Westford Resident Pay-As-You-Throw, Trash Fee & Curbside Collections Preferences Survey

Survey collected responses from October 15, 2024, through November 4th, 2024. Survey was promoted through Town's website, social media accounts, WestfordCAT, and via community group channels. Data below is filtered to include only responses from Westford residents from households eligible to receive curbside collection services for trash and/or recycling services. Questions 7, 8 and 9 included "other" responses, which are included at the end of this report.

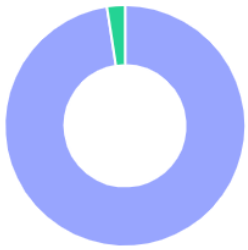
Respondent summary (includes all responses, unfiltered)

De-duplication	Submissions Started	With at least one response	Submission Completes	Completion Rate	Total Data Points Collected
On	1,596	1,462	1,298	81.33%	15,531
Off	1,834	1,647	1,444	78.74%	17,419

Question #1 – Own or Rent

Do you own or rent your home?

SINGLE SELECT



ANSWER OPTION	COUNT	PERCENTAGE
Own	1393	95.67%
Rent	34	2.34%
Total	**1427**	

Question #2 – Size of Household

How many people, including children, live in your household?

SINGLE SELECT

ANSWER OPTION	COUNT	PERCENTAGE
1	87	5.96%
2	420	28.79%
3-4	722	49.49%
5-6	192	13.16%
More than 6	10	0.69%
Total	**1431**	

Question #3 – Home Type

This question was used to filter for household types eligible to receive curbside collection. It excludes responses from residents of multi-family units of 4 or larger, who are not eligible to receive service per Select Board policy. It also excludes responses from residents of Housing Authority properties where dumpster service is provided.

Please select the option that best describes your home.

SINGLE SELECT

ANSWER OPTION	COUNT	PERCENTAGE
Detached single family home	1347	92.13%
Detached condominium	30	2.05%
Multi-family attached (2-3 units in total)	44	3.01%
Multi-family (4 or more units in total)	0	0%
Guest cottage, house, or apartment (accessory dwelling unit to a single family home)	2	0.14%
Other (please specify)	10	0.68%
Total	**1433**	

Question #3 – continued

Text responses included in "Other"

TEXT RESPONSE	COUNT
attached condominium	1
condo	1
condominium	1
detached home with an in-law (not sure if that's considered multi-family)	1
duplex	1
farm facility	1
home with attached in-law	1
main house with apartment for elder	1
rent rooms in single family house	1
side by side condos. 4-5 units per building.	1

Question #4 – Trash Disposal Changes with New Hauler

The Town has seen a significant decrease in tonnage of trash in the first three months of collection with E.L. Harvey. This question is intended to determine whether the increased enforcement or new hauler practices have contributed to this shift.

The Town implemented changes to the curbside collection service on July 1, 2024. This included enforcing existing container size and volume limitations. As a result, has your household reduced the amount of trash (excluding bulky waste like furniture) you dispose of in a typical week?

SINGLE SELECT

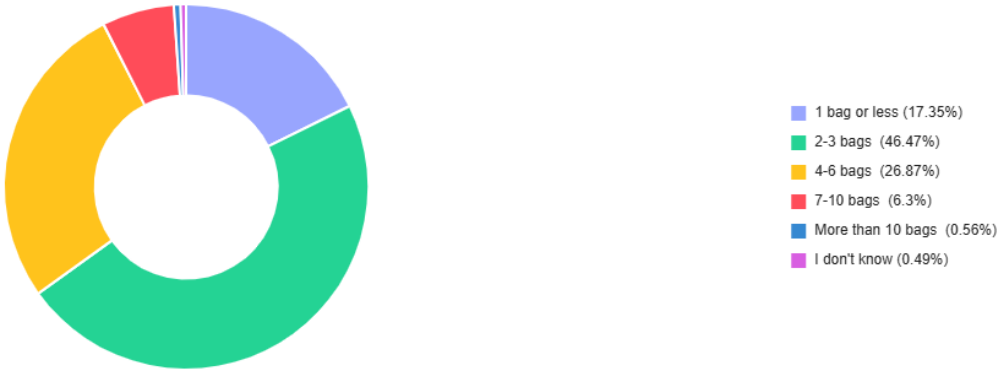
ANSWER OPTION	COUNT	PERCENTAGE
Yes, by a significant amount	44	3.01%
Maybe a little	245	16.76%
We haven't changed our behavior at all	1036	70.86%
I was not aware of any changes	106	7.25%
My household does not receive Town solid waste collection	2	0.14%
Total	**1433**	

Question #5 – Typical Weekly Disposal (estimated by bag)

A typical 35-gallon cart holds 1-3 13-gallon tall kitchen trash bags; a 65-gallon cart will hold up to 6 bags; a 95-gallon cart will hold up to 10 bags. 64% of respondents indicated their typical weekly trash would fit within a 35-gallon container.

How many tall kitchen garbage bags (13-gallon) does your household dispose of in the trash in a typical week? (please don't include occasional high-volume weeks, special occasions or seasonal cleaning...just a normal week)

SINGLE SELECT



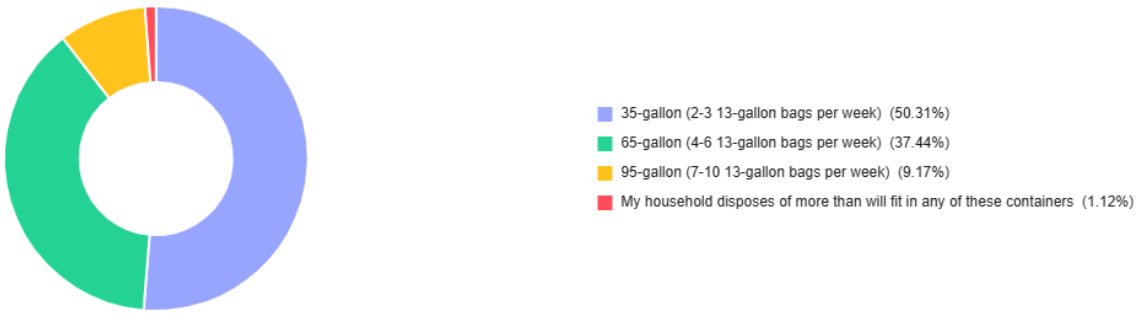
ANSWER OPTION	COUNT	PERCENTAGE
1 bag or less	248	17.35%
2-3 bags	664	46.47%
4-6 bags	384	26.87%
7-10 bags	90	6.3%
More than 10 bags	8	0.56%
I don't know	7	0.49%
Total	**1401**	

Question #6 - Typical Weekly Disposal (estimated by cart size)

When using the graphical comparison, 50% of respondents indicated a 35-gallon cart works for a typical week, while 87% of respondents can fit all typical household trash in a 65-gallon cart.

Using the graphic above as a guide, in a TYPICAL week, which is the smallest cart pictured above would BEST MEET the needs of your household?

