Town of Somerset, MA
Trash
Recycling
Yard Waste
Program

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In July of 1993, the town adopted a **mandatory Recycling By-law** and this law must be observed by all the citizens of Somerset. If your trash is not separated as indicated it cannot be collected by the Town.

The trash is a pay-as-you-throw system and, as its name implies, you pay only for the amount of trash that you actually throw away. This means that the more you reduce, reuse and/or recycle, the lower your trash disposal cost will be. Please read the following information and save for future reference. It will explain how the PAY-PER-BAG program works and how to recycle your trash. **Here’s How It Works:**

Each homeowner in the Town of Somerset must buy specially marked trash bags, which are available at various locations throughout the town (most convenient stores, gas stations and markets sell the bags).

**TRASH:**

**Large (white) 33-gallon trash bags = $ 3.00 each / Small (yellow) 16-gallon trash bags = $1.75 each.**

Bags may be purchased by the roll also. (5 bags per roll). The price of the bag is based on the Town’s actual cost to purchase the bag and the cost of the town’s collection and disposal of trash, yard waste, recyclables and white goods.

On the day of pickup at your home, please make sure that the filled trash **bags are tied** at the top. Please set them out at the curb **before 7:00 AM** along with your recycling bin. The weight of trash cannot exceed **50 lbs.** This includes individual Town bags or a barrel containing a Town bag or multiple Town bags. If you choose to leave the Town bag(s) in your barrel, the barrel plus contents should not exceed 50 lbs. The Workers will NOT reach into barrels for contents. Please call **Waste Management (800)972-4545** if you need further assistance or in case you feel the workers may have missed your residence.

**RECYCLABLES:**

Recycling bins are emptied on the same day as your regular trash pickup. One **recycling bin** will be provided for a **new** dwelling free of charge. Replacement or additional recycling bins are $50.00 with checks to be made to “The Town of Somerset” and can be picked up at the Somerset Highway Department. Bins must be used to put your recyclable items at the curbside. Please see the enclosed list of acceptable recycling materials. For information on Recycling or bin repairs, please call **Waste Management at (800) 972-4545.**

**YARD WASTE:**

**Yard waste** (leaves, grass, brush) are to be separated and set out in unlined trashcans, paper bags or special “earth bags”. Plastic bags containing yard waste will not be picked up and containers shall not be larger than **32 gallons or exceed 60 lbs.** No brush in excess of ½” diameter shall be placed in approved containers or bags. Brush will be picked up if it does not exceed three (3”) inches in diameter and four (4’) feet in length and must be secured in manageable bundles not to exceed 60lbs. Please do not use tape (duct tape) to secure bundles. This jams the machines. Twine or rope is okay. Removal of brush/branches, stumps larger than (3”) will not be available through Republic Service or the Town of Somerset. Yard waste will not be picked up during the winter months. Please refer to schedule.

**LARGE BULK ITEMS (couch, chair, table) and WHITE GOODS (stove, washer, etc.)**

These items are **not** collected on the same day that your trash is collected. These items are collected by **appointment only** and must be out on the curbside by 7:00AM of the schedule collection day of the month. (See dates on the calendar included in this packet) Appointments can be made by calling **[Waste Management at (800) 972-4545.** A fee is applicable for this service and can be paid by credit card or by check to Waste Management.

**Televisions and computer monitors are not picked up curbside.** Televisions and computer monitors may be brought to the Somerset Highway Department for disposal on Fridays** between 8:00AM TO 3PM $10.00 each.

***Fridays only when the Transfer Station is closed, otherwise bring during normal Transfer Station hours***

Rugs should be rolled and tied. They cannot be larger than 3’ or heavier than 40lbs. **Please call Waste Management for rug pick up details.**
Residents can also take bulk items, white goods, trash (in town approved bags) and yard waste (NO recyclables or cardboard boxes) to the **Somerset Highway Department at 1263 Brayton Pt. Rd.** You must show proof of residency and purchase a punch-card. All fees must be made by cash or check at the gate. The transfer station will be open on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of APRIL through NOVEMBER; 8:00AM TO 12:00 NOON, unless otherwise noted on the included schedule. See attached dumpster guidelines, fees and date schedule.

The pickup day is determined by the precinct you reside in.

- Precinct 1: Monday pick up
- Precinct 2: Tuesday pick up
- Precinct 3: Wednesday pick up
- Precinct 4: Thursday pick up
- Precinct 5: Friday pick up

(If you are unsure of your trash pickup day, please call the Highway Department at 508-646-2835)

Collections will **NOT** be made on the following holidays:

- New Year’s Day
- Memorial Day
- July 4th
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

When any of these 6 holidays fall on a weekday, your pick up schedule would be delayed by 1 day for the remainder of that week. If the holiday falls on the weekend there will be NO delay.

