



## ***SELECTBOARD AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE***

***Tues., October 10, 2023***

\*\*\*Indicates item added after the 48 hour posting  
**bold underlined** time = invited guest or advertised hearing  
(all other times are approximate)

Location: Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room, 325 Main Road, Gill

6:30 PM Call to Order (If the meeting is being videotaped, announce that fact. If remote participation will occur, announce member & reason, & need for roll call voting)

### Old Business

- Review of Minutes: 8/29/22, 9/12/22, 10/11/22, 11/21/22, 12/5/22, 12/19/22, 1/30/23, 2/13, 2/27, 3/13, 3/28, 3/30, 4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22, 6/5, 6/20, 7/3, 9/11, 9/25

### New Business

- Front Steps at Riverside Municipal Building – status of replacement project; available funds; \$5,000 FirstLight grant toward project
- Possible proposal for Town to acquire dual axis solar tracker through donation and huge discount
- Draft Report for Town of Northfield's Regional Emergency Medical Services Study
  - High likelihood the Northfield Selectboard will establish a 4-town task force to discuss report's recommendations – 1 rep from Selectboard & 1 rep familiar with EMS services/operations
- Review & sign Sewer Commitment #2024-001, bill date of 10/12/23, amount TBA
- Montague Sewer Rates – 8.6% increase for FY24 (from \$15.68 to \$17.03/1000 gal.)
- FY25 Pricing Change for software used by Town Accountant
- Grant Awards:
  - Federal FY2023 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program - \$361
  - MassDEP Recycling Dividends Program - \$5,600
- Resignation – Stephen Baskowski from the Conservation Commission effective October 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Other business as may arise after the agenda has been posted.
- Public Service Announcements, if any
  - MA Community Health Equity Survey
  - North County Vaccine Clinics for COVID-19 & flu – various dates/times/locations
  - Fall 2023 “Clean Sweep” Bulky Waste Recycling Day – Sat. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 9AM-Noon
- Warrants  
FY24 #7 Vendors (\$150,231.15) & Payroll (\$41,830.05) – reviewed & signed on 9/25/23  
FY24 #8 – review & sign

### Adjournment

### **Other Invitations/Meetings:**

Date	Time	Event	Location
Thus 10/12	11:00 AM	Reception for completion of French King Bridge safety barriers	French King Restaurant, Erving
Mon 10/23	5:30 PM	Selectboard Meeting	Town Hall
Mon 11/6	5:30 PM	Selectboard Meeting	Town Hall

# TOWN OF GILL

M A S S A C H U S E T T S



## OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS Sewer Use Charges and Inspection Fees

To: Town Accountant

You are hereby notified that COMMITMENT(S) as shown below has (have) this day been made by the Board of Sewer Commissioners to Thomas Hodak, Tax Collector (Town Collector) and Collector of Sewer Charges. Bill date is October 12, 2023.

This is commitment number 2024-001.

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To: Thomas Hodak, Tax Collector (Town Collector) and Collector of Sewer Charges for the Town of Gill in the County of Franklin:

You are hereby required to collect from the several persons named in the list dated October 3, 2023, herewith committed to you the amount of the sewer usage charges assessed therein to each such person, with penalties, the sum total of such list being Fifty One Thousand Three Hundred Ninety and 74/100 Dollars (\$51,390.74).