SINGLE SELECT



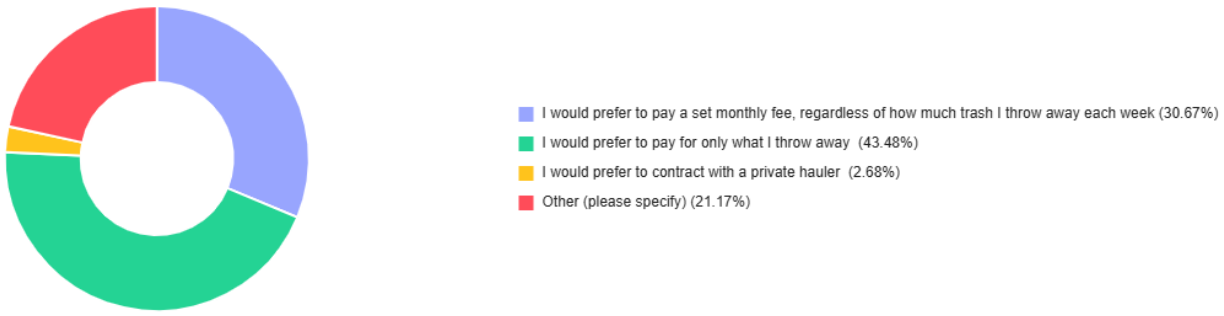
ANSWER OPTION	COUNT	PERCENTAGE
35-gallon (2-3 13-gallon bags per week)	719	50.31%
65-gallon (4-6 13-gallon bags per week)	535	37.44%
95-gallon (7-10 13-gallon bags per week)	131	9.17%
My household disposes of more than will fit in any of these containers	16	1.12%
Total	**1401**	

Question #7 – PAYT Preferences

Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) programs charge households based on what they throw in the trash. Special bags are the most common programs, although hybrid programs using different cart sizes and overflow bags are in use around Massachusetts. PAYT programs are proven to reduce municipal trash tonnages. Text responses for residents who selected "other" are included at the end of this report.

Please select the answer that you MOST AGREE WITH if a fee-for-service system were to be implemented.

SINGLE SELECT



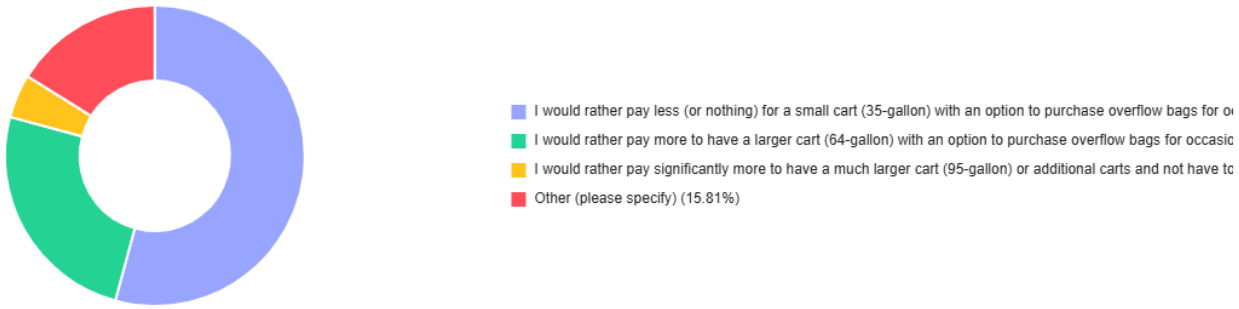
ANSWER OPTION	COUNT	PERCENTAGE
I would prefer to pay a set monthly fee, regardless of how much trash I throw away each week	400	30.67%
I would prefer to pay for only what I throw away	567	43.48%
I would prefer to contract with a private hauler	35	2.68%
Other (please specify)	276	21.17%
Total	**1278**	

Question #8 – Fee-for-service Preferences

A standard fee-for-service approach (i.e., all eligible households pay a set amount for a specific cart size) is an option for the Town. One option would be to offer a smaller cart under the existing tax levy with no charge, while other options may include offering larger carts on a fee basis. Text responses for residents who selected "other" are included at the end of this report.

Please select the option that BEST DESCRIBES how your household would prefer the Town to approach a potential curbside service fee on a monthly or annual basis for trash and recycling collection with standardized carts.

SINGLE SELECT



ANSWER OPTION	COUNT	PERCENTAGE
I would rather pay less (or nothing) for a small cart (35-gallon) with an option to purchase overflow bags for occasional use	693	53.18%
I would rather pay more to have a larger cart (64-gallon) with an option to purchase overflow bags for occasional use	318	24.41%
I would rather pay significantly more to have a much larger cart (95-gallon) or additional carts and not have to worry about overflow	60	4.6%
Other (please specify)	206	15.81%
Total	**1277**	

Question #9 – Overflow and Excess Trash Preferences

There are numerous options for disposing of excess waste. Since Westford does not have a transfer station, options considered must be able to be done through curbside collection. As options increase, though, so do costs to administer and maintain the program. Text responses for residents who selected "other" are included at the end of this report.

We recognize that there are times that every household has more trash than usual, such as after a party or holiday event, seasonal cleaning, or having visitors. Our current program doesn't offer a good option for occasional excess trash. To help us do better, please choose the option that BEST DESCRIBES how your household would prefer to dispose of these occasional extra bags of trash.

SINGLE SELECT

ANSWER OPTION	COUNT	PERCENTAGE
Buy a roll of overflow bags and place as many bags as I need curbside over the allotted cart limit	827	63.47%
Pay more on a monthly or annual basis to have a LARGER cart that is always available for my use	86	6.6%
Pay more on a monthly or annual basis to have an ADDITIONAL cart that is always available for my use	62	4.76%
I don't need any additional trash disposal or can make my own arrangements for collection	125	9.59%
Other (please specify)	177	13.58%
Total	**1277**	

Question #7 - PAYT Preferences

$11000 in yearly taxes should cover it

I feel we shouldnâ€™t pay any more than we currently do. Westford has high taxes and this should be taken care of for the amount of money that is paid towards our taxes.

Do not prefer to pay!!

I would prefer the current approach

I prefer to keep the trash included in the town taxes.

I donâ€™t know what my answer would be without knowing costs and what the system is like for how you just pay per volume.

None of the above

I would prefer to not pay additional money for trash pickup since I already pay $11000/year in taxes. The fact that not paying for pickup is not given as an option is assanine

No cost!!!

Keep the program as is.

First barrel free. Pay for excess.

This should be include in our taxes. Where is that option?

The town should provide this service without an extra fee. If there is an extra fee, our real estate taxes should be reduced by that amount

Same as current

Need more information to make an informed decision

I do not agree at all - charge those who need more than a minimum that would continue to be fully covered within the property taxes we pay.

I prefer to keep it as is!!

I donâ€™t want to pay anymore. I feel my taxes are more than high enough. What u pay already should be more then entry cover my trash pickup.

I would prefer to pay taxes which cover essential municipal services. The town should avoid boondooggles like buying a house for "This Old House" and asking for overrides in years when we should easily pass a budget.

leave the trash the way it is..

I would prefer to continue trash pickup to be included with my taxes as it currently is.

There should be no fee

Whichever is cheapest

You just signed a new contract for trash. Why this now? Keep it as it is

We prefer the system remains as is

Donâ€™t want additional fees

I pay high taxes for this service already

Our property tax should adequately cover it

Pay yearly with a dump

None

Prefer no fee for service

I do not wish to pay

This like other towns is being done at s time which coincides with the rejection of an override by making the taxpayer pay to free up the existing money on trash pickup to make up for rejection of the override. Leave it the way it is in

Prefer it stays the way it currently it. Make budget cuts elsewhere. On non essential, non safety areas.

I'd have to see numbers for a monthly fee and pay for what we throw out.

My taxes increased year-over -year by 8.4% with no improvements to the property. It is ludicrous that you would even consider charging for trash pick-up.

Seriously! We already pay a high tax burden which includes trash and recycle pickup. I am opposed to any further tax fees!

No fees

I pay taxes for trash disposal. Unless you reduce my taxes the current option should stay as is

Leave it as it is

Keep as part of my taxes

What are aour taxes going to be reduced by with the options?

because the fee now is lumped in with our taxes I have no idea what we basically pay and would need more information.

I prefer the current system even though what I pay in taxes is probably helping someone else since we donâ€™t have much trash.

