

What are the current Transfer Station use fees?

Fee Type	FY2010
Sticker fee	\$155.00
Additional vehicle/trailer	\$ 40.00
Recycling-only sticker	\$ 25.00
5 Pack – Xtra Small Bags (8 gal)	\$ 3.00
5 Pack – Small Bags (14 gal)	\$ 5.00
5 Pack – Large Bags (30 gal)	\$ 10.00
One-trip disposal permit fee	\$ 40.00

What are the regular hours of operation at the Transfer Station?

The Wayland Transfer Station is open on Tuesday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Sudbury on Thursdays 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturdays from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm.

How do holidays affect the landfill hours of operation? When a holiday is celebrated on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday, the Transfer Station is open on a regular Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday schedule. When holidays such as the Fourth of July fall on a Tuesday or Thursday, the Transfer Station is closed the day of the holiday and is open the following day. If the holiday is celebrated on a Saturday, the Transfer Station is closed and no make-up time is given.

PAY-AS-YOU-THROW

Q: What is Pay-As-You-Throw?

A: 'Pay-As-You-Throw' is a variable-rate system that encourages households to recycle more and generate less trash. The cost savings are then passed on to the households as trash disposal costs are then distributed more equitably. Simply put, Pay-As-You-Throw is a system by which you pay for the trash you discard. The core idea of Pay-As-You-Throw is that *when you recycle more, and discard less trash, you pay less.*

More Information:

US EPA has a dedicated site on Pay As You Throw

<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/payt/intro.htm>

State DEP has PAYT information, focused on the practical benefits and logistics of setting up PAYT systems:

<http://www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/reduce/paytmuni.htm>

Here's a list of MA towns using PAYT, with contact names and numbers:

<http://www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/reduce/paytlist.xls>

The 'Reason Foundation' has an extensive independent study of Pay As You Throw:

<http://www.reason.org/files/cb914cdfff39846fc8a59f3620bfeeb4.pdf>

Q: How does PAYT work?

A: Under PAYT, the hauling and disposal cost, the variable cost, is covered by the special Town of Wayland trash bag revenue. The fixed operating costs, payroll and other expenses, is predominately covered by the sticker fee. The more we recycle, the less we have to spend on hauling and disposal.

Q: How does PAYT work in Wayland?

A: Users of the Transfer Station are required to dispose of their regular household trash in special Town of Wayland trash bags. There are three bag sizes available; a 14 gallon bag, a 30 gallon bag and an 8-gallon bag. A 5-pack of 14 gallon bags cost \$5.00 and a 5-pack of 30-gallon bags cost \$10.00. We now offer a 5-pack 8-gallon bag for \$3.00 (8-gallon bags are only at the DPW office in the Town Hall). There is no sales tax on the bags. The 14 & 30 gallon bags are available at the following locations:

Wayland: Whole Foods, Donelan's, Honey Farms, DPW office Town Hall

Lincoln: Donelan's

Natick: Stop & Shop, BJ's

Sudbury: Sudbury Farms

Q: Are there any additional charges for recycling?

A: Since a goal of PAYT is to increase recycling, there is no additional charge for recycling, over and above the sticker fee. In fact, recycling revenue will go towards offsetting sticker fees for the following year.

Q: What about people who currently use barrels instead of trash bags?

A: All trash must be in the Wayland PAYT bags. You may place the filled PAYT bags in a barrel to protect them from wildlife. Loose trash in a barrel will not be allowed to dump at the Transfer Station.

Q: What if I don't have the proper bag?

A: You will not be able to dispose of your trash at the Transfer Station unless it is in a Town of Wayland PAYT bag.

Q: How many PAYT bags can we be able to dispose of each week?

A: There is no limit on how many PAYT bags you bring to the Transfer Station each week for disposal. The PAYT bag program is designed to offset the cost of the trash disposal, so each taxpayer controls how much they spend for their own trash disposal.

Q: What's the environmental benefit?

A: Experience has shown that total trash volumes drop quickly, significantly, and sustainably with PAYT systems. That means less environmental damage caused by trash disposal, trash collection, and the production of goods in the first place.

Households react to PAYT by using less packaging, reusing grocery bags, and composting and recycling more. More recycling reduces the need for "virgin" resources extracted from forests, oil reserves and mines, so we use less energy, reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and other air and water pollutants, and conserve natural resources.

More on environmental benefits at: http://www.nerc.org/topic_areas/climate_change.html

Q: What's the financial benefit to households?

Households now have control of their disposal costs, instead of being forced to subsidize households that choose to throw out more than they do. Households can adjust their trash disposal costs simply by creating less waste: by choosing purchasing options that use less packaging, and by reusing, recycling or composting what they might otherwise throw out.