Given under our hands the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

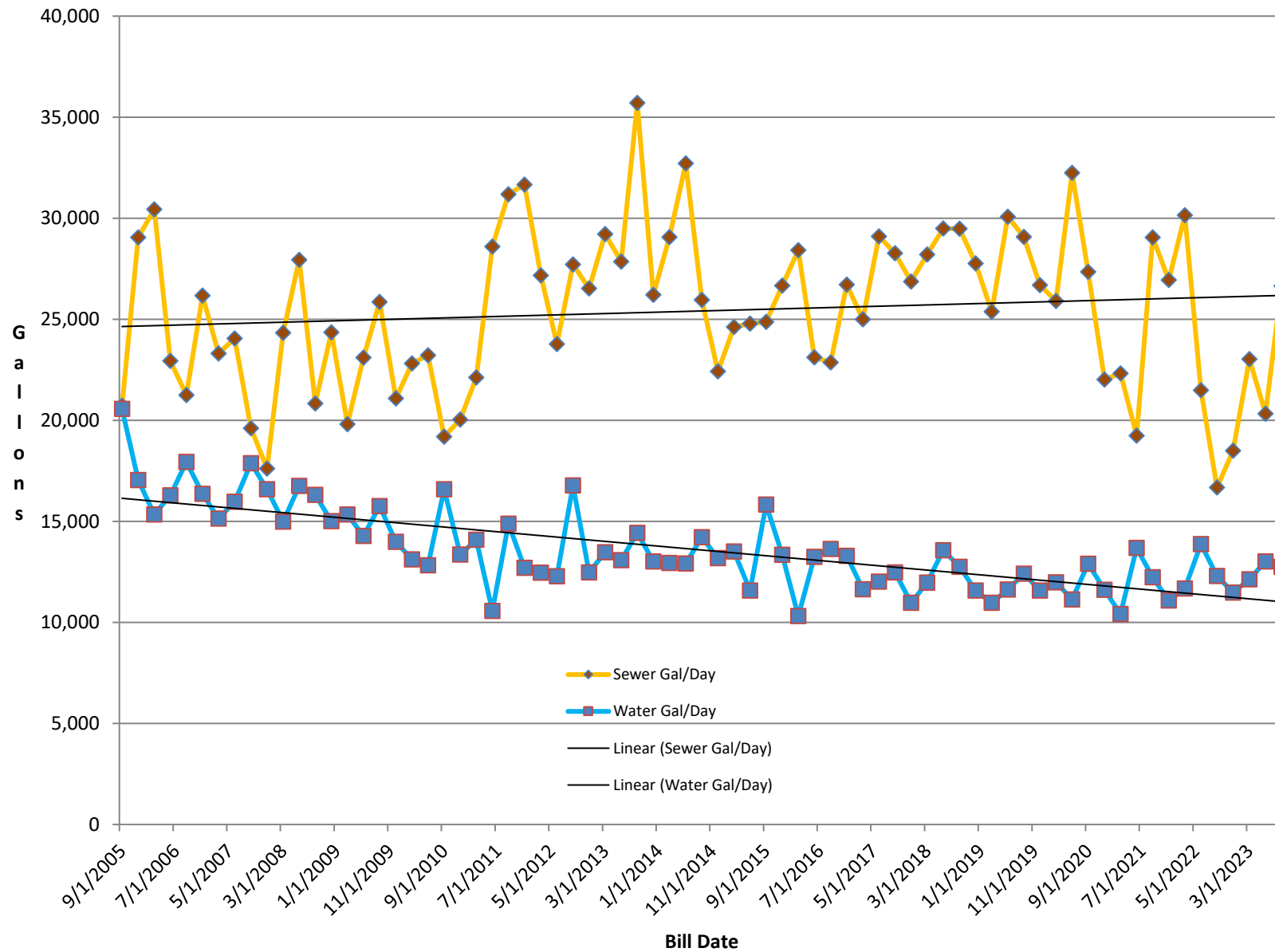
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Randy P. Crochier

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Gregory M. Snedeker

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Charles J. Garbiel II

Board of Sewer Commissioners of the Town of Gill

## Historical Comparison of Water & Sewer Usage in Gallons Per Day





## ***Town of Montague***

Clean Water Facility  
34 Greenfield Road  
Montague, MA 01351-9522  
[cwf.supt@montague-ma.gov](mailto:cwf.supt@montague-ma.gov)

(413) 773-8865  
FAX: (413) 774-6231

Effective October 1, 2023

### **Sewer Rates FY 2024**

Rates I, II, and III reflect an adopted **8.6%** increase. Rate IV reflects an adopted **17.3%** increase. Rate V reflects an adopted **3.2%** increase.