Already pay via tax $$

We pay enough tax to cover this

It depends on the fee structure. I would *not* want a private hauler.

Westford has tried fee-based trach pick-up, household private contracting and it is unappealing. On the other hand I travel a lot (6 months of the year and and don't believe I should pay during that time.)

Pay a monthly fee, BUT, I would prefer to take my own trash and recyclables to the dump for free.

I like they way we do it now.

I have more often than not half full 13 gallon trash bag per week. I donâ€™t see why I should incur increase cost. I think people who have at least one or two 13 gallon bags picked up at no cost then charge a fee to households that have over and above 2 13 gallon bags. Or more than the smallest container pictured on the previous page

Iâ€™d prefer for trash/recycling pick up to remain the same. Zero reason to change it.

I will fight against this.

I do not agree with a trash fee.

Prefer our taxes continue to cover service. We pay extremely high tsxes

Stay how it is

Cheapest option, if significantly cheaper

I would like a volume limit.

Do not want to pay to throw my trash away

Donâ€™t agree with any fee for trash

Only pay through my taxes

I donâ€™t want another bill to have to manage

Our taxes pay for trash removal

I would prefer a free service

I would prefer no changes to the existing payment structure.

Current situation. Trash fee included in recycling

A fee is ridiculous!

In principle Iâ€™m ok with paying a variable fee but I donâ€™t want it to be a hassle

No fee

Sounds like this is going to be shoved down our throats no matter what we do

I would prefer to have kept the past vendor. Redirect funds from town government services if necessary to keep contract.

No change

I'd prefer to let my taxes pay for it?

I would prefer it to remain as it is

Leave current system - no change

Keep it the way it is. Taxes pay for it.

I prefer to not pay anything! (status quo)

Leave the program as is!

no change from now. Prefer no additional fee for trash

None of the above. My $13k/year in taxes should cover this

No fee

I expect that for the amount of taxes we pay that trash pickup will be included in those taxes

Keep it the same

I believe the town can find other ways to meet budgetary needs not charge for trash collection

I would prefer not to change the current system

Pay vis property tax to ensure the beauty of Westford is maintained by preventing trash from being dumped in our open spaces

No change.

As long as payment can be automated i don't care if it's fixed amount or variable based on my trash volume

I do not support any of these options

Leave it the way it is or reduce the real estate tax. You canâ€™t have it both ways.

Remain the same as today

LEAVE THE TRASH PICK UP ALONE!! STOP THIS NONSENCE WITH PAY AS YOU THROW! JUST A LARGER EXPENSE FOR RESIDENSE ON TOP OF TAXES!!

Included in huge property taxes I pay. Do not go to pay for trash it will turn town into dump as seen in other communities that may people pay for pickup DO NOT CHANGE

Should have alternative free landfill

I would prefer to have new leadership in the town

no fee! we pay enough in taxes. this is just another gabage fee tack on to already high taxes

Pay by the number if children enrolled in school

I. Would prefer not to pay. Our taxes are high enough

We pay enough taxes already. Trash SHOULD be included.

I would prefer to not have to pay any more with the amount we already pay in property taxes

I prefer the system as is

We already paid too much for what is a horrible service

I prefer to pay nothing as my tax must cover this. If not do budget cutting and eliminate library spending

The current arrangement that is paid for by taxes. If you move off of this, I would expect a tax reduction. Fire a few town employees if necessary to fund trash and recycling.

I donâ€™t prefer to pay for this at all

I prefer my landlord pay for trash disposal considering the large amount of rent paid

Should be covered by property taxes

No fee

I would prefer to not pay and keep things as they are

Why is this even being discussed ? I am already paying for trash removal with my (already too high) taxes. A contract with the new vendor was just negoitated. We can make cuts from DEI and Climate budgets. I'm sure there is significant wasteful spending thought the town's budget.

keep it the same

All households should get one barrel full free and then pay for over that

Why should we be paying more money when we pay so much for taxes?

I don't want a fee-for-service. This idea is horrible.

I donâ€™t agree with paying a fee for trash pickup when it should be covered in taxes

I'd like to just pay for what I throw away. But mostly - I do not want to have to think or organize paying for this, so maybe your 'pay set monthly fee, regardless of how much trash' would fit. Our usage is 3 35 gal /wk.

None. Prefer it remain part of the budget as it always has been.

I prefer to continue to not pay as we do now.

I am in favor of paying only for what I throw away. However need to understand how each household would be individually pay

I prefer no change to the current system.

Trash service is part of the taxes I pay to the Town. If there are substantial changes to the trash collection I would expect to see a reduction in my tax bill. In the latest change the Town saw a reduction in the costs associated with trash collection and increased revenue with added fees. I would have expected to pay less tax as a result. Furthermore, as we don't have options to dispose items at a collection center reduction in service will increase the costs to the taxpayers.

I don't want to pay a fee, we don't throw out much and I don't want any additional busywork and bills to remember to pay.

I think the town should have a transfer station.

i would prefer to not pay separately for trash and keep it as it is as part of our taxes

This is the dumbest s*** i ever heard get your f***ing s***. Acting like this is a third world country f***ing town put an override in with out all the f***ing fluff of other bulls*** we donâ€™t need if we canâ€™t afford trash pickup what a joke. How are you guys spending our money.

Town provided as it is now

I would prefer to pay on usage, but only if that payment can be automatic and require no effort, otherwise fixed monthly fee

Prefer current system as trash disposal covered in our property taxes

Survey responses are skewed towards PAYT options. I would prefer that a service like trash collection be funded with my property taxes like it currently is.

Think given our taxes, trash and recycling should be free

I don't feel this fee is reasonable given what we pay on taxes already

Current property tax system for scale of Westford for negations

Please keep trash pick up as-is. Otherwise I would prefer to take the trash in my car to the transfer station. I'm not paying ONE PENNY for trash pickup.

I would prefer to keep things the way they are. Otherwise it will be another new additional cost to live in Westford

No fee, included in taxes

I donâ€™t think I should pay for any trash being removed from my home. I pay enough taxes. The town needs to cut their budget. I also want to say that I drive around a lot and I can tell you that the new haulers are continuing picking up more then 3 barrels. My neighbor has Never recycled a day in their life yet there garbage still gets picked up. I was told I need to leave my recyclable containers out or else my garbage wouldnâ€™t be picked up. I watch all select board meetings and you caution us all but the haulers are not enforcing it at all!

I would prefer that itâ€™s included in our taxes

I dont mind for paying for what I throw but those trash bags are a pain, so what about everyone gets 1 large trash can for free and a 2nd trashcan has a fee

I pay taxes

The taxes I pay for never using the school system, should at least cover my trash and recycling pickups.

I pay enough in Taxes. We need better leadership. The old trash company was fine.

Opposed to fee based pick up

Continue with current program

I do not want to see any changes unless any reduction in quantity is reflected in our tax rate.

Are taxes going down?

Continue what we have today

Without seeing the costs for each option I canâ€™t decide

My family is very efficient with our waste. We recycle what we can including recyclable food. I am not in favor of a fee because we are already doing things as efficiently as possible. However we will pay a fee if necessary to make sure the town doesnâ€™t go broke.

No preference, I can work with either option.

Would prefer to use current system

Trash removal should be a town provided service covered through our taxes. There should not be a â€œuse feeâ€â€™or per bag fee or partial payer fee. When you start to allocate town services based on use you go town a slippery slope. Will this next apply to use of the senior center, the number of children you have in school, how frequently a resident uses the library?

I donâ€™t like this idea

I would prefer one barrel included. Anything more extra fee

Not sure, I don't pay

I would prefer not adding a new fee

I think that you should tax the poor

No more fees taxes are high enough

why canâ€™t we keep what we have now?