*Trash pickup will follow its regular schedule for all other holidays.*

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**Contact numbers:**

- **Waste Management**.................................800-972-4545
- **Bulk Pick-up Line**.................................800-972-4545
- **Somerset Highway Dept. (Transfer Station)** 508-646-2835
- **Somerset Board of Health**.........................508-646-2804
- **Town Administration Office**.......................508-646-2800
Acceptable/Unacceptable Recycle Material

Acceptable Recycling Material:
- Aerosol Cans (Empty)
- Aluminum: Cans, Beverages and Food Containers (Clean Foil & Pie Pans)
- Books: Hardbound, Paperback, & Textbooks.
- Bottles: Narrow-neck Bottles used for Food Liquid, Soap, Soda or Water. (Lightly Clean if Heavily Soiled.)
- Cardboard and Paperboard Boxes, Corrugated Boxes, Egg Containers, Food Boxes (Including Cereal Boxes & Pizza Boxes), Frozen Food Packaging, Mailing Boxes, and Show Boxes.

Please Remove Plastic & Styrofoam Packing Material from Inside.
- Cartons (Waxed): Used for a Liquid such as Juices, Milk, & Soups
- Glass Containers such as Bottles and Jars, Brown, Clear or Green- (Please Rinse)
- CLEAN Juice Boxes
- Mail: Envelopes with Plastic Windows
- Metal: Beverage & Food Containers
- Paper (All Colors & Types): Catalogs, Folders, Junk Mail, Magazines, Mixed Paper, Newsprint (All Types), Non-Metallic Wrapping Paper, Office Papers, Printer Paper, School Papers, & Shredded Paper
- Plastic: Bottles & Jars (Narrow Neck and Screw Top—Lightly Clean if Heavily Soiled)-e.g., Detergency/Bleach Bottles, Juice Bottles, Milk Jugs, Soda Bottles, Water Bottles, Containers (Wide-Mouthed *Lightly Cleaned if Heavily Soiled*-)—e.g., Cottage Cheese, Margarine, mayonnaise, Sour Cream, & Yogurt (Caps & Labels O.K.) Drinking Cups and Prescription Bottles, Including Lids & Caps
- Steel: Beverage Containers & Food
- Tin: Cans & Foil

Unacceptable Recycling Material Examples:
- Carry Out or Deli Food Containers
- Cat Litter
- Chemicals
- Cookware & Plates (Plastic)
- Containers of Toxic Substances—e.g., Bottles/Cans of Motor Oil, Pesticides, etc.
- Contaminated Paper Products—e.g., Napkins, Paper Towels, Waxed Paper, Paper Plates & Tissue
- Contaminated Plastic Products—e.g., Plates, Utensils, Cookware, & To-Go Cartons
- Dry Cleaning Bags
- Food Waste
- Furniture of ANY Kind
- Glass (Window & Mirror)
- Paint & Paint Caps
• Plastic Bags (Including Grocery Bags & Newspaper Covers)
• Utensils (Plastic)
• Waxed Paper
• Styrofoam

*** Any further questions you may contact the Somerset Highway Department at 508-646-2835 or Waste Management at 800-972-4545***
Transfer Station Program Guidelines
(Trash & Yard Waste)

New Prices
Effective April 1st, 2022

The Town of Somerset has adopted a punch card system for access to the Transfer Station located at the Somerset Highway Department, 1263 Brayton Point Road. However, cash and checks are also accepted. Questions? Call (508) 646-2835. The Transfer Station is open on the first Saturday and third Saturday of each month starting in April and closing in November. It is open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Punch cards are available for sale at the Highway Department and the Town Clerk’s Office. The size of your load and/or the items you are disposing of will determine the punch card you may need to purchase. Punch cards are sold as follows:

- $5.00 Punch Card
- $10.00 Punch Card
- $20.00 Punch Card
- $50.00 Punch Card (worth $60.00)

General Guidelines on the Transfer Station Fees:

**Current Rates:**
*One (1) average car/trunk capacity is typically $10.00
*Small Bed Pickups (Minivans, SUVs) is typically $15.00
*Large Bed Pickups (Full Size Pickups) is typically $25.00
*Pickups with Sideboards, Full Load can range from $40.00-Up
*Trailer Load is typically $30.00

*Excludes Bulky Items listed below - If load contains bulk items the fee schedule below will be applied
(Larger loads will be charged accordingly using this minimum charge as reference to determine the fee for larger loads)

**Construction Debris – Only Allowed with Original Building Permit
Construction Debris in trucks equivalent to the capacity of a one-ton dump truck will have a minimum charge of $150.00. Larger loads will be charged accordingly using this minimum charge as a reference to determine the fee for larger loads