I.	Gill	<b>Adopted Rate: \$17.03/1000 gallons</b> Previous Rate: \$15.68/1000 gallons
II.	T. Falls, Mont. Center, Mont. City, Lake Pleasant	<b>Adopted Rate: \$18.39/1000 gallons</b> Previous Rate: \$16.94/1000 gallons
III.	Millers Falls	<b>Adopted Rate: \$18.39/1000 gallons</b> Previous Rate: \$16.94/1000 gallons
IV.	Industrial Customers	<b>Adopted Rate: \$18.39/1000 gallons</b> Previous Rate: \$15.68/1000 gallons
V.	12-month Flat Rate	<b>Adopted Rate: \$967.32FY</b> Previous Rate: \$937.44/FY

### **Septage Receiving:**

In Town & Town of Gill:  
Out of Town:

= \$95/1,000 gallons  
= \$115/1,000 gallons

### **Trucked-in Solids:**

=Price to be negotiated between Town&FCSWMD

### **RV's:**

=\$20 per disposal

### **Other:**

Interest Rate – 14% per Annum  
Demand Charge - \$5.00  
Minimum Bill - \$154.92/FY

### **Sewer Commission Authorization**

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Richard Kuklewicz

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Chris Boutwell

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Matthew Lord



# Franklin Regional Council of Governments

October 4, 2023

Select Board  
Town of Gill  
325 Main Road  
Gill, MA 01354

Dear Select Board Members,

I am writing today regarding an upcoming change to our MIP accounting software agreement. The company that owns MIP is discontinuing the unique agreement allowing all towns that contract with the FRCOG for accounting services to use the FRCOG's MIP site license. As you know, the FRCOG has been able to offer this benefit for many years, allowing you to avoid the need to purchase your own site license.

Unfortunately, that arrangement will be going away as of the end of fiscal year 2024. This means that your town will need to procure its own accounting software license for fiscal year 2025 and beyond. Our MIP software vendor, Zobrio, has provided the following estimated costs for your budgeting consideration. Please note the contact information for Zobrio below to discuss additional options and formalize pricing:

- annual fee to purchase your own MIP site license is \$9,583/year
- one-time implementation, conversion and training fee would be approximately \$7,350
- annual software cloud hosting fee is \$3,150/year

We realize that this will be a big change to the operation of the FRCOG Town Accounting Program, and we are looking into the possibility of applying for grant funds to help you pay at least some of the cost of this transition.

We are still planning to provide accounting services to your town in FY25, if you want us to and if you decide to continue using the MIP software. That said, we are ready and willing to discuss any options that might provide a better, more affordable solution for your town.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I would be happy to meet with you to discuss this software change and its potential impact on the accounting services we provide.

Sincerely,

Bob Dean  
Director of Municipal Services

**Zobrio Contact Information:**

Rob Raymond, Executive Vice President  
[Rob.Raymond@Zobrio.com](mailto:Rob.Raymond@Zobrio.com)  
Cell 781.718.1881

## Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard

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**From:** Bureau of Justice Assistance <BJA@public.govdelivery.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2023 5:16 PM  
**To:** administrator@gillmass.org  
**Subject:** BJA Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) □ FY 2023 Award Announcement

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Dear BVP applicant,

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to inform you that your jurisdiction will receive an award under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program. These funds have been posted to your account in the [BVP System](#). A complete list of FY 2023 BVP awards is now available at the following link: <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/fy23-bvp-awards.pdf>.

**However, the FY 2023 BVP award for your jurisdiction will be on hold until the required SAM registration is completed and the BVP Helpdesk is notified. Please see the steps below:**

1. Your jurisdiction must be registered in SAM.gov. **For more information about renewing and updating your existing SAM registration, or registering in SAM as a new entity, please visit <https://sam.gov/SAM/> . The SAM Helpdesk can be reached at 866-606-8220.**
2. Please send an email to the BVP Service Desk at [Vests@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:Vests@ojp.usdoj.gov) to confirm you have registered in SAM.gov and to confirm that your Jurisdiction Name (Vendor Name), UEL number, and Address match between the BVP System and SAM. Finally, please update SAM with the latest banking information for your jurisdiction.