I prefer not to pay anything

No fee, our taxes are very high , people need to recycle , we are lucky to have a mixed recycling makes things easy.

Prefer no change, taxes are already extraordinary taking away services is not reasonable

The town should live within its means.

I want the current status quo to be maintained

I would prefer not to have to pay for my trash disposal.

Keep it the way it is

How is it paid now?

Prefer the collection we received before the July 1st changes.

Iâ€™d prefer to keep the trash pick up the same. I pay enough in taxes to this town to not lose this benefit. Itâ€™s bad enough the override didnâ€™t pass and we are already losing other municipal benefits in town that goes beyond just educational resources.

I would prefer to not pay more money or be restricted on how much I can throw away

I'd prefer it were still covered by my taxes! I have a barrel that the hauler can automatically pick up. That's the first step. They destroyed my 35 and replaced it with a 65, with automation, they pick that up just fine and then you'd pay for the average. The process in the fall for yard waste is a joke, fix that.

We donâ€™t generate much trash bc we compost, recycle, and try not to have a throwaway lifestyle. I do not wish to pay the same amount as a neighbor who does not do any of these things. I am already paying extra for Bootstrap compost, in addition to composting at home. Pay for what you throw away would probably cause illegal dumping and there are so many places (roadsides, forests) to dump trash around here.

I prefer to have collection fees included in my property taxes.

I donâ€™t want this.

Keep as is

I donâ€™t want to pay an additional fee. I pay taxes.

Continue tax based service

I do not agree with fee for service system

How do I prevent an unpaying household leaving trash in my cart or on my curbside?

I disagree with this model and believe that the current taxes should support appropriate waste disposal.

No change

Our current service is subpar and nothing warrants an increase is paying for subpar service

Would prefer to have a town dump

Prefer to pay for extra trash after a set free basic limit

I would prefer not to pay more, taxes as expensive enough for the ones with recently purchased homes.

Keep the current program, already paid via taxes.

I would NOT prefer any of the above. It should be included with our taxes which are forever rising.

Remind me why I pay *thirteen thousand dollars* in property taxes? In the UK I paid 2 grand and my waste was collected just fine...

Given how much my taxes have increased over the last few years, I would prefer that the town managers and the board learn to manage a budget.

Keep it the way it is now. Unless my property taxes will go down by a few thousand ...leave it .

Isn't this part of our taxes?

Leave the program alone! No changes required or desired! This is just another non-deductible tax on the residents.

This should be included in our astronomical taxes.

There needs to be an included amount weekly, plus extra pay-bags/stickers for overflow amount

I would prefer that things continue as they are. My family doesnâ€™t create all that much trash. Perhaps if peopleGo over a one barrel limit regularly, they should pay fees.

I will burn my trash, or put it in the recycling bin, or in front of my neighbors house. We should have an option of a transfer station.

Leave it alone. Keep what we have now

I would prefer that the town continues to foot the cost of trash & recycle costs.

I prefer no change, the town board should be looking at other methods of budget/cost savings. Private insurance rates/groceries/utilities and taxes have continually increased at a rate higher and faster than employers pay. We can not afford any more increase in our monthly spending

I don't agree with this model. I pay over 10K in taxes already to live here - now you're asking me to pay more for a basic town service like trash?

Vehemently against trash fees. When we moved to Westford, we paid hefty bus pass fees for multiple children for the first time ever, adding trash fees seems to be piling onthe

The Ridiculously high taxes should pay for our trash disposal, no matter how much.

My preference would depend on the pricing and logistics of each option.

Keep it the same. Save money elsewhere

I do not agree with the proposal to pay for trash pickup.

Leave it alone, no changes !

don't want a fee based system. happy with the current town wide pick up paid for in our taxes

I would prob select whichever is less in cost, however, I do not have a good understand how these compare in cost. When you speak of "trash" does that include recycle ?

Will the town reduce my taxes if it starts charging a fee to remove our small amount of trash?

I am not interested I. Paying for trash collection unless my taxes go down. If not, then this is just another tax!

I would prefer to keep the current system and increase taxes to cover the cost.

Paying no fees..if the town can afford the unnecessary addition to the library then they can find the money somewhere to pay for trash pickup

I would like to keep current trash and recycling policy. If it changes to pay as you throw, some residents will throw trash at neighbors doors or throw on the public road.

I prefer not to pay anything.

I would need to be mor educated on the monthly service fee. I would prefer a monthly service fee or pay for a private hauler if the monthly fee is unreasonable.

Please do not add yet another expense to our household!

I would prefer not to incur the added expense

I would prefer not to have an additional expense when we have high property taxes already. This feels like more of a mismanagement by the town and should be something the town is responsible for figuring out.

Pay for 35g if I go over purchase extra bags

If the trash is more than the approved limit, one should pay for the extra.

In Maynard you go to town hall to get tickets for each barrel you use. And you can purchase as many as you want I think itâ€™s 5 dollars a barrel. And just attach it to your bag.

I would not prefer to pay additional fee for trash collection. The taxes we pay should already cover trash/recycling collection.

The entire purpose of this survey is to get more money for "some" people. ENOUGH!

Cut the excess in the other budgets because they ARE SIGNIFICANT and not make the people pay AT ALL. k This is ANOTHER MONEY GRAB! SHAME ON WESTFORD!

We should NOT have to pay. How taxes should already cover this. It is ridiculous to even suggest we pay more

No- Don't change anything. This is just a tax increase in disguise.

There shouldnâ€™t be a fee, taxes are high enough. Figure out where you cut excess from your expenses. There isnâ€™t an unending pile of tax dollars for the town to collect from the citizens of Westford.

Current taxes should include Trash pickup. fee for service is is just a way for the town to push more fees (TAX) on residents

We should not even be having this discussion. It is ridiculous that the recycling company only comes every other week as it is. We have no option for public sewer, water, or gas so we have to pay for septic, well pumping/filtration, & oil. Even though I pay a yearly "stormwater maintenance fee" there are also no storm drains in carlisle road anywhere near my home so my electricity bill gets run up every time it rains in order to pump all the town's stormwater that runs off the

road down onto my property & into my basement sump pumps. I refuse to now start paying any fees for trash collection. We pay enough in taxes already!

I wouldn't want to pay anything unless there was a corresponding reduction in property taxes.

The current system/process is working - please do not change anything.

We should not be paying for this. The town should fiscally responsible

I would prefer a private hauler if you do not steal my tax money for something else.

I would prefer things stay as-is with my taxes paying for trash collection.

I was happy with Waste Management. Seems the town is more concerned with money than our comfort. Since July there has been more trash on the side of the road abandoned.

LEAVE TRASH PICK UP ALONE!!! IF ELIMINATED YOU WILL JUST FIND SOMETHING ELSE TO TAX RESIDENTS ON!! YOU WILL END UP FINDING ILLEGAL TRASH DISPOSAL ON THE STREETS

In my last town, you were given 1 barrel and had the option to buy a 2nd one each year.

none of the above

I would prefer to leave it as part of our taxes as it has been for my entire time living in Westford - +20 years

can't answer without have numbers. you have not provided enough information

I already pay enough in taxes. I have no children in school. This should continue as is.

tough one to answer. What would the set fee be vs how much per bag/barrel? I use a trash compactor so I have reduced containers

as it is presently

Taxes are covering it was my understanding

Keep it the way it is.

I prefer NO fee for service. Keep the current arrangement.

I prefer not to Pay

I don't understand what a private hauler option is so cant answer

I would prefer not to be discriminated against because I have a large family and let my taxes pay for trash.

If you add a fee for trash you need to increase free recycling to weekly. Increasing recycling and even adding free weekly composting should reduce trash. Look to Portland OR for an example.

