

PAY AS YOU THROW PUBLIC FORUMS



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7**

6:30 PM | LOG CABIN | 196 MAIN ST.

**COME LEARN ABOUT THIS CHANGE THAT WILL IMPACT
ALL TRANSFER STATION USERS & ALL CURBSIDE CUSTOMERS
IN JANUARY**

LEARN MORE: [YARMOUTH.ME.US/PAYT](https://yarmouth.me.us/payt)

***FORUMS WILL BE
BROADCAST ON YMTV,
RECORDED & POSTED
ON THE TOWN WEBSITE.**



Yarmouth to Host Pay As You Throw Forums This Fall

October 19 | November 16 | December 7
Log Cabin | 196 Main St.
6:30 PM

Yarmouth residents are invited to attend one of the three Public Forums this fall about Pay As You Throw. The forums will be held on Wednesday, October 19, Wednesday, November 16, and Wednesday December 7, 2022. All forums will be held at the Log Cabin at 196 Main St. These will also be broadcast on YMTV3. Recordings will be posted on the Town website.

“Pay As You Throw will impact all Transfer Station users and all Yarmouth residents who have their trash picked up curbside. We want to do everything we can to ensure that all of the impacted residents understand what to do, and how trash, recycling and food waste disposal will change in just a few months,” said Town Manager Nat Tupper.

Once Pay As You Throw starts on January 2, 2023:

- All residential property owners, **including those who contract privately for curbside collection**, will need to use official Town-issued bags to dispose of trash.
- Official bags will be sold at local retail outlets. The list of stores will be released in the months ahead.
 - 30-gallon bags will cost \$2.00. Bundles of 20 will cost \$40
 - 15-gallon bags will cost \$1.25. Bundles of 20 will cost \$25
- Window Stickers will still be required to use the Transfer Station, but they will cost \$2 per household.

Project Background

The money generated by bag sales will pay for a \$1.5 million Transfer Station Improvement Project, which will make the facility more accessible, safer, and easier to use for residents, more cost-effective for the Town. When the improvements are complete in January:

- All Transfer Station users will drop off trash, recycling, and food waste for composting in new spaces near the bulky waste disposal area.
- All recycling will be dropped off at a new recycling building, which will be more accessible and easier to use.
- New traffic patterns will be safer for cars and pedestrians, and easier for staff to manage.
- A new trash compactor will replace the 30+-year-old equipment that's in disrepair.
- A new recycling compactor will lower the Town's hauling costs by 80%.

Once the Transfer Station project is paid for, revenues will go to offset the Town's trash hauling and disposal costs, as well as its recycling efforts, which are currently covered by property taxes.

Pay As You Throw has been proven to drive up recycling rates. It is used by 139 other communities in Maine, including Cumberland, Falmouth, Pownal, New Gloucester, Bath, Brunswick, Portland, and South Portland.

Town Council unanimously approved the Transfer Station improvements and Pay As You Throw in 2019, after more than five years of discussion, and dozens of public meetings.

Public Works Director Erik Street stressed that Pay As You Throw is a more equitable way of distributing the Town's rising trash and recycling disposal costs. The Town pays \$79.50/ton to dispose of trash at ecomaine, which is more than twice as much as it costs the Town to dispose of recycling, which costs \$35/ton. But currently, all residents pay for the Town's trash disposal costs out of their property taxes, no matter how much they recycle.

Other important notes about the program:

- **Residential property owners who contract with Cassella for curbside trash collection will also need to use official Town-issued bags.** The money residents now pay Cassella only covers the cost of collecting the trash and recycling curbside, and hauling it to ecomaine for disposal. It does not cover the costs the Town incurs to have that trash and recycling processed at ecomaine.
- Residents who rent units in properties with fewer than 10 units will also need to use official Town-issued bags if they use the Transfer Station or have curbside collection.
- Residents who rent units in apartment complexes with 10 units or more will not need to use official Town-issued bags. The owners of their properties handle trash disposal.

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Have questions? Call 207-846-2401, or write to yarmouthpw@yarmouth.me.us



COMING IN 2023: PAY AS YOU THROW

**ALL TRANSFER STATION USERS & CURBSIDE TRASH
COLLECTION CUSTOMERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BUY AND
USE OFFICIAL TOWN-ISSUED TRASH BAGS**

RECYCLING AND FOOD WASTE DISPOSAL REMAIN FREE



>>All Transfer Station users and those who get trash collected curbside **will be required to buy and use official Town-issued bags.**

>>Recycling and food waste disposal remain free.

>>Official Town-issued bags will be sold at local stores.*



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>>30-gallon bags: \$2 >>Bundles of 20: \$40

>>15-gallon bags: \$1.25 >>Bundles of 20: \$25



>>The more you recycle and compost, the fewer trash bags you have to buy.

>>Pay As You Throw increases recycling rates. It is used by 139 other Maine communities including Cumberland, Falmouth, North Yarmouth, Pownal, Bath, Brunswick, Portland, South Portland, Gorham, and Durham.

>>Bag fees will pay for Transfer Station improvements that will make the facility easier and safer, more cost-effective for the Town, and replace equipment that's in disrepair. Once improvements are paid for, bag fees will offset the Town's disposal, hauling, and recycling costs, which are currently covered by property taxes.

**A list of stores where Town bags will be sold will be released in the months ahead.*

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THE MORE YOU RECYCLE & COMPOST, THE LESS YOU PAY

60% of HOUSEHOLD TRASH CAN BE RECYCLED OR COMPOSTED

- >>Cardboard & pizza boxes
- >>Aluminum foil
- >>Newspaper & magazines
- >>Mail & catalogs
- >>Office paper & envelopes
- >>Wrapping paper
- >>Paper bags
- >>Glass bottles and jars
- >>Rigid containers #1-7
- >>Empty aerosol cans
- >>Glass bottles and jars
- >>Tin cans
- >>Shredded paper
- >>Books
- >>Water bottles, milk jugs, detergent bottles

>>[Learn more about what's recyclable at ecomaine.org](http://ecomaine.org)<<



DON'T FORGET THE FOOD SCRAPS!

>>Keeping food scraps out of the trash can significantly reduce your trash load. Compost at home, or drop food scraps at the Agri-Cycle containers at the Transfer Station. Agri-Cycle recycles food scraps for renewable energy, animal bedding, & soil amendments.

SEPARATE SPECIAL ITEMS

Deposit these items in designated areas at the Transfer Station

- >>Batteries (alkaline, button-cell, rechargeable, & lithium-ion)
- >>Lightbulbs
- >>Computers, tvs, and electronics
- >>Antifreeze
- >>Stove ash
- >>Clothing, shoes, bedding & pillows & toys

Yarmouth Transfer & Recycling Center

659 East Main St | 207-846-2417

HOURS

THURSDAY - SUNDAY 8:30AM-4:30 PM | MONDAY: 7AM-3PM

CLOSED TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND HOLIDAYS