Allowed	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Medford	7am-6pm	7am-6pm	7am-6pm	Yes	Chief of Police by After Hours Permit	Considering emergency of situation and reasonable necessity	
Melrose	7am-6pm	7am-6pm	7am-6pm	Yes	Building Commissioner by After Hours Permit	In cases of urgent necessity where loss or inconvenience would result to party in interest, provided public health and safety are not impaired.	After Hours Permit renewable in three day increments for emergency
Newton	7am-7pm	8am-7pm	Not Allowed except by Off Hours Permit	Yes	Mayor or designee by permit for exemption	(i) the extent of noise pollution caused by not requiring such compliance; and (ii) whether reasonable efforts have been made to abate the noise.	
Revere	8am-9pm	Not Allowed if plainly audible from the lot line, except by Special Permit	Not Allowed if plainly audible from the lot line, except by Special Permit	Yes	Inspector of Buildings by Special Permit	None listed in ordinance	Restrictions do not apply to domestic power tools
Salem	8am-5pm	8am-5pm	Not Allowed except by variance	Yes	Building inspector by variance	Requires notification to the policedepartment. Before a waiver is granted, the city council shall be notified that a waiver is being considered. A copy of any special variance issued by the building inspector pursuant to this subsection shall be forwarded to the city council. Work on Holiday or Sunday requires Council approval	
Waltham	7am-5pm	8am-4pm	Not Allowed	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Watertown	7am-7pm	8am-7pm	Not Allowed	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Winchester	7am-6pm	9am-5pm	Only when allowed by state law, only between 9am-5pm. Or by exemption	Yes	Police department by exemption.	Must be necessary to avoid, suffering, loss, camage, or public inconvenience.	Exemption in 1 day increments. Noise restrictions do not apply to construction to address emergencies that require immediate action to prevent or alleviate physical injury to a person(s) or damage or threatened damage to a property(ies), but only to the extent necessary to prevent or alleviate injury or loss.
Woburn	7am-7pm	7am-7pm	Not allowed except by Board of Health permit	Yes	Board of Health by permit	Determination that compliance in the conduct of such activity would cause undue hardship on the person or persons conducting such activity, or upon the community, taking into account the extent of noise pollution caused by not requiring compliance.	Emergency work exempt