I would prefer to keep it as it is, I'm sure I will not be getting a tax reduction if you implement this.

I would prefer not to pay extra as my taxes are a significant expense already

keep trash pick up the way it is. we have no transfer station in this town

Include it in property tax

How can I make this decision without costs included?

I don't like any of these choices. I don't use the school system. I fill half a bag a week. I have lived in a town that switched to this system and it was a disaster. Find another way.

No change

I do not support fee-for-service.

IF. Have a maximum allowable number of barrelsâ€¦ie 2 barrels per week are included in your taxes. If you exceed that, you pay additional.

Keep the current system. Unless you are also going to opt-out residents with no children in the school system from taxes to support the schools?

The taxes we already pay is high, to add yet another fee(tax) is a burden.

Iâ€™d prefer trash costs be included in my property tax.

I think it would depend on the cost for monthly compared to what I actually toss and if too high on both, then I'd consider a private hauler.

Town administration layoffs. Start with health department. Schools need less administrative staff. One assistant principal max.

For $14,000 taxes a year, this is the only visible service I receive. To pay a fee is nonsense even though we have less that 1 bag.

This question is too confusing. I have very little trash and don't want to pay more!

It depends on what the set monthly fee is compared to the cost of what I throw away

Constantly decreasing town services is a poor way around prop 2 1/2.

I would prefer things stay the way they are, we pay enough taxes to keep the current system

I pay taxes to have my trash and recycles pick up. How much will my taxes be reduced if either of the options payt or smart be incorporated?

We already pay in our tax base...also we don't have town water or sewer, and also by strategic design the town dosent snow plow our road

I can't answer without knowing the costs involved. I have hardly any trash.

What ever fee I will pay depends on what I throw. I refuse to pay for regular trash which is mostly kitchen.

My property taxes are extremely high and I should not have to pay anything addition for trash pick up.

I don't agree with fee-for-service, as this is the ONLY town service I make use of. I already pay thousands of dollars for trash pickup.

I do not want to pay any additional fees and reject the fee for service system.

Please see answer to next question

We are in favor of a broad incentive for households to throw away less trash each week. We do have concerns about unintented consequences, like people dumping trash, and vandalizing or stealing or abusing someone else's trash container.

Pay through Town Real Estate Tax as we do now

Keep it the same

We do not agree with separate fee for trash.

I prefer the town continue with the current system.

How much will property taxes go down as a result of the introduction of a new fee? I assume at least 1 to 1

I think answering this questions suggests I agree with a fee-for-service systems and the answer will be lost of context.

As a mid seventy age, 46 year resident couple on a fixed income I believe my taxes would cover the cost of the solid waste and recycle pickup. We compost food waste that is compostable. Soon enough when taxes increase ,along with the cost of living in the state we will find it increasingly difficult in our town.

As is

I would prefer you use my tax funds appropriately and not pay for trash removal

I put out trash every other week, most of the time. So....I typically put out 2-3 bags of kitchen trash bags every two weeks. I would be happy to pay less for twice monthly collection.

I like it the way it is- the new company is not as good as the old one

No fee based system. Keep as is.

Keep it the way it is!

I prefer to keep the current model intact

I prefer not to have a fee given the amount of taxes we pay

i think an option for a landfill should be available. Surrounding towns have sites one can dispose of their own trash.

Don't we already pay for curbside pickup in our current town taxes

pay my taxes and have the town take care of trash, which is a normal and IMO an expected function of a town government

all depends on how much of a difference in cost there is

I will pay for trash collection ONLY if there's a corresponding reduction in my property taxes. If not, I do not want any changes.

Include trash pick up in RE taxes

Tax the rich to pay for raises in cost to trash disposal

I don't know how to answer. Feel like it's already taxed and this an addition.

Keep the same

Prefer that the town continue to provide trash services within my current ever increasing annual property tax payments.

I do not want any changes to existing system

I would prefer to pay for what I throw away, provided that my property taxes are reduced by the amount that covered trash pickup.

Our Real Estate Taxes are high enough to include trash pickup.

I would prefer NO fee.

Not in favor of a fee for service system, at this time.

We prefer the town contract with a hauler and that it continue to be covered under the very high taxes that we pay.

Residents voted down the override because we want the town to control spending, not come up with fun new ways to tax us

I am not willing toi pay. If the town wasn't so busy wasting money, this wouldn't be an issue

None of the above, we already pay very high property tax in Westford.

I would prefer NOT to pay for trash removal on top of my real estate tax. Trash removal is a basic service that should be covered by my very expensive real estate taxes.

I won't see a reduction in taxes and the money allocated will just be shuffled to another in-town department.

Prefer to have no additional fee for trash collection for a reasonable basic amount. Should be covered in the tax bill as a basic service

Question #8 - Fee-for-service Preferences

This is bulls***. You'll be voted out soon

I donâ€™t want to pay anything extra. Should be covered in taxes already paid.

Charge by weight or bag count irrespective of cart size. Failing that I choose large cart.

I would like the option to fill up 95 gallons of trash on the rare occasions that it's needed. (Like after a holiday gathering.)

I donâ€™t want an additional fee for trash pickup. This should be included in the $11000/year I pay in property taxes.

no cost!!!!!!!!!!! Budget like I do!!!!!!!! Cut elsewhere cut staff cut benefits

The town should provide this service without an extra fee. If there is an extra fee, our real estate taxes should be reduced by that amount

Do we have to buy a new garbage cart? So wastful

No changes

Unless you are going to reduce my property taxes, my expectation is that some amount of weekly trash/recycling is covered and high volume generators can pay for their overage. I certainly am aware of the town budget issues pertaining to our trash, and personally compost a ton, recycle, donate, etc. and generate little "trash", but to make me pay essentially takes more of the town budget and puts it toward schools and that's not an acceptable solution.

I prefer to keep it as is!!

I still feel I shouldnâ€™t have to pay any more for trash pickup.

I would prefer to pay taxes which cover essential municipal services. The town should avoid boondooggles like buying a house for "This Old House" and asking for overrides in years when we should easily pass a budget.

Itâ€™s all about recycling. We barely fit into 96 gallons every two weeks (cardboard has to go outside), but we have very little trash. Whatever minimizes that combo works.

I would prefer not to pay at all. I donâ€™t have kids and rarely access the majority of things my high taxes pay for.

I don't understand the question. Pay more just to purchase the actual bin? Or pay more every single month to have a bigger bin? I would rather not have to pay more to have a 64 gallon bin than those who use a 35 gallon bin. Our 35 gallon bins only fit 2 kitchen sized bags in each. In no way would they fit 3 unless we jammed them in there so the lid was unable to close.

I would rather not pay more than already high taxes. We have reasonable trash & are avid recyclers

It would depend on the pricing difference. It is hard to say which would fit best without knowing how much more this would cost us.

Property taxes should adequately cover it

We just leave the bag out or use the small bin we bought ourselves in

I donâ€™t want to pay

Would rather not pay. . Between taxes , increased water bills and how town money is allocated for certain people in town.

Leave it the way it is.

They can pick up the garbage bag. No cart needed

I'd rather you enforce the households that throw away 10+ bags per week instead of punishing the rest of us

It is included in the high taxes we already pay! There should be NO change!

No fees

Should stay as is with penalties for individuals that violate the existing restrictions

I want it to continue to be covered by my taxes

Keep inside existing taxes

Having to pay for a "Bag" is completely environmentally dumb. We have another garbage can. Are we really going to need a "bag"?

Realistic payment

I prefer the current system

No additional fees..I pay for this in my taxes

I would rather not pay

As I continue with this survey I need to state that I am totally against the idea of a curbside fee and I do not believe it will reduce waste in Westford. It will only add in more fees when our taxes have already increased. I recycle anything and everything I can. A curbside fee won't change peoples practices in my opinion.