The FY 2023 award may be used for National Institute of Justice (NIJ) compliant armored vests which were ordered after April 1, 2023. The deadline to request payments from the FY 2023 award is August 31, 2025, or until all available funds have been requested. Awards will not be extended past that date, and any unused funds will be forfeited.

As a reminder, body armor vests purchased with BVP funds must have been tested through the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) [Compliance Testing Program](#) and found to comply with the most current NIJ body armor standards, appear on the [NIJ Compliant Products List](#) as of the date the body armor was ordered, be uniquely fitted, and be made in the United States. In addition, applicants must have a written mandatory wear policy for uniformed patrol officers in place at the time of application.

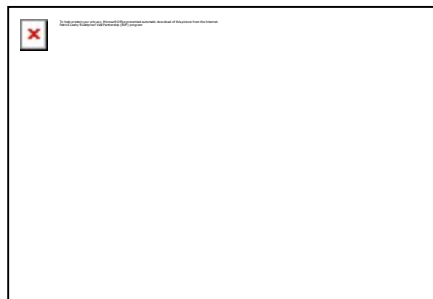
In addition, the federal portion of the costs for body armor vests purchased under the BVP Program may not exceed 50 percent. However, jurisdictions may request a financial or natural disaster hardship waiver during the payment request process and receive up to 100 percent of the cost of each body armor vest submitted for reimbursement. Additional information regarding match waivers can be found in the [BVP FAQs](#), and detailed instructions on the process for requesting a waiver and the documentation required can be found in the [Submitting Payment Requests in BVP User Guide](#).

Please contact the BVP Helpdesk at 1-877-758-3787 or email [vests@usdoj.gov](mailto:vests@usdoj.gov) if you have any questions regarding the above information. Please also visit the [BVP website](#) for additional information regarding the BVP Program.

In addition, please visit BJA's Officer Robert Wilson III Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement Officers and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability (VALOR) Initiative website to obtain other information regarding officer safety: [VALOR Officer Safety and Wellness Initiative | Overview | Bureau of Justice Assistance \(ojp.gov\)](#). The VALOR Initiative is a comprehensive set of programs that deliver no-cost officer safety, wellness, resilience training, resources, and technical assistance to law enforcement throughout the country. VALOR brings together the latest research and practices to address current and emerging officer safety and wellness issues/threats. Please see the VALOR Initiative Overview-Booklet for a detailed synopsis of this important initiative: [BJA VALOR INITIATIVE \(ojp.gov\)](#). Sincerely,

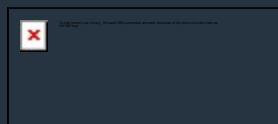
BVP Program Support Team

Bureau of Justice Assistance



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*BJA offers many resources, training and technical assistance, and policy development services to support local, state, and tribal governments in achieving safer communities.*



[www.bja.ojp.gov](http://www.bja.ojp.gov)

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Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs

## Department of Environmental Protection

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September 27, 2023

Ray Purington  
Town Administrator  
Town of Gill  
325 Main Road  
Gill, MA 01354

Dear Mr. Purington,

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has awarded the Town of Gill Recycling Dividends Program funds under the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program. The Town of Gill has earned 16 points and will receive \$5,600.

The Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) was created under 310 CMR 19.300-303 and the Green Communities Act, which directs a portion of the proceeds from the sale of Waste Energy Certificates to recycling programs approved by MassDEP. This year, we are awarding \$5.2 million in SMRP funding to 283 municipalities and regional groups.

