

Erving Trash Sticker Presentation

Erving Select Board in collaboration
with Franklin County Solid Waste
Management District

July 14, 2021

Overview

- Effective Friday, August 6th all trash bags will need an Erving trash sticker attached.
- One sticker for a 33-gallon trash bag OR for two 16-gallon kitchen trash bags.
- No contractor bags allowed.
- Place sticker around tied neck of bags or bag “draw string”
- Weight limit for one sticker = 35 pounds.

Why a trash sticker program?

- The town and solid waste district have become concerned with the significant increase in trash tonnage in July 2020 when the town's average of 7 tons per week increased to 10 tons per week.
- The town and solid waste district have compared prior years' tonnage and a neighboring town's tonnage to Erving's 2020-2021 tonnage.
- The solid waste district staff has followed the trash truck for a full day to investigate increased tonnage.
- Trash trucks have been inspected repeatedly and weighed before and after the route.

What did we find?

- Erving and Gill both have curbside collection with almost identical household stops (600 vs 588). Gill has a full pay-as-you-throw trash bag program. Tonnage was tracked from both towns.
- From August 2020 – June 2021:
Erving generated 427.36 tons of trash/47 weeks = 9.09 tons per week
Gill generated 144.06 tons of trash/47 weeks = 3.07 tons per week

Erving's Trash Disposal 2019 to 2020 Comparison

Calendar Year 2019	Calendar Year 2020
367.85 Tons	416.39 Tons*

* The actual tonnage is higher because the counts for February 2020 could not be verified with the previous hauler and therefore were not included in this count

What did we find? Erving 9/4/20



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- Early morning trash truck inspections found empty trucks starting the route.
- There were surprise trash truck inspections without any issues found.
- Trash trucks were required to weigh at a commercial scale before and after the route. Weight tickets were compared for issues and none were found.

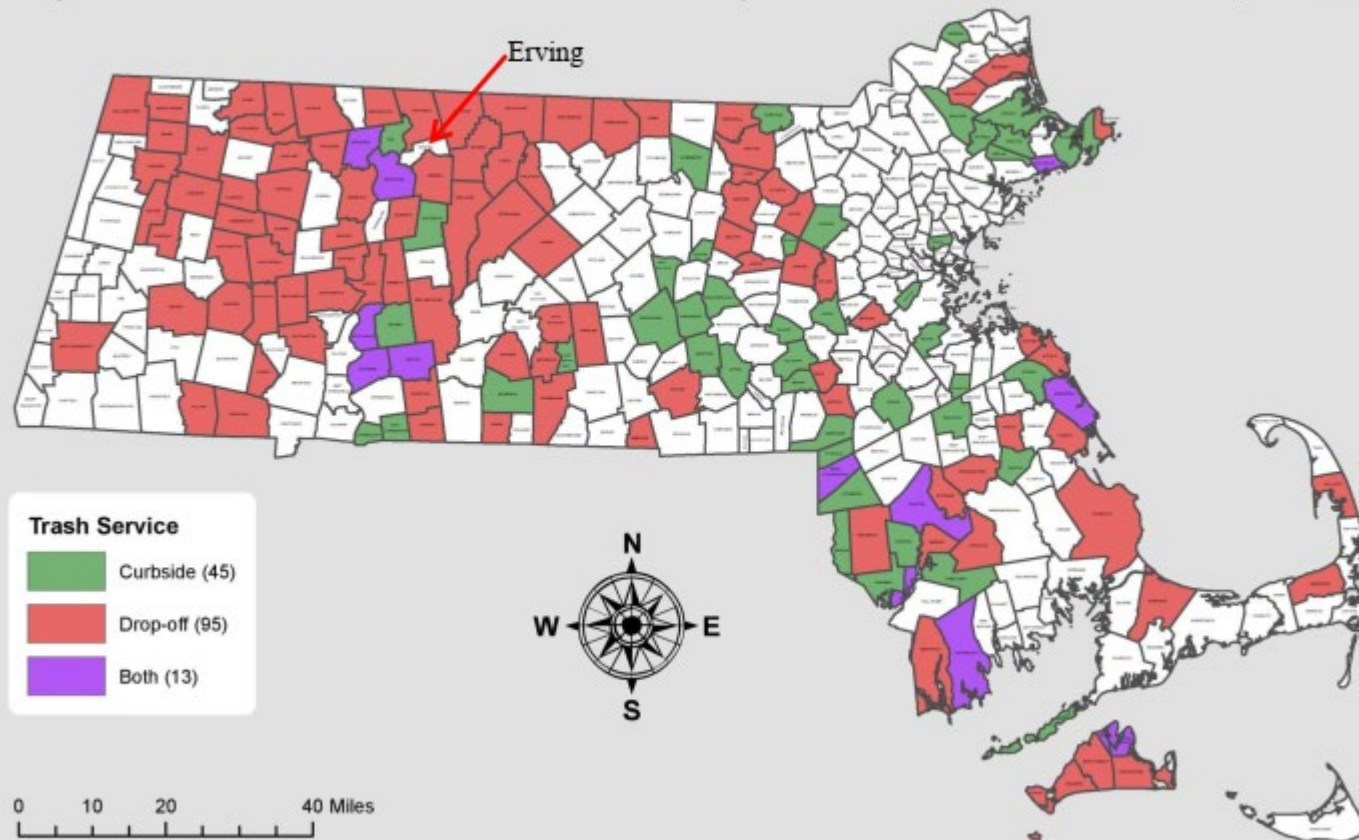
What do we know?

