



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Trash and Recycling Program Rate and Fee Changes effective July 1, 2023

1. What rates and fees are increasing?

Annual rate of \$250 is increasing to **\$280**.

- The annual fee is billed quarterly, so you will see the change from \$62.50/quarter to \$70/quarter.

Recycling Center Items

- Bulk waste fee is increasing from \$15/yd³ to **\$20/yd³**.
- Mattress & box spring fee is increasing from \$15/item to **\$25/item**.
- Electronics will have a new fee of **\$5/item**.

2. Why do we need to increase the rates?

- Our contract costs with our trash/recycling disposal and hauling companies increase annually.
- The recycling market has experienced several years of volatility. Recyclables were a revenue stream but have become an expense.
- The cost of mattress recycling has doubled in the past year.

3. When was the last time the rates were increased?

- The rates were last increased in July 2005. The cost increased from \$150/household to \$250/household.

4. Are the pay-as-you-throw (yellow bag) fees changing?

No.

5. I have a mattress and/or box spring, how can I get rid of it?

You may use one of your 4 annually allotted Special Item Pickups, or you may bring it to the Recycling Center for a fee of \$25/item. For Special Item Pickups, appointments are required. Please call Lawrence Waste Services to schedule a pickup 508-533-5200. Refer to the Curbside Chronicle for details.

6. I have a bulk item, how can I get rid of it?

You may dispose of one small bulk item with your weekly curbside pickup. You may dispose of 4 large bulk items per year through the Special Item Pickup option. You may bring bulk items to the Recycling Center for a fee of \$20 per cubic yard. Please follow the guidance listed on the Curbside Chronicle.

7. What is an "electronic" item, and how can I get rid of it?

At this time, electronics are considered "items with a screen" such as televisions, computers, and laptops. You may bring these to the Recycling Center for a fee of \$5 per item.

The Department of Public Works Staff works diligently to provide the most cost effective and environmentally conscience options to Medway residents. Acceptable items may change based on the rules and requirements of the final recycling vendor.

8. Where can I learn more information?

www.townofmedway.org Trash and Recycling link  .

Call the DPW Office at 508-533-3275, or email dpw@townofmedway.org.