Recycling programs play a vital role in limiting our dependence on landfills and incinerators, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and supporting economic activity in the Commonwealth. Recycling Dividend Program funds foster investment in local programs including recycling equipment, organics diversion, outreach and education, pilot programs, school recycling, toxics reduction, and more. Please refer to the [RDP Approved Expenses List](#) for more information. MassDEP has invested in developing nationally recognized tools to assist municipalities with reducing recycling contamination and improving public awareness of smart recycling practices. We encourage you to utilize the [Recycling IQ Kit](#) and [Recycle Smart MA](#) website and to consult with your MassDEP [Municipal Assistance Coordinator](#) for assistance in implementing these best practices.

To accept your grant award, please sign and return the attached RDP Contract via email before January 15, 2024. After we receive your signed RDP contract, funds will be sent to your community. Should you have any questions, please email Rachel Smith at [Rachel.Smith@mass.gov](mailto:Rachel.Smith@mass.gov).

Thank you for your continued commitment to recycling and waste reduction in Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Heiple  
Commissioner

## Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard

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**From:** Doreen Stevens/Gill Town Clerk <townclerk@gillmass.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 05, 2023 3:17 PM  
**To:** administrator@gillmass.org  
**Subject:** FW: Stephen Baskowski resignation from the Gill Conservation Commission

Here is Steve's resignation.

-----Original Message-----

From: Steve Baskowski <sbas@comcast.net>  
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 9:10 PM  
To: townclerk@gillmass.org  
Subject: Stephen Baskowski resignation from the Gill Conservation Commission

Dear Doreen,

As town clerk for the town of Gill, MA, please accept my resignation from my seat on the Gill Conservation Commission effective October 3, 2023. It has been my pleasure and privilege to have served the town in this capacity with the other members of the board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen Baskowski  
149 Main Rd.  
Gill, MA., 01354  
sbas@comcast.net  
(413) 835-5416

Sent from my iPhone

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This email has been checked for viruses by AVG antivirus software.  
[www.avg.com](http://www.avg.com)

# North County Vaccine Clinics Fall 2023



## Current CDC Vaccine Recommendations

Everyone aged 6 months and older should get an annual flu vaccine and up to date with COVID-19 vaccines.

- Everyone aged 5 years and older should get 1 dose of the updated (2023-2024) COVID-19 vaccine.
- Children aged 6 months - 4 years may need multiple doses to be up to date.
- People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised may get additional doses of the vaccine.

Though some walk-in vaccine will be available, we recommend you  
**Register in advance to reserve your dose(s)**

To register, click the location links below or visit <https://frcog.org/covid>

**High dose vaccine will be available for seniors who register in advance**

If you have insurance, you must bring your card with you

## Schedule

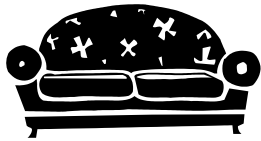
Tuesday, October 17 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Gill Elementary School</a>	3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Northfield Senior Center</a>	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Friday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Pioneer Valley Regional School</a>	3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<a href="#">Bernardston Senior Center</a>	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Erving Senior Center</a>	12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 12 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Erving Public Library</a>	12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Vaccine eligibility information & additional clinic dates in Franklin County can be found & scheduled at <https://frcog.org/covid>



# "CLEAN SWEEP"

## BULKY WASTE RECYCLING DAY



**Saturday, October 21, 2023**  
**9 a.m. to noon**



### Locations:

- ✓ Mohawk Trail Regional High School, 26 Ashfield Rd, Shelburne Falls (Rt. 112 S.)
- ✓ Northfield Highway Garage, 49 Caldwell Rd. (off Rt. 142)
- ✓ Whately Transfer Station, 73 Christian Lane (off Rt. 5/10)

- No pre-registration necessary.
- Items will be recycled whenever possible.
- There is a disposal charge on most items; cash only.

Mattresses and box springs are no longer accepted: see website or call for 6 recycling locations in Franklin County.