**Miscellaneous Charges**

- Mattress/Box Spring - $20.00 each
- Furniture (Chair, Table, Dresser, etc.) - $10.00 each
- Car Batteries - $5.00 each
- Tires - $5.00 each
- Computer Monitors - $10.00 each
- Televisions - $10.00 each
- Appliances with Freon (Refrigerator, Air Conditioner, Dehumidifier, Freezer, etc.) -$10.00 each
- Appliances (Stove, Microwave, Dishwasher, Washer, Dryer, Grill, etc.) - FREE

Cardboard, Styrofoam, and Recyclables are NOT Accepted

**HOUSEHOLD TRASH MUST BE IN TOWN OF SOMERSET BAGS. NO HOUSEHOLD TRASH (CONSUMABLE GREENS) WILL BE EXCEPTED IN REGULAR TRASH BAGS**

**You may purchase punch cards at the Transfer Station! **
(Cash or Check Are Accepted.)
TOWN OF SOMERSET
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
1263 BRAYTON POINT ROAD, SOMERSET, MA 02725
508-646-2835
***TRANSFER STATION ***
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May 7, 2022
May 21, 2022
June 4, 2022
June 18, 2022
July 2, 2022
July 16, 2022
August 6, 2022
August 20, 2022
September 3, 2022
September 17, 2022
October 1, 2022
October 15, 2022
November 5, 2022
November 19, 2022
New Recycling Service: Free Curbside Collection of Used Textiles and Small Household Items

Starting on March 25, 2019, Somerset will begin offering a convenient new recycling service for residents: Curbside collection of used textiles and small household items. The service will be provided by Simple Recycling (www.simplerecycling.com) and will be free to the Town and free to residents.

How It Works
In the weeks before the program launches, Simple Recycling will send informational mailers to residents who receive recycling collection from the Town. The mailers will contain free Simple Recycling bags. When cleaning out closets or disposing of unwanted clothes and small household items, residents can place them in the bags. Residents can then place the bags at the curb near their recycling container on their normal recycling collection day. Simple Recycling’s trucks will pick them up, free of charge.
When Simple Recycling collects bags from a residence, the collection worker will leave replacement bags at the curb. Residents can also contact Simple Recycling at 866-835-5068 or email info@simplerecycling.com for more bags.

Benefits for the Environment
According to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), more than 84% of old clothes, shoes, belts, handbags, and textile items end up in a landfill or an incinerator. In fact, the average person in America throws away more than 85 lbs. of textile items each year. Textiles make up more than 6% of all the residential and municipal trash in the US.
Clothing and textiles require a lot of resources to make, including water, fertilizer, and pesticides for growing natural fibers like cotton, as well as petroleum to make synthetic fibers. When we reuse and recycle textiles, it conserves the resources used to make them. In fact, collecting one ton of clothing conserves far more than a ton of the “embedded” resources.
The Simple Recycling service is designed to keep those items out of the trash, which is good for the environment.

Types of Items Accepted
Simple Recycling will collect a wide range of used textiles and small household items. The list of accepted items includes:
• Used or New Clothing (men’s, women’s, children’s)
• Boots & Shoes
• Bedding (sheets, pillow cases, blankets, comforters)
• Belts & Ties
• Books
• Bras
• Coats & Jackets
• Fashion Accessories
• Handbags & Purses
• Hats & Gloves
For More Information
For more information about the Simple Recycling program, residents can call 508-646-2800 or visit www.simplerecycling.com.

Notes:
2. Ibid. Pounds per person is calculated by dividing total US disposed textiles tonnage in 2014 by the US population in 2014, per the US Census (318.6 million).
3. Ibid.
### Holiday's Observed
- New Year’s – January 1st, 2022
- Memorial Day – May 30th, 2022
- 4th of July – July 4th, 2022
- Labor Day – September 5th, 2022
- Thanksgiving Day – November 24th, 2022
- Christmas Day – December 25th, 2022

**Bulk Pickup Day: 3rd Friday of Every Month**

### Trash Collection Service
- **Town Pay as You Throw Bags & Curbside by 7:00am**
- **Town Bags (cannot exceed 60 pounds)**

### Recycling Collection Service
- Carts should be wheeled to the curb and set with the lid facing the street by 7:00 AM on the day of collection, and after collection, must be stored out of view. Carts are the property of the Town of Somerset and should not be removed from the property to which they are assigned. Report stolen or vandalized carts to Waste Management at the following number at (800) 972-4545. **Cart Repairs**: Please call Waste Management at (800) 972-4545. A cart technician will be scheduled to inspect the cart for possible repair or replacement. Carts damaged from misuse or neglect will be repaired or replaced at the user's expense. (Example of misuse are burning or overloading carts.)

### Non-Collection Notice
- Non-Collection Notice's will be placed on any carts / town bags that are not in compliance with the collection rules.

### Inclement Weather Notification
- Please Dial: (800) 972-4545 (Waste Management) or visit the Town's website at www.townofsomerset.org

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### Calendar

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