

Self Sustaining Trash Tag Calculations

For FY26 Pricing - 7/1/25 Effective Date

SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE LANGUAGE

7.1.2 Fees: The Town shall fund trash program through a usage based fee. This fee shall be established by the Select Board in the Solid Waste and Recycling Rules, as may be amended from time to time, and shall be set at a level projected to cover all costs of trash collection, transportation and disposal.

DATA SET - based on 2024 actuals and FY26 pricing:

Annual Tonnage: 286¹ Tons
Annual Trash Tags Redeemed: ≈ 33,100
FY24 Hauler fee: \$2.30/bag
Maine Waste to Energy FY25 disposal fee²: \$94.64/ton
Estimated Administration and Oversight: \$2,500³

SELF SUSTAINING CALCULATIONS:

Disposal costs - Maine Waste to Energy: $286 \times \$94.64/\text{ton} = \$27,067$
Hauler costs: $33,100 \times \$2.30 = \$76,130$
Administration and Oversight: = \$2,500
TOTAL: $\$105,697 \div 33,100 = \mathbf{\$3.19/\text{tag}}$ [ROUNDED TO **\$3.25**]

For administrative purposes recommend costs be rounded to nearest \$.25

NEXT STEPS per Solid Waste and Recycling Rules

Prior to enacting or amending the Solid Waste and Recycling Rules, the Select Board shall ... conduct a public hearing, with the text of said Rules or amendment to be posted on the Town's website at least 10 days prior to the public hearing. The Solid Waste and Recycling Rules shall be on file in the Town Office and published on the Town's website.

All fees pertaining to Solid Waste shall be set by the Select Board and may be amended from time to time

¹ Estimate of prior tonnage plus 10% increase, mirroring increase in tickets used

² Based on FY25 cost of \$91 plus estimated increase of 4% (contract allows for 2% - 4%)

³ Estimate to cover incidental costs, e.g. tag printing and oversight by Solid Waste Director