I just wonde r how the town is going to police this chaotic cart-based pricing. Totally stupid. Lots of overhead.

Shouldn't need to pay for trash

Stop changing things!!!! Leave us alone some of us have been residents for 30+ years and we just want to take our recycling and garbage out it peace without having to be forced out of town because we canâ€™t afford to pay to throw away our trash. Just leave us alone this world sucks enough as it is.

This is a biased question. Litter will increase if any fee is implemented.

I would not pay a trash fee.

Not pay at all my taxes are high enough. Cut other services

I would rather the town not charge at all.

I would prefer free service

Keep the current model!

I would rather no changes to the existing payment structure.

I would rather Westford figure out a way to stop nickel and dining residents- it is sadly becoming more unaffordable and harder to live in this town

A fee is ridiculous!

No fee

I would prefer to have funds redirected from police fire personnel to trash pick up.

Again this town is trying to impact houses with kids. If you have kids there is more trash unfortunately. We are stretched to the limit already with expenses. Add one more and you may end up breaking the camels bavk and turn westford into a trash town. I bet you will start seeing more trash bags on trails and parks!

We have pets as well and try hard to reduce the amount of trash we have. We still end up having to much for the 2 barrels so never am able to get rid of it all. I always have an extra can that just sits here for months with no way to get rid of. I cannot afford to pay much extra for trash either putting us in a horrible spot

We just had to buy two new bins of the smaller size to meet the new trash collecting standards. I do not wish to purchase new bins.

Keep it the same, this will not be a net reduction. Whatever savings there are in theory, will not be reflected in an equal tax reduction, so itâ€™ll be a net increase.

I would prefer it to remain as it is

Leave current system - no change

I donâ€™t want this at all. I lived in Malden when they deployed this and it was awful and still is.

Less for 35gal trash, and incentivize recycling by same price for a 64 gal recycling.

Reduce the town administration and money that goes to the police / fire before reducing our trash and schools.

Leave the program as is!

No additional pay for trash for Westford residents

None of the above. You are adding "fees" because you were not able to raise taxes. This is not right.

No fee

Keep it the same

Pay nothing for 65 gal charts

Iâ€™ve lived here 30+ years and have seen trashed dumped on our conservation lands. This will encourage this.

We donâ€™t need another fee, start cutting the jobs in town before charging us more.

No change.

Leave it as is.

Remain the same

READ THE PREVIOUS ANSWER!

Not paying and Westford new trash company should provide new cans too

My property value has gone from $937k in 2022 to $1.35m in 2024 that's a 30% increase in under 2 years

no fee!

We pay enough taxes already. Trash SHOULD be included.

I don't want to pay period

I prefer the system as is

We donâ€™t need more fees. We need the town to figure out how to spend its money better.

I donâ€™t want to pay more and tax must cover this

Won't pay it. I'll dump it on the lawn of the select board members

I would not prefer to pay

I think trash pick should be a town service

If I have to pay beyond my taxes I want complete control over the process and hire someone on my own.

No fee

I do not agree with a fee based trash option

I would prefer we keep things as they are. I do not want to pay for the small flimsy bags that other towns have implemented.

None of these are options. Open a transfer station for over flow. The purchase additional "overflow" will result in people dumping trash on the streets and conservation areas.

keep it the same

It is ridiculous to pay more money for services. A lot of us don't have kids in the school system but our taxes still go to those services. Are we now splitting up all the services in town and only pay for what we need?

I don't want a curbside service fee. This won't solve Westford's fiscal problems. Do better.

I donâ€™t agree with paying a fee for trash pickup when it should be covered in taxes

We specifically bought three of the 35 gallons just for this new provider, and have been adhering to the limits and planning accordingly. Some weeks one trashcan, some weeks 3. If it doesn't fit (and it's trash, not garbage), we do it the next week.

I prefer to keep my curt bucket and not have to purchase a new one.

No further increase to cost to individual tax payers for any option.

I donâ€™t think we should pay anything, it should be included in our taxes

i would prefer to not pay separately for trash and keep it as it is as part of our taxes

Purchase the number of small carts you need by household and then pay for overflow above and beyond that. EG, my house uses 6 bags so we would buy 2 small carts, then overflow

No change

I would rather pay less to have 2 small carts and only be charged an extra fee when I put out a second cart. Pay bags suck

No additional fees

I donâ€™t want to pay anything more for a bucket or overflow bags unless the town can show a corresponding reduction in my tax bill.

No

Only pay for large bulk or above 95-gallon threshold

Please keep trash pick up as-is. Otherwise I would prefer to take the trash in my car to the transfer station. I'm not paying ONE PENNY for trash pickup.

Bulk items and overflow by weight should incur fees

I would rather pay less (or nothing) for a small cart (35-gallon) with an option to purchase an additional small cart for occasional use.

I would rather pay nothing to use 64 gallon

I pay taxes

No more at all.

My taxes should cover trash pickup. I don't town sewerage or water.

Opposed to fee based pick up. Some people will dispose of trash illegally. Are the cost savings really worth it?

Do not change the current program. If mandatory, I would rather pay less for a small cart.

Are taxes going down?

No changes to the current services.

Continue what we have

I would prefer the town get out of the trash business altogether. People should pay for their own trash collection. Reduce taxes.

See my response to the prior question.

Rather not pay

none of the above

You take enough of my money in your taxes figure it out

No more fees taxes are high enough

Prefer no change

Stop gerrymandering prop 2 1/2 to collect additional taxes. Live within your means

I would prefer not to use standardized cart. Each household have several trash bins right now, they will be a big waste to throw them out

I want the current status quo to be maintained

Iâ€™d rather keep the current arrangement.

I would prefer to not pay more money or be restricted on how much I can throw away

I donâ€™t want this.

Keep as is...learn to budget!!!!!!!!!

Continue existing service

65 gal no pay

None of the above. Our current provider is sub-par and I do not wish to pay for subpar service

Would pay for a town dump

I would prefer to keep the present system and not pay per household. The administrative cost to theTown would be high.

I would prefer not to pay more, taxes as expensive enough for the ones with recently purchased homes.

Keep the current program, already paid via taxes.

I do not want to pay for trash pickup at all....it should come out of our real estate taxes which are constantly rising.

It is a *joke* that the Town collects recycling fortnightly, yet waste weekly. That encourages ALL THE WRONG BEHAVIOURS.

See prior answer.

Keep it the way it is now.

Don't pay anything extra

No additional payment in any manner!

This should be included in our astronomical taxes.

I would prefer to burn my trash or have a transfer station. We have two trucks to picking up our refuse, really? How does anyone think this is saving our environment? Plus both the trucks leave a trail of crap behind them as they leave the neighborhood. If we are forced to pay more to have our trash and recycling picked up and our neighborhood is a mess - you will be hearing from me!

I would prefer that the town continues to foot the cost of trash & recycle costs.

No change, reassess what the town pays out to non essential programs/grants/funding

See answer above.

We shouldn't have to pay. Should be covered by town property taxes

Keep it the same

not in favor of a pay system other than what we do now which is fee is in the taxes for the town

Reduce our taxes and then we'll decide what kind of fee we'd consider

Keep it as is.

I prefer keeping current policy. Some residents will throw trash at others houses or public roads if the current policy changes. Thatâ€™s upsetting.

No additional fees.

I would rather not incur an additional expense. Notwithstanding, if recycling was collected weekly, perhaps there would be less trash

Itâ€™s hard to gauge when you donâ€™t give any price estimates. You use vague terms but itâ€™s hard to say without knowing a range.

This is getting way to 'woke' -- bye!

