

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 can not 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 = \$ 2.50 each / Small (yellow) 24-gallon trash bags = \$1.25 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 **60 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 60 lbs. The Workers will NOT reach into barrels for contents. Please call **Howland Disposal 508-746-9600** if you need further assistance or in cases you feel the Workers may have missed your residence.

RECYCLABLES:

Collection vehicles have an automated lift that will pick up the 95 gal recyclable cart. Place cart two feet away from other object to allow room for mechanical pick up. Place cart with wheels facing house. Additional carts can be purchased for **\$50.00 each**. Information regarding lost or damaged carts please contact **Howland Disposal directly at 508-746-9600**.

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 35 gallons or exceed 60 lbs. All brush must be tied and bundled. No brush in excess of 3" diameter and three feet (3') 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. Please refer to schedule for yard waste pick up.

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** and must be out on the curbside by 7:00AM of the schedule collection day of the month. (See schedule.) A fee is applicable for this service. Appointments can be made by calling **Howland Disposal Bulk Pick-up Line 508-746-9600**

Rugs should be rolled and tied. They cannot be larger than 3' or heavier than 40lbs. They will not pick up televisions and computer monitors. Televisions and computer monitors may be brought to the Somerset Highway Department for disposal on Fridays between 8:00AM TO 3PM **ONLY** when the Transfer Station season ends. Otherwise, bring during normal Transfer Station hours (see attached schedule).

Residents can also take bulk items, white goods, trash (in town approved bags) and yard waste (NO recyclables or cardboard boxes) to the Transfer Station at the **Somerset Highway Department at 1263 Brayton Pt. Rd.** You must show proof of valid vehicle registration and driver's license and purchase a punch-card at the Highway Dept. They will be open on the 1st Saturday & 3rd Saturday of APRIL – NOVEMBER; 8:00AM TO 12:00 NOON. Please call the **Highway Dept. at 508-646-2835** if you have further questions.

ACCEPTED RECYCLABLES ITEMS

RECYCLABLE ITEMS - The following items may be placed in your cart for recycling:



Newspapers



Cardboard boxes



Junk mail



Magazines and catalogs



Boxboard packaging:
e.g. cereal boxes



Office and school paper



Telephone Books



Soft cover books



G
lass bottles & jars



Plastic bottles #1-7



Metal cans



Aluminum pie plates & foil

Containers should be empty, without liquid or food.

Labels and caps can be left on empty containers. **No plastic bags please!**

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

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.

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

Contact numbers:

Howland Disposal..... 508-746-9600
Bulk Pick-up Line..... 508 -746-9600
Somerset Highway Dept. (Transfer Station) 508-646-2835
Somerset Board of Health.....508-646-2805
Town Administration Office..... 508-646-2800

TOWN OF SOMERSET

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1263 BRAYTON POINT ROAD, SOMERSET, MA 02725

508-646-2835

**VALID SOMERSET VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND
DRIVER'S LICENSE IS REQUIRED TO USE THE
TRANSFER STATION**

TRANSFER STATION

2019

**OPEN ON THE FIRST AND THE THIRD SATURDAYS
OF THE MONTH. STARTING IN APRIL, 2019
THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2019.**

OPENS FROM 8:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

LAST DAY OPEN IN 2019: NOVEMBER 16, 2019

Transfer Station

Dates of Operation - 508-646-2835

2019 Schedule

OPEN 1ST & 3RD SATURDAYS

**VALID SOMERSET VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND
DRIVER'S LICENSE IS REQUIRED TO USE THE TRANSFER
STATION**

April 6, 2019

April 20, 2019

May 4, 2019

May 18, 2019

June 1, 2019

June 15, 2019

July 13, 2019

July 20, 2019

August 3, 2019

August 17, 2019

September 7, 2019

September 21, 2019

October 5, 2019

October 19, 2019

November 2, 2019

November 16, 2019

Transfer Station Program Guidelines (Trash & Yard Waste)

VALID SOMERSET VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND DRIVER'S LICENSE IS REQUIRED TO USE THE TRANSFER STATION

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. The Transfer Station is open on the first 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 Town Clerk's Office. The size of your load and/or the items you are disposing of will determine the punch card you 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/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 bulky items the fee schedule below will be applied (Larger loads will be charged accordingly using this minimum charge as a 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.

Current Rates

Furniture (chair, table, dresser, etc.) -- **\$10.00 each**

Mattress/Box Spring: **\$20.00 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) -- **\$10.00 each**

Appliances (Stove, Microwave, dishwasher, washer

Dryer, grill) -- **FREE**

**Cardboard and Recyclables Are Not Accepted
Any Trash Must be in a Town Trash Bag**



Howland Disposal Service, Inc.
 Telephone: 508-746-9600
 Website: www.HowlandDisposal.com

**Town of Somerset – 2019
 Holiday's Observed**

Trash & Recycling - Will be delayed by 1 day
 New Year's – January 1, 2019
 Memorial Day – May 27, 2019
 4th of July – July 4, 2019
 Labor Day-September 2, 2019
 Thanksgiving Day- November 28, 2019
 Christmas Day- December 25, 2019

**Change in bulk pickup day:
 3rd Saturday of every month**

Trash Collection Service:
 Town Pay as You Throw bags & curbside by 7:00 am
 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 Howland Disposal at 508-746-9600. **Cart Repairs:** Please call Howland Disposal at 508-746-9600. 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.

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

Trash / Yard Waste barrels must be labeled.

Inclement Weather Notification

Please dial: 508-746-9600 (Howland Disposal)
 or visit the Town's website at www.townofsomerset.org

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Holiday		Yard Waste		Bulk Only		Amnesty	
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