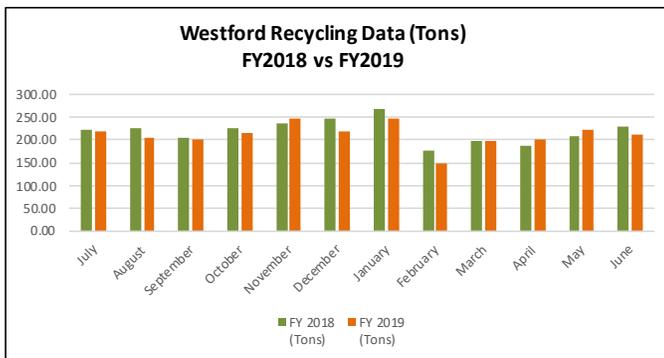


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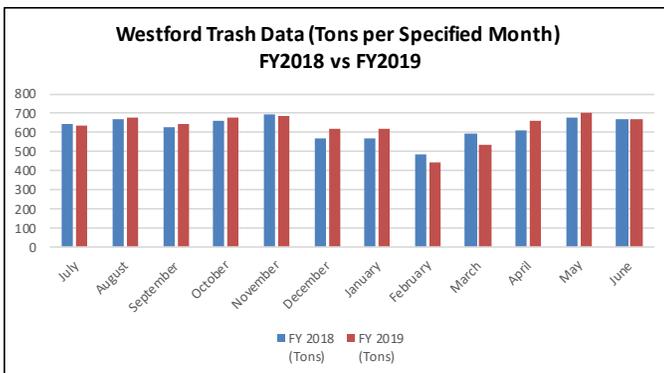


Trends in Westford Recycling Efforts (FY2019)

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| Recycling | Westford had an decrease of 99.0 tons of recycling in FY2019 compared to the previous year. This is a 3.8% decrease over this period. By electing to use a recycling toter rather than a trash bin, we prevented the Town from incurring a tipping fee for 2,529.87 tons of solid waste in FY2019. Had this recycling been placed in the trash, the cost to the town would have been \$174,561 not including potential fines for non-compliance with waste bans. This figure does not include items in compost or items brought to diversion events, which represent additional tonnage and dollars. It is costly to put recycling in the trash. |
| Trash | Westford had an increase of 91.3 tons of trash in FY2019 compared to the previous year. This is a 1.2% increase in trash during this period which resulted in tipping fees increase of \$6,300 . The current tipping fee per ton of trash is \$69. |
| Summary | Recycling data show overall decrease of 99.0 tons of recycling, hence we recycled less than last year. Trash data show overall increase of 91.3 tons of trash, hence we had more trash removal than last year. Tipping fees were increased by \$6,300 in the FY2019. Overall in FY2019, Westford saw a negative trend in trash reduction and a negative trend in recycling collection due to less recycling activity. |
| 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. Thank you Westford residents, for complying with recycling rules and recommendations. |



| Westford Recycling Statistics FY2018 vs. FY2019 | |
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| Tonnage FY2018 | 2628.91 |
| Tonnage FY2019 | 2529.87 |
| Percent Change | -3.8% |
| Tonnage Change | -99.0 |



| Westford Trash Statistics FY2018 vs. FY2019 | |
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| Tonnage FY2018 | 7483.32 |
| Tonnage FY2019 | 7574.66 |
| Percent Change | 1.2% |
| Tonnage Change | 91.3 |
| Tipping fee (increase) | \$ 6,302.46 |

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-curb-side 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 or offloaded at the incinerator to be incinerated by Covanta.
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 \$69.00 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.