- All surrounding towns have pay-as-you-throw so it is easy for non-residents to leave their trash in Erving. This may account for a significant amount of trash tonnage.
- The only Franklin County towns without pay-as-you-throw for trash are Conway and Sunderland.

What do we know?

- Town of Rowe implemented a trash sticker program in 2019 to reduce out-of-town trash disposal.
- In one year the trash tonnage decreased 25% by 31 tons. There are only 200 households in Rowe.

PAYT/SMART Communities (Pay-As-You-Throw/Save-Money-And-Reduce-Trash)



Trash Service

- Curbside (45)
- Drop-off (95)
- Both (13)

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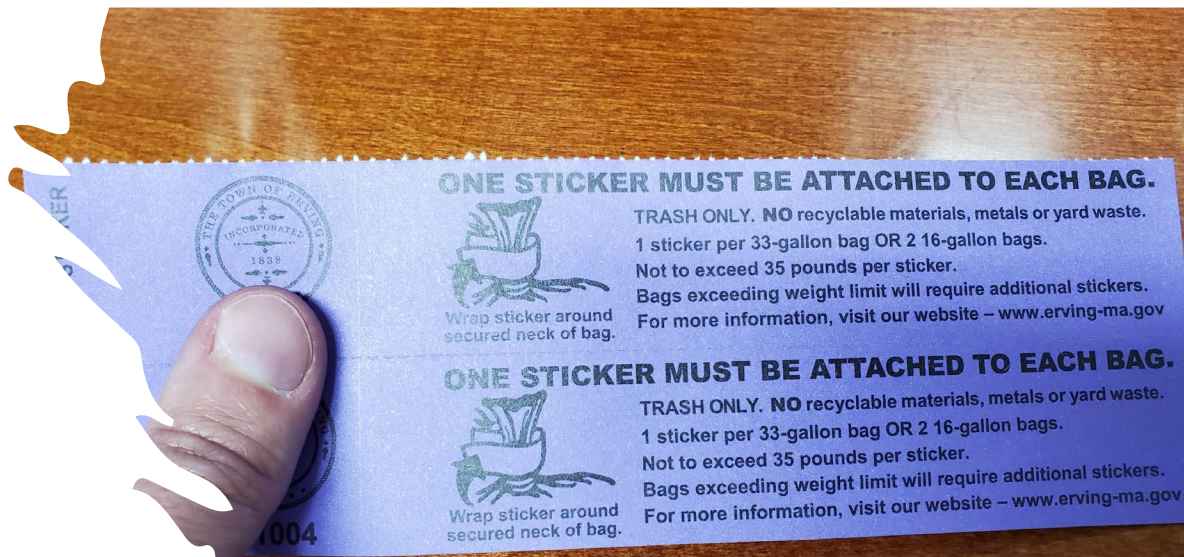
DATA SOURCES:
- Community Boundaries: ITD/MassGIS
- Unit-based Pricing Data: MassDEP BAW, May 2020
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MassDEP, BAW, Revised May 14, 2020, J Cook

Trash Sticker Program Protects Erving

- Implementing a trash sticker program allows the town to keep non-resident trash out of town.
- All tax payers, including seniors, are paying for non-resident trash disposal. Seniors generally generate very small amounts of trash.
- The trash sticker program will allow the town to better estimate the cost of trash disposal by knowing how many stickers are in circulation.

Trash Sticker Program Details

- Every household will get 104 stickers direct mailed. Stickers are in sheets of four.
- One sticker for a 33-gallon trash bag OR for two 16-gallon kitchen trash bags. Total weight limit is 35 pounds.
- Erving residents that are neighbors, friends, and family can share stickers before requesting more.



Trash Sticker Program Details

- A household is eligible to request an additional 52 stickers from town hall at no cost.
- Additional stickers in excess of 156 per year will cost \$0.50 each or \$2 per sheet of four stickers.
- Residents are not required to participate in the curbside program and can hire a private hauler or dumpster.

Recycling and Composting

- Recycling can reduce trash generation by over 30%. Remember, no plastic bags as they tangle in processing equipment. For details on what can be recycled visit www.springfieldmrf.org.
- The town receives a credit, based on the market value of the material for that month, for every ton of recycling sent to the Springfield processing facility. This reduces the town's disposal costs.

RECYCLING'S MOST UNWANTED

Please keep these items out of household recycling. At the recycling facility, plastic bags, hoses and holiday lights cause safety hazards and shutdowns when they wrap around conveyor belts and equipment.



For a complete YES & NO list of what can be recycled, visit www.springfieldmrf.org
or call the recycling hotline for more detailed information: 888-888-0784 ext. 52293 or 413-784-1100, ext. 52293

Recycling and Composting

- Composting food waste can reduce trash generation by at least 25%.
- Backyard compost bins and pails are available through the solid waste district.



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