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Town of Milton Announces Changes to the Pay-As-You-Throw Program

(April 19, 2019) – On March 27, 2019, the Select Board approved changes in Milton’s Pay-As-You-Throw program for trash. The changes reaffirm the Town’s goal to reduce trash while fairly distributing the cost of waste disposal. Under the new program:

- Households will be billed annually for trash and recycling pickup at a rate of \$156/year. The fee will replace the annual trash sticker.
- In June and July, the Town will furnish **one (1) black 35-gallon cart** for trash to each household billed. These carts are slightly smaller than the recycling carts, in order to be accessible to the largest number of residents and encourage waste reduction.
- Like the Town recycling carts, these carts will be Town property. The Town will provide any necessary maintenance or replacement.
- Pay-As-You-Throw stickers will not be required in trash that is placed in Town carts.
- Pay-As-You-Throw stickers will still be available and required for additional bags or barrels of trash, and for bulky items.
- A discount is available for residents who will be at or over the age of 65 on July 1, 2019. The Trash Fee Abatement Application is available in the offices of the DPW, Town Hall, the Senior Center, and online. Please be prepared to provide **proof of Milton residency and proof of age** (Birth Certificate, Driver’s License, Passport, or other legal document containing date of birth and legal address).
- Households may opt out of the 35-gallon cart and trash bill. Households that opt out may still use \$3 stickers to set out trash. You may opt out by filing an abatement application with the Department of Public Works by June 1. The form is available in the offices of the DPW, Town Hall, the Senior Center, and online. You must provide proof of residency to opt out, such as a driver’s license or recent utility or tax bill (within 60 days). **If you do not opt out by June 1, the Town will provide you a cart and mail you a trash bill.**
- The Trash Fee Abatement Application is available at this link:
https://www.townofmilton.org/sites/miltonma/files/uploads/trash_fee_abatement_application_0.pdf

The Town will also notify residents by mail of this program change.



Frequently Asked Questions

What else is changing about the collection program?

Trash that is placed in the 35-gallon cart will NOT require a \$3 trash sticker. All other trash will still require \$3 stickers. This includes loose bags, trash in other barrels, and bulky items.

Your collection schedule and the items that can be recycled will remain the same, and trash still needs to have a sticker. Items should still be out by 7am on trash day.

When will the carts be delivered?

The Town anticipates that the carts will be delivered in late June, contingent on manufacturer availability.

What if my trash doesn't fit in the cart?

You are still permitted to dispose of as much trash as you may need to. All trash that is not in the 35-gallon cart must have a \$3 sticker. Please fill the cart first, then set out additional bags or barrels with stickers if necessary.

What are the requirements for the senior discount?

To receive the senior discount, a resident must be 65 years of age or older on July 1, 2019. The Town will request proof of age such as birth certificate or driver's license. There are no other requirements to receive the senior discount.

I have a lot of trash stickers. May I apply them to my trash bill?

Trash stickers cannot be applied as payment to the trash bill. Trash stickers will still be usable for trash that is set out in addition to the Town cart, and for bulky items.

Can I opt out of the program?

Yes. You may opt out by filing an opt-out form with the Department of Public Works. If you choose to opt out, you may still set out trash with \$3 stickers, but will not receive a cart. The form can be found at this link:

https://www.townofmilton.org/sites/miltonma/files/uploads/trash_fee_abatement_application_0.pdf

If I opt out, will I ever be allowed to opt back in?

Yes. Details about opting in to the program will be forthcoming.

I live in a condominium association or have private collection. Does the cart program apply to me?

Please contact your condominium association or management office for information about waste collection in your association.

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What do I do with my old barrel?

Your old barrel is your personal property. We welcome you to keep it and use it for yard waste, storage or other use. You may also dispose of your old barrel by placing one \$3 sticker on the outside of it and setting it out empty on your trash day.

What items can I put in the cart?

Regular household trash may be placed in the cart. While not required, we recommend you use trash bags to prevent odor or mess in the cart.

Who owns the carts? Why do they have serial numbers?

The carts are property of the Town of Milton. If you move, the cart must remain at the address to which it was distributed. You may personalize your cart with a decal or sticker, but do not mark up the carts with paint or markers.

Each cart is associated with a household, and serial numbers are used to match carts to households and keep track of the fleet of carts. Radio Frequency Identification tags (RFID) and serial numbers associated with each cart help the Town track maintenance and location information of the carts. No personal information about cart users is tracked by the RFID tags.

What if my cart is damaged or goes missing?

Since the carts are Town property, the Town will help repair or replace carts that are damaged during regular operations or go missing. If you believe your cart is missing or stolen, you should file a police report, then contact DPW and provide the Incident Number on the report to ask for a replacement.

When can I use the cart?

You can use your cart immediately after you receive it on your next waste pickup day. Remember that all trash that is not in the cart will still require a \$3 sticker.

How do I contact DPW?

More information about trash and recycling is available on the Town website. Navigate to townofmilton.org, hover over “Departments”, and click “Recycling” or visit townofmilton.org/department-public-works.

To ask a question or report a missed pickup you can always call DPW at 617-898-4900 (press 1 for the trash line).