TOWN OF MONTAGUE

New Trash Sticker Rules Take Effect January 1, 2027

The Town of Montague has updated its **Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT)** trash collection policy to create a simpler and more equitable system.

What is changing?

Beginning **January 1, 2027**, Montague will no longer use annual barrel stickers.

Instead, **every bag of trash must have the proper sticker**.

New Sticker Rules

<u>One sticker</u> is required for:

- **One 33-gallon bag**, **OR**
- **Two 16-gallon** (Kitchen) **bags**

  (30-pound weight limit)

<u>Two stickers</u> are required for:

- **One 42-gallon or larger bag** *(including contractor bags)*

  (50-pound weight limit)

Important Reminders

- **Trash bags may still be placed inside your barrels or carts. Keep your current barrel.**
- Wrap sticker around secured neck of bags.
- If you use a barrel or cart, **each bag inside must have the proper number of stickers**.
- A sticker must be attached to **each bag**, not just the barrel or top bag. *Note: Two 16 gallon bags only require one sticker total.*

New Stickers Will Be Red

The Town will begin issuing **new red trash stickers** for the revised policy starting in December.

Have old blue stickers?

Old **blue** stickers may be **traded in for new red stickers at Town Hall** (as soon as available).

Why is the Town making this change?

This change creates a **true Pay-As-You-Throw system**:

- Households pay based on the amount of trash they throw away
- Large barrels can still be used
- The program is simpler and easier to understand
- Everyone follows the same rules

Examples

You put out **one regular bag** up to 33 gallons
→ **1 red sticker**

You put out **two smaller 16-gallon bags**
→ **1 red sticker total**

You put out **one large contractor bag**
→ **2 red stickers**

You place **three bags inside a barrel**
→ **Each bag must have the required sticker(s)**

Resources

More information about recycling, composting, hazardous waste collection, yard waste, and bulky waste removal is available here:

https://montague-ma.gov/p/189/Recycling-Center-and-Transfer-Station-Info

Questions?

For more information, contact:

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https://montague-ma.gov/p/22/Department-of-Public-Works-DPW