

TRANSFER STATION FAQs

What are the current Transfer Station Fees?

A: The Transfer Station offers several different stickers to best fit your needs.

FY2020	
Full Sticker.....	\$165.00
Additional vehicle or trailer.....	\$ 35.00
One-trip Fee.....	\$ 40.00

Why have the fees increased?

A: Rising costs associated with the worldwide depression in the recyclables market have resulted in a dramatic increase in recycling processing and disposal costs. To ensure the long-term viability of the Transfer Station, the Board of Public Works has elected to implement an increase in fees for fiscal year 2020.

The Recycle-Only sticker has been eliminated for fiscal year 2020. Historically, single-stream recycling was significantly cheaper than household trash to process. Recent dramatic increases in the cost to process single-stream recycling have made its processing cost nearly equal to that of household trash. As such, it has become financially unfeasible offer the option of a Recycle-Only sticker for FY2020.

Per-item and volume-based fees have also been implemented for bulky waste. Costs to dispose of bulky waste items (non-recyclables too large to fit in PAYT bags) have risen significantly. To address this increase, the Board of Public Works has instituted a per-item and volume-based fee **structure that can be found here on the Transfer Station website**. Residents with an active Transfer Station sticker may pay these fees at the Transfer Station at the time of disposal. These fees do not apply to single-stream recycling or household trash in PAYT bags.

How do I purchase a Transfer Station Permit Sticker?

A: Permit stickers can be purchased at the Transfer Station at 484 Boston Post Road. You can pay for your sticker with check or credit card. Stickers may also be purchased online via credit card at <https://www.wayland.ma.us/transfer-station-recycling-center>

Are special bags required to dispose of trash at the transfer station?

A: Yes, 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, and there is no sales tax on the bags. They are offered in 3 different sizes: Small (8 gal) for \$5.00 per 5-Pack, Medium (14 gal) for \$7.50 per 5-Pack, and Large (30 gal) for \$12.50 per 5-Pack. They are available at a number of stores in and around Wayland, as well as at the Recreation Department at the Town Building and the DPW Office at 66 River Road.

Trash Bags are available for purchase at:

Honey Farms	114 Main St, Wayland
Donelan’s	177 Commonwealth Ave, Wayland
Stop & Shop	400 Boston Post Road, Wayland
Stop & Shop	235 Old Connecticut Path, Framingham
Wayland Ace Hardware	70 Andrew Ave, Wayland

Please note that the small 8-gallon bags are only available at the DPW Office: 66 River Road, or the Recreation Department: 2nd floor, Town Building.

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

A: The Wayland Transfer Station is open on Tuesday from 8:00am to 4:00pm, on Thursday 7:00am to 4:00pm, and Saturday 7:00am to 4:00pm.

How do holidays affect the Transfer Station hours of operation?

A: When a holiday is celebrated on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, the Transfer Station maintains its regular hours of operation. When a holiday occurs on a Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday, the Transfer Station is closed on the day of the holiday and will re-open on the next scheduled Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday.

How do you recycle electronics?

A: Electronics Recycling Day is hosted on the first Saturday of every month. Residents may bring their electronic items (televisions, air conditioners, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, computers, and monitors) and dispose of them for \$25 per item, \$45 per CRT TV or monitor.

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 reduced trash disposal costs. 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*. A graphic indicating what can and cannot be recycled can be found [here on the Transfer Station website](#).

How does 'Pay-As-You-Throw' (PAYT) work?

A: Under PAYT, the hauling and disposal costs, and the variable cost, are covered by the revenue generated by sales of the special Town of Wayland trash bags. The fixed operating costs, payroll, and other operating expenses are covered by the Transfer Station ticker fee. The more we recycle, the less we have to spend on the hauling and disposal.

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

A: All trash must be in the special Town of Wayland PAYT trash bags. You may place the filled PAYT bags in a barrel, but loose trash in a barrel or other receptacle will not be allowed to be dumped at the Transfer Station.

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.

How many PAYT bags are we able to dispose of on each trip?

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

What is 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 respond to PAYT programs 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 the emission of greenhouse gases as well as other air and water pollutants, and conserve natural resources.

What is the benefit to households?

A: 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, e.g. by choosing purchasing options that use less packaging, and by reusing, recycling, or composting what they might otherwise throw out.