

Solid Waste – Dept: 150-01
Requested Funding: \$390,423

Department Overview

The Solid Waste Department provides the residents of North Yarmouth with solid waste handling and recycling services in accordance with the Maine DEP Solid Waste Management rules.

Mission

In order to preserve natural resources, conserve energy, reduce the cost of waste disposal, and provide for a more efficient and effective means of disposing of waste materials, the department of solid waste management is responsible for conducting all matters relating to the handling, transportation, and disposition of all solid waste and recyclable materials handled by the town.

What the budget purchases:

The biggest component of the Solid Waste Budget are the disposal fees and transportation costs associated with the removal of materials processed through the facility.

The following is a detailed description of each account and the costs attributed to that account:

150-01 - SOLID WASTE \$390,423

ACCOUNT #5655 – MSW DISPOSAL \$128,864

This account pays for the hauling of Municipal Solid Waste. North Yarmouth has a contract with Casella for the curbside collection and transportation of MSW to ecomaine’s disposal and processing facilities. This is an increase over the current year due to the transition to an automated collection system. This is an increase of approximately 6.5% over the current year and includes the addition of the Casella ReCollect APP and Casella software and subscription for AI technology (camera) to be installed on the new truck.

ACCOUNT #5660 – RECYCLABLES \$127,779

This account pays for the hauling of Recyclable Materials. North Yarmouth has a contract with Casella for the curbside collection and transportation of recyclable materials to ecomaine’s disposal and processing facilities. This is an increase over the current year due to the transition to an automated collection system. This is an increase of approximately 6.5% over the current year and includes the addition of the Casella ReCollect APP and Casella software and subscription for AI technology (camera) to be installed on the new truck.

ACCOUNT #5670 – ECO TONNAGE \$104,000

This line item provides tipping fees paid to ecomaine on household waste and recyclable materials. Rates for FY25 Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) increased \$10 per ton (from \$87.50 to \$97.50 per ton) and Single-Sort Recycling increased \$20 per ton (from \$45 to \$65 per ton).

ACCOUNT #5685 – CLEANUP DAY \$15,000

Cleanup Day is typically held in the spring each year. This is the day that residents can dispose of items at the Town’s Public Works Facility that cannot be left for weekly curbside pickup.

Examples are furniture, appliances, toys, brush, and construction scrap. There is a fee to dispose of some items.

ACCOUNT #5688 – GARBAGE TO GARDEN \$4,780

Garbage to Garden works with communities to create a sustainable organics collection system through an organics drop-off program at a centralized collection point in North Yarmouth. This includes costs for a second drop-off to be located at the WH&NYCC.

ACCOUNT #5690 – TOTE PURCHASE \$10,000

Maintenance and repairs for the North Yarmouth for the totters required for the automated collection system.