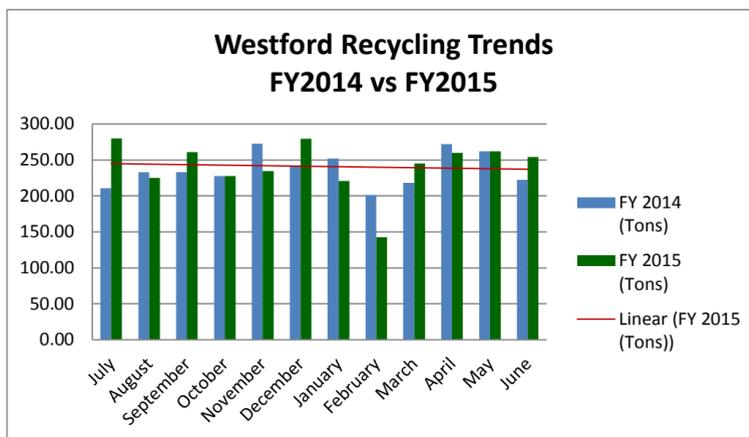


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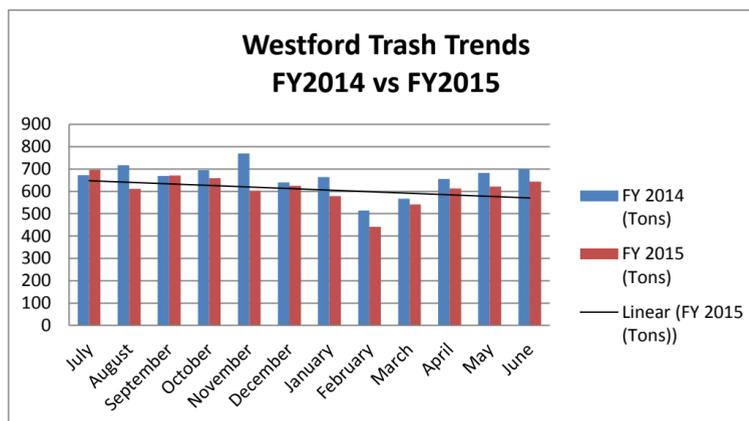


Trends in Westford Recycling Efforts (FY2015)

Recycling	Westford had a decrease of 87.4 tons of recycling in FY2015 compared to the previous year. This is an 2.9 % decrease over this period.
Trash	Westford had a decrease of 543.3 tons of trash in FY2015 compared to the previous year. This is a 6.9 % decrease in trash during this period which resulted in tipping fees savings of \$36,946.44 . The current tipping fee per ton of trash is \$68.
Summary	Recycling data show overall decrease of 87.4 tons of recycling, hence we recycled slightly less than last year. Trash data show overall decrease of 543.3 tons of trash, hence we had less trash removal than last year. Tipping fees savings of \$36,946.44 in the FY2015. Overall in FY2015, a very positive trend in trash reductions, yet slightly negative trend in recycling due to less recycling activity last year.
Notes regarding mandatory recycling policy	Westford began to enforce its "mandatory recycling" policy beginning the 1st of February 2013. In addition to enforcement of the mandatory recycling policy, the WRC made recommendations to the Town of Westford management, 1.) a trash barrel limit to three (3) barrels per household, and 2.) that trash not be picked up for non-recyclers. Overall, recycling trends are showing generally positive results which infers the policies may be helping.



Westford Recycling Statistics FY2015 vs. FY2014	
Tonnage FY2014	2979.17
Tonnage FY2015	2891.77
Percent Change	-2.9%
Tonnage Change	-87.4



Westford Trash Statistics FY2015 vs. FY2014	
Tonnage FY2014	7850.87
Tonnage FY2015	7307.54
Percent Change	-6.9%
Tonnage Change	-543.3
Tipping fee (decrease)	\$ (36,946.44)

The Mission of the Westford Recycling Commission is to:

1. Increase awareness of the financial and environmental impacts of recycling;
2. Provide opportunities for non-curbide recycling;
3. Educate residents on options to reduce, reuse, repurpose, and recycle; and
4. Implement programs that encourage diversion from the trash.



Westford Trash - Recycling Data and Statistics

The data shows recent trends in both recycling and trash tonnage
 Values and figures in **GREEN** reflect a positive change in the trash reduction or recycling increases per the data
 Values and figures in **RED** reflect a negative change in the trash increases or recycling decrease per the data

Assumptions and Notes

Residents are recycling less newspaper over the past few years.
Definition: The **trash tipping fee** is the cost per ton of trash removed which includes incinerator and transport costs.
 Trash tipping fee savings (or increases) are calculated on the difference in trash tonnage (month over month or year over year)
 The current tipping fee is \$68.00 per ton of trash.
 The cost to the Town of Westford for trash removal is based on a per ton fee, whereas recycling is a flat fee (weight independent).
 Source of trash comes from residence (homes), schools, town/municipal buildings, not commercial buildings or businesses.
 Source of recyclables comes from residence (homes), schools, town/municipal buildings, not commercial buildings or businesses.