SEE ABOVE

We should NOT have to pay. How taxes should already cover this. It is ridiculous to even suggest we pay more

N/A

NO. Change nothing.

The town should bear the burden of trash pick-up

I refuse to pay any trash collection fee. We pay enough in taxes already!

I wouldn't want to pay anything unless there was a corresponding reduction in property taxes.

The current system/process is working - please do not change anything.

Services should remain as they are.

OPT OUT OF COLLECTION

Why would I want to pay more than I am now which is my tax money!?

I DO NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO SPEND ON TRASH REMOVAL. How hard up is the town or the Harvey company??

LEAVE THE TRASH PICK UP THE WAY IT IS THROUGH OUR TAXES!

I would prefer to leave it as part of our taxes as it has been for my entire time living in Westford - +20 years

Do not change

I can use the 35 gallon barrels weekly with no fee if we can still use 2 barrels. Would size would overflow bags be? How much each?

as it is presently

I donâ€™t want any changes

I prefer the current arrangement

Keep it the same and NOT charge

I would prefer not to be discriminated against because I have a large family and let my taxes pay for trash.

Weekly free recycling and composting with a free 35 gallon trash and fee for additional trash.

I would like to keep it as it currently is

Not pay additional fees

Town taxes are high enough and should cover trash pick up. where does the money go from water falling from the sky? some roads are not maintained by this town some residents this is the only town service from our high tax rate

In property taxes, it would reduce federal govt would reduce taxes

How can I make this decision without the cost being included

No changes

I do not support fee-for-service

Manage the budget properly - we pay enough now

I would rather not have any additional fee(tax) added to our already high tax burden

Include cost in property tags.

I would like my extremely high tax bill to cover trash services. This is ridiculous

Option 1 - But I don't want to have to BUY another container!!! Or get a cumbersome one!

Constantly decreasing town services is a poor way around prop 2 1/2.

I would need to know the costs to have an informed opinion.

No change

See above

No more fees. Already in the budget

We usually use one 35gal container, but would like the option for two at no extra cost

The smallest cart would be sufficient to cover the minimal trash I have. Could we lower pickup frequency for trash to every other week (similar to the pickup schedule for recycling)?

My property taxes are extremely high and I should not have to pay anything addition for trash pick up.

The town should NOT consider any curbside fees for trash and recycling collection.

I do not agree with the shift to pay as you go. Keep it as is. Thats just one more thing for homeowners to track

No changes needed.

I prefer the town continue with the current system.

How much will property taxes go down as a result of the introduction of a new fee? I assume at least 1 to 1

I think answering this questions suggests I agree with a fee-for-service systems and the answer will be lost of context.

As is

see above

I like it the way it is- taxes are high enough to cover trash collection

No fee based system. Keep as is.

Keep it the way it is!

I prefer to keep the current model intact

I prefer to pay nothing

pay my taxes and have the town take care of trash, which is a normal and IMO an expected function of a town government

See response to above question.

I wonâ€™t support a trash fee

Pay nothing for two 35 gal carts with an option to pay for overflow bags.

Include trash pick up in RE taxes

Tax the rich to pay for raises in cost to trash disposal

Keep the same as we do now

None of the above, keep service as is (BTW, the prior vendor was much better... New waste company tosses bins around the street, damage lids. Go back to the previous vendor.

I would prefer a set fee.

Would rather pay flat monthly fee

No fee

Times are incredibly tough. Price increases are everywhere. We cannot keep pushing increases here, there, and everywhere onto families. At some point, things are going to break. We already pay very high taxes to live here. I cannot even begin to fathom how young families can afford to move to our town.

I'd rather the Town determine how to work within the budget it already has.

Stop trying to charge us. We pay taxes. Pick up our Freaking trash!!

Pay nothing.

I would prefer NOT to pay for trash removal on top of my real estate tax. Trash removal is a basic service that should be covered by my very expensive real estate taxes.

64 gallon would suit my family however, larger homes/properties pay higher taxes and common sense says they would generated more trash. Town Gov and finances are poorly managed- clearly.

Question #9 - Question #9 – Overflow and Excess Trash Preferences

I will pay nothing for s***ty services

Same response!

No additional bags neededâ€¦only use 1 bag each week

Bill additional bags after collection by count or weight.

Whatever you do, keep it included in the town tax bill.

I don't understand this question

Refer to answers above

No cost like I said how many times do I need to tell you

Keep thing as they have been

The town should provide this service without an extra fee. If there is an extra fee, our real estate taxes should be reduced by that amount

Need more information, especially pricing, to make an informed decision

I prefer to keep it as is!!

Consider the extra trash after a holiday a bounce for being a great taxpayer and never missing a payment!!

Pay for a sticker that can go on any excess bags.

Leave the system the same

Iâ€™ll burn excess trash

See the town truly balance the budget and cut costs rather than pass it all onto us

I dispose of elsewhere

Stay the way it is.

None of the above

Just take it because I will probably just dump the trash somewhere

Stickers like the old system. Easier to fill a box or oversize trash bag after a party than deal with special bags.

See comment above.

SERIOUSLY???

Buy overflow bags as needed

No fees

Bags are ridiculous option environmentally plus due to critters. But sure Bags based on the limited suggestions.

Offer this for free

NO MORE FEES

Again, we are paying enough tax

Wouldnâ€™t mind paying for overflow bags but would need the flexibility to use an extra bins due to frequent raccoons.

Buying a roll of overflow bags is similar to the stickers for large items that could be purchased at various location around town. It's a pain. We still have stickers that are no longer in use.

I think you should specify how many bags are in a roll and what the cost per roll might be projected. You are asking people to offer an opinion with little or no information.

Shouldn't have to pay for trash

I promise you I will throw every piece of holiday trash up and down every public road for the highway department to clean up. Absolutely not will I pay a single dollar to take care of my own trash and recycling ? We pay taxes, pick them up.

Biased question. Iâ€™d look for other houses to drop excess trash off at overnight.

Iâ€™d find a dumpster and leave it there. I will not pay for trash pickup.

It is difficult to answer this question without understanding the cost for a roll of overflow bags as compared to the annual cost of a larger or additional bin

I donâ€™t want to have to manage another bill

I'm concerned about leaving extra bags out. If I could have two haulers and pay extra when I use them both, that would be ideal (I. E. I don't want bare bags in the street). Also, what about oversized items?bags

I would rather no changes to the existing system.

When we host the current methods work just fine.

Rather have my taxes go down and then I can pay for an additional roll of bags. But those would be placed outside the barrel for pick up? Wouldnâ€™t animals get into it, leaving a mess. But Harvey does that now anyways so no real change.

Iâ€™d rather have the option to use a town dump and take the trash there myself

Be allowed extra barrels twice per year at no further cost.

No changes

How about you let it work the way it was! Let the town go into debt a little!

Have a recycling drop off location. After holidays most excess items are recyclable.

I would prefer it to remain as it is

Do not change current system.

I donâ€™t want this at all. I lived in Malden when they deployed this and it was awful and still is.

Leave it how it is

Please provide residents freedom to socialize and dispose trash at no additional fee

None of the above

Keep existing sticker system for large trash

Keep it the same

If I put it on the curb in a bag or can (non-bulk item) you take it

None, the more I do this survey, the angrier Iâ€™m getting.

No change.

I just add another barrel.

Bad survey options

WHY DON'T YOU INCLUDE A QUESTION LIKE: I WANT TO KEEP THE TRASH PICK UP THE WAY IT IS WITH HARVEY OR WHOMEVER

overflow bags but be able to put them in an additional cart - leaving trash out overnight invites animals, and we are not awake early enough to put it out in the morning

Bad idea just pick up trash on the curb with no added fee

We pay enough taxes already. Trash SHOULD be included.

