

Coming September 1, 2010

Pay by Bag

A new trash disposal system for Hopkinton

Introducing Pay by Bag

Beginning this September, the cost of Hopkinton's trash disposal will be borne by a "user fee" system called Pay by Bag. This system requires that household waste be disposed of in special bags. Voters approved this new way of paying for trash disposal at the 2010 Town Meeting.

The idea is simple: You pay only for your own trash disposal. Those who generate more trash pay more. Those who recycle, compost and take other steps to reduce their trash pay less.

ONLY these special bags will be accepted at the transfer station or by your waste hauler. The bag price covers the cost of handling, transporting and disposing of the bag once it is filled. You have the option of recycling at "no cost" many of the things you may now be throwing away. *No special bags will be needed for recycling.*

The cost of the bags will be \$1.25 for a 33-gallon bag and \$0.75 for a 13-gallon bag. You will be able to purchase them from retailers in town and other local stores. **Stay tuned for more details.**



AND SAVE AS YOU THROW!

See below to learn how you can *save as you throw*.

KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT OF YOUR SPECIAL BAGS AND SAVE MONEY

Recycling will help save you the cost of buying extra bags. You'll also be helping the environment and reducing the amount of waste the town has to pay to dispose of.

Save as you throw by recycling the following:

Recyclable:	Include items such as:	Please note:
Paper	Newspaper, magazines, junk mail, cereal and other food boxes, school papers, 6-pack carriers, etc. Anything that tears.	All paper materials should be clean and dry.
Corrugated Cardboard	Cardboard boxes	Empty and flatten boxes. Clean and dry only.
Plastic Bottles and Jugs (#1 and #2 only)	Beverage containers (water, soda, energy drink, milk, etc.) dish soap, laundry detergent, shampoo bottles, etc.	Only bottles and jugs labeled with a #1 or #2 on the bottom. Separate by number. Remove caps and rinse. Do NOT include other plastic containers (even if labeled #1 or 2).
Aluminum Cans	Beverage containers (beer, soda, etc)	Empty and rinse clean.
Steel Cans	Soup, tuna fish, vegetable, cat and dog food cans, etc. Empty aerosol cans. Metal lids and caps.	Rinse food cans. Remove plastic caps from aerosol cans.
Glass	Bottles, jars, windows, dishes, ceramics, etc.	No need to separate by color. No windshield reinforced glass or light bulbs.
Electronics	Cell phones, rechargeable batteries, televisions, computers and accessories, VCRs, DVD players, stereos, radios, etc.	Most items with a cord or batteries accepted. See attendant first.

Some other ways to save as you throw:___

- Compost your food waste
- Purchase items with less, or no packaging (e.g. buy non-perishable items in bulk)
- Use reusable shopping bags
- Buy durable products - maintain and repair them to ensure longer life
- Buy only what you need and borrow or rent items you don't use often
- Donate reusable items to Goodwill or other secondhand shops.

Click [HERE](#) for a list of additional items that can be recycled.