### What To Bring:

- Tires
- Televisions
- Computers
- Scrap Metal
- Appliances: remove doors from refrigerators & freezers
- FREE: Bring **clean, dry** bagged textiles and books for reuse or recycling!
- Electronics
- Microwaves
- BBQ Grill Tanks
- Construction & Demolition Debris
- Furniture
- Bulky Rigid Plastics
- Carpeting



### PLEASE DO **NOT** BRING:

Mattresses, Box Springs, Yard Waste, Brush, Asbestos, Paint, Auto Batteries, Oil Tanks, Hazardous Materials, Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Trash

### ***For residents and businesses of the following towns:***

Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Rowe, Shelburne, Sunderland, Warwick, Wendell, Whately

**For more info and pricing: [franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://franklincountywastedistrict.org),  
413-772-2438, or [info@franklincountywastedistrict.org](mailto:info@franklincountywastedistrict.org)  
or see the back of this sheet.**

*MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD)  
The District is an equal opportunity provider.*

REMODELING? Used building materials can be donated to EcoBuilding Bargains in Springfield.  
Call first to confirm that they can accept your item: 413-788-6900, [ecobuildingbargains.org](http://ecobuildingbargains.org).

# CLEAN SWEEP BULKY WASTE COLLECTION

October 21, 2023, 9 a.m. to noon

## Disposal Price Guide

### CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

Asphalt, bricks, cement, mortar	\$45/cu.yd.
Clapboards, doors, plaster, sheetrock, shingles, siding, windows, wood	\$40/cu.yd.
Hot tubs, spas	\$40/cu.yd.

### ELECTRONICS

Cell phones	free
Computer monitor, CRT	\$25
Computer monitor, flat screen	\$10
Copy machine	\$30
CPU (computer)	\$5
Laptop computer	\$10
TV: Flat screen < 60"	\$10
CRT or 60" flat screen	\$25
Console or large projection	\$40
Printer (with flatbed), scanner	\$10
Printer (without flatbed), fax machine	\$5
VCR, DVD player, game systems	\$5

### FURNITURE/CARPET

Bookcases, end tables, kitchen/dining tables, and wooden chairs	\$5
Bureau	\$10
Carpet or area rug up to 10x10	\$10
Carpet (larger: up to 12x20)	\$20
Carpet padding	\$10
Couch	\$20
Futon mattress	\$15
Loveseat	\$15
<b>Mattresses no longer accepted!</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Mattress for waterbed	\$15
Recliner chair, upholstered chair	\$15
Sink, toilet	\$15
Sleeper sofa	\$35
Vacuum	\$3

### SCRAP METAL/APPLIANCES

Air conditioner/dehumidifier	\$15
Bicycle	\$5
Dishwasher	\$10
Fire extinguisher	\$10
Furnace (residential)	\$15
Lawn mower, push (drain gas)	\$10
Lawn mower, riding (drain gas)	\$15
LP gas tank, 1 lb.	\$1
LP gas BBQ tank, 20 lb.	\$5
LP gas BBQ tank, up to 100 lbs.	\$10
Microwave, trash compactor, etc	\$5
Misc. metal items, small	\$5
Misc. metal items, BBQ grill & larger	\$10
Refrigerator, freezer (remove doors)	\$15
Rototiller, snowblower, etc. (drain gas)	\$10
Stove, washer, dryer	\$10
Water heater (residential)	\$15

**Gasoline MUST be drained from all small engines!**

### TIRES

Passenger up to 19"	\$5
Truck tires	\$20
Tractor/Loader tires	\$75

### TEXTILES & BOOKS

Textiles* (CLEAN, DRY, bagged)	FREE
Books (paperback, hardcover)	FREE
*Textiles CAN be torn, stained, or have broken zippers or missing buttons: those will be recycled into insulation.	

### BULKY RIGID PLASTIC RECYCLING\*

<b>ONLY accepts:</b> 5-gallon pails, trash cans, soda crates, plastic lawn furniture, laundry baskets	\$5/load
*Nothing longer than 4' in any direction!	
See website or call for more instructions!	

**Cash Only. Some acceptable items may not be listed.**

***The District reserves the right to price other items accordingly on site.***

**MATERIALS WILL BE RECYCLED WHENEVER POSSIBLE.**