



THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS 'AWAY'.

("I'm just going to throw this 'away'")

PLEASE VOTE **'YES'** IN PERSON ON
MONDAY, DEC. 11 AT 7PM IN THE DEEP RIVER TOWN HALL
AUDITORIUM TO CHANGE THE SYSTEM OF HOUSEHOLD
WASTE DISPOSAL AT THE DEEP RIVER TRANSFER STATION

TRANSFER STATION (TS) TERMS:

Household waste - this is the garbage that you generate

Tipping fee- the fee charged to the town to transport household waste from the TS.

Compactor- the household waste container at the TS

FAQ- Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is prompting the proposed change at our Transfer Station?

The earth is struggling with too much waste and huge disposal challenges. Connecticut is facing local challenges since landfills are closed and burn facilities (MIRA) are closing due to aging. We send 40% of our HOUSEHOLD WASTE to Pennsylvania and Ohio for disposal. The cost to transport waste raises our tipping fees. We have to reduce the amount of TRASH (household waste) we generate. We need to make changes to mitigate rising costs and to prevent more environmental impact.

2. What is the proposed plan to encourage people to reduce their household waste?

Households that use the TS for household waste disposal will be required to use official Town of Deep River trash bags. These will be sold in rolls of ten available for purchase (tax free) in local stores. Three sizes will be available to accommodate different sized households. Recycling will continue to be free.

3. Why is this method being proposed?

Pay-as-you-throw (PAYT) is a system of trash disposal that is used in over 400 communities in New England. PAYT has reduced trash by half in each of those communities. PAYT is the most effective change a municipality can make to reduce trash. Reducing trash has environmental and economic benefits for the town. It reduces the money spent on trash disposal. PAYT is also fair. You pay for the trash you generate.

4. What goes into the household waste bag?

Household waste consists of all items that are not recyclables or food waste. For example, potato chip bags, snack and candy wrappers, feminine hygiene products and other bathroom waste, Styrofoam, broken glass and more, are part of household waste.

Recyclables- glass, cardboard, paper, metal, recyclable plastics. Go to RecycleCT.com

Food scraps- all food scraps are accepted including meat and dairy products.

You do not need to use the green bag nor any bag. Just tip your food waste container into the TS food scrap container.

Composting food waste can reduce your trash by 22% and reduce methane.

Thin plastics- clean, dry thin plastics can be disposed of at:

Adams, DRPL, Town Hall, TS.

Thin Plastics Info



Tires, mattresses, bulky waste, yard waste, textiles (coming soon), clothes and books will continue to be collected in the same way they are now. Established charges continue to apply.

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MORE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

5. What is the cost of the bags?

33 gallon (family size)- \$2 each, 13 gallon (medium)- \$1.30 each, 8 gallon (1-2 person households)- \$.95 each.

6. Who is entitled to free bags?

The town will subsidize verified low-income households with bags. Call the Selectman's office for assistance.

7. How is the money being used for the bags?

The bag charge pays for the bag and the tipping fee (cost of disposal) at the incinerator/landfill. Surplus revenue will be put into a separate TS fund to support needed changes at the TS, such as a gate to regulate usage and a possible Share Shed for unwanted but usable items.

8. Why doesn't Deep River just make this change without all the hoopla?

Democracy and public involvement is important in any town decision. This is an ordinance that requires a town-wide vote to approve the change.

The in-person vote will take place on Monday, Dec. 11 at 7pm in the Town Hall Auditorium.

9. When will the change occur?

Tentative plan is to begin on Earth Day, April 24, 2024.

10. What should I do with all my leftover orange and green bags?

The new program is projected to start in April on Earth Day. Bring your (anticipated) leftover bags to the TS and we'll redistribute them so we can use them up. The new bags will be a different color.

11. How will this process be enforced?

Staff @ the TS will monitor the waste being thrown into the compactor. Deep River TS stickers are still required.

12. Don't you think people will do irresponsible things with their garbage like throw it out on the street?

In the hundreds of communities that use this system, there is no evidence to support that PAYT increases illegal dumping. Overwhelmingly, people do the right thing. Please do the right thing. Don't dump illegally.

DO YOU STILL HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

CALL THE FIRST SELECTMAN'S OFFICE

@ 860-526-6020 ext. 1

and someone from our committee will get back to you.



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**PLEASE ATTEND
THIS IMPORTANT PUBLIC MEETING
WHEN: MONDAY, DEC. 11**

TIME: 7pm

WHERE: DR TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

IN-PERSON VOTING ONLY. NO HYBRID OPTION WILL BE OFFERED.

**Vote
Yes!**