

Press Release

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Town of Ludlow Department of Public Works

New Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Collection and Disposal Program

The Town of Ludlow has developed a new Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Collection and Disposal Program with the focus on waste reduction. The new program begins on July 1, 2012. The goal of the program is to reduce the quantity of household waste by developing waste reduction strategies and implement a program for the community to expand its participation in its commitment to increase recyclable materials. The program will reduce waste delivered to the incinerator and landfill and generate revenue from the increase in recycle materials.

The new program is a modified Pay-As-You-Throw program which includes the use of approved town trash bags for extra household rubbish to be collected at curbside or disposed at the Transfer Station. The program allows for one 35 gallon trash container at curbside. The program consists of the following;

- Weekly curbside trash collection
- Weekly curbside recycle collection (same day as trash)
- One 35 gallon container for household trash
- Additional trash requires town approved bag (\$1.75 per bag)
- Single Stream recycling (unlimited)
- Transfer Station
- Compost & Brush yard
- Bulk pickup (direct with Contractor fee)
- Bulk disposal (Transfer Station fee)
- Hazardous Waste Day (September date)
- Waste oil collection (Transfer Station)
- Mercury, CRT collection (Transfer Station)

The residential curbside collection and disposal are provided by an independent contractor. Solid waste and rubbish is transported to the Covanta Cogeneration Plant at Bondi's Island and Single Stream Recyclable materials are transported to the Materials Recycling Facility located in Springfield.

The municipal waste reduction program objective is to reduce the waste disposal quantity and increase the recycling practice to meet or exceed the State recycling goals. The program is also referred to as a Pay-As-You-Throw Program or Save-As-You-Throw. The program encourages the community to participate in their efforts to work toward a sustainable environment. Single Stream Recycling requires no sorting and all material is placed in the same container. The success of the program will result in a cost savings to the community. Thank you for helping Ludlow **reduce** your trash costs.