I prefer the system as is

Again, stop trying to get more money out of the stone. Figure out how to fund the town on what youâ€™ve already got.

I donâ€™t prefer to pay.

I would get a dumpster

Either pay more to be allowed to place regular (not special) bags next to the cart, or just wait until next week

No fee

Do not change from current

I prefer not to pay anything out of pocket because the taxes I pay should cover trash removal.

None of these. Open a transfer station for overflow.

Again, charging fees for trash removal is an awful idea.

I donâ€™t agree with paying a fee for trash pickup when it should be covered in taxes

Maybe the overflow bags. We do manage overflow (by waiting until next week). But for an unusual circumstance, the overflow bags might be nice. [We've been doing a lot of Acton Household Goods and Goodwill lately....].

Special bags are a waste. How about the use of stickers for the overflow?

Continue as is with current system.

Have a transfer station we can access for big cleanup jobs.

We need a transfer station in Westford

F*** this stupid survey i pay taxes for you to pick up my f***ing trash you s*** heads get your heads out of your f***ing a**es

Open pit burning

Have the option to have additional carts or overflow bags (Also it depends on the relative costs of each)

Not have overflow need to be scheduled, just have more collected quarterly, no extra charge

No additional fees

I donâ€™t want to pay anything more for a bucket or overflow bags unless the town can show a corresponding reduction in my tax bill.

Please keep trash pick up as-is. Otherwise I would prefer to take the trash in my car to the transfer station. I'm not paying ONE PENNY for trash pickup.

Pay a one-time charge for an additional small cart for occasional use.

Donâ€™t want to pay extra

We currently use a 39 gal black trash bag in our 32 gallon trash can and itâ€™s never overfilled.

Again my taxes should take care of it

Just pick up the extra without fees. The are many times most people put out less than the max allowed. It all evens out over the year. Seems like weâ€™re splitting hairs.

Are taxes going down?

No changes to the current services.

Combine with neighbors if you have unused space in your trash

See my prior response

I donâ€™t like this idea

Not pay

I think this is so stupiud

No more fees taxes are high enough

We already have limits.

Maybe more recylcing options and/or collection sites with dumpsters that town members can go to (similar to if we have a town landfill), but just for these excess trash periods.

I want the current status quo to be maintained

Buy additional overflow bags only as needed.

I would prefer to not pay more money or be restricted on how much I can throw away

Adding bag option increases the total fee period, skip that as it makes labor unpredictable. Charge for a second cart.

We compost and try to reduce trash (and have done so for years). Overflow bags would be fine.

Please no.

Budget budget budget....I did not receive an increase in pay the last few years, I budget....town should as well.

Keep the current system in place

No change

Would rather move to a town with a dump

Again, this cost should be part of the every-rising taxes we already pay.

Keep it the way it is now.

No change from current system!

This should be included in our astronomical taxes.

Reopen Bluebird Hill!

Could the town schedule a big trash collection day one or two days a year?

I would prefer that the town continues to foot the cost of trash & recycle costs.

Above

Shouldn't have an allotment. Based on the high taxes we pay. We have indistry our town increase taxes to these industries. Collect more from these industries

Keep it the same. Look elsewhere for savings. People DO NOT NEED MORE FEES!

maintain current trash system

There is no mention of what happens to our existing taxes

If the excess is food waste, I don't use plastic, it is too easy for scavengers to get in it. I would prefer to use an additional trash can.

Just put the legal trash out on trash day (period).

SEE ABOVE

We should NOT have to pay. How taxes should already cover this. It is ridiculous to even suggest we pay more

N/A

The town should provide occasional overflow bags at no cost to residents as taxes should cover basic services

I refuse to pay any trash collection fee. We pay enough in taxes already!

The current system/process is working - please do not change anything.

Services should remain as they are.

What am I paying taxes for? Seriously. Yâ€™all need a financial audit.

I DO NOT THINK WE SHOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR TRASH REMOVAL. I AM IN LOW IBCOME BECAUSE I AM NOT A 6 FIGURE INCOME.

LEAVE TRASH PICK UP ALONE!!! KEEP IT INTHE TAX BILL WHERE IT BELONGS!!

I would prefer to leave it as part of our taxes as it has been for my entire time living in Westford - +20 years

Do not change current system. Manage tax dollars better.

as it is presently

No changes taxes are high enough to cover it

Why Change, My taxes have gone up, to cover these expenses.

Give us access to a dump

Would prefer to drive my excess trash or recycles somewhere versus dealing with overflow bags

No additional fees

Keep it as it is now!

How can I make this decision without the cost being included

All these options blow.

I do not support fee-for-service

the oversize bags for occasional clean-out need to be larger than a tall kitchen bag if not additional cart

Manage the budget properly - we pay enough now. You signed up for the current option - stop placing more burdens on taxpayers and residents

adding another fee(tax)for anything is unacceptable!!

If this passes, expect to be voted out of office

Throw the trash on the street.

I still don't understand this question. I generally don't have much trash, but if I do, I hope the town collects it!

Constantly decreasing town services is a poor way around prop 2 1/2.

I would need to know the costs to have an informed opinion.

Keep things the same

See above

Stop the one side questions...none of the above if the

No additional fees. Negotiate better rates.

I am getting older and it will irritate me greatly if you complicate things for me.

I am opposed to fee based trash disposal. I believe that implementing the program would create an additional problem of illegal dumping of trash throughout town which in turn would cost the town more money to clean up and dispose of in addition to the serious environmental impact. I would purchase a roll of overflow bags if deemed absolutely necessary.

too complicated

Trash and Recycling pickup should nit be charges any additional fees. This initative would be a hardship for many residents who are living on fixed income.

I donâ€™t agree with this shift but would go with buying the larger cart to be available

No changes needed.

How much will property taxes go down as a result of the introduction of a new fee? I assume at least 1 to 1

I think answering this questions suggests I agree with a fee-for-service systems and the answer will be lost of context.

Not sure. Quality in the roll? Limit as to the number of additional bags? Any consideration around the christmas and New Year holiday? Would need a bit more information to have an accurate response.

As is

see above

I don't know. I rarely have extra trash, but would not like to change how I deal with it now. I would just put it out every week for a couple of weeks

People should not have to worry about occasional cleaning or a party effecting what they pay for trash.

i can make my own arrangements and think this discussion would be a good place for the town to encourage composting and recycling as a way to reduce the amount of trash we make. It's an obvious connection and people can make a big difference. We have a household of 3 and have just one small kitchen bag per week of trash...

No fee based system. Keep as is.

My property taxes continue to increase, I don't want to pay more for any of these options. Should be managed better.

Keep it the way it is!

I prefer to keep the current model intact

I prefer to keep the collection as it is presently

pay my taxes and have the town take care of trash, which is a normal and IMO an expected function of a town government

I wonâ€™t support an additional fee.

Tax the rich to pay for raises in cost to trash disposal

Do not think we would have overflow.

Keep the same as we have now

None of the above "pay more" options.

I would prefer a set fee

No fee

The "allotted" cart limit needs to be reasonable for a family of 4 or 5. I'm not so sure three 13-gallon bags is reasonable. Pick a more reasonable amount and we would support the purchase of the overflow bags.

Have a larger cart available at the same cost.

SEE ABOVE!

Prefer to buy overflow stickers or something more conveniently mailed/acquired than constantly having to buy special bags.

I would prefer NOT to pay for trash removal on top of my real estate tax. Trash removal is a basic service that should be covered by my very expensive real estate taxes.

It's obvious Gov is obviously not exploring- you already know you're going to remove curbside pick-up that's rolled into our taxes. Will there be a reduction in tax- doubt it. Just more fees. :(