



# Town of Pembroke

## Department of Public Works

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Dear Pembroke Resident:

We are pleased to announce that the new solid waste and recycling program will start in the Spring of 2010.

Voters approved the new program at the Town Meeting in March 2009, and the Department of Public Works, with assistance from the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee, has been coordinating the purchase of the special equipment needed to implement the automated trash collection and the new curbside recycling program. Residents must buy two carts - one for trash and one for recycling - before the program begins. At the startup, recycling will become mandatory in Pembroke, both at curbside and at the Transfer Station.

The new collection carts are on display at the following locations: Town Hall, the Transfer Station, the Library, and at each of the Pembroke schools. Please stop by to see the carts, and then go to Town Hall to pay for them. Each 64-gallon cart costs \$52, but a discount of \$8 per cart will be given if you purchase the carts before the end of January. Large families or owners of multi-family buildings may purchase larger carts at \$57 each, and a discount of \$7 per cart will be given if you purchase the carts before the end of January.

The two carts will be delivered directly to your home just before the startup of the program next spring, as soon as the weather allows. Along with the carts, a program brochure and pamphlet on proper care of the carts will be distributed. The list of what to put in the recycling cart will be included in the information. When the collection program starts up, the Department of Public Works will pick up one trash cart and one recycling cart every week from each home. Residents who do not buy the carts will not have their trash picked up. Since the Town's Solid Waste ordinance will mandate recycling after the automated program begins, any resident who brings trash to the Transfer Station will have to recycle as well.

The cost of trash has recently increased 35%; by making it easy for residents to recycle, this new program will help Pembroke keep its cost as low as possible. We look forward to many other benefits from this new program - our neighborhoods will be neater, it will offer safer working conditions for our employees, and the collection service will be more efficient. If you have any questions about this new program (placement of carts, dead end streets, parking on trash day, etc), please call the Department of Public Works at 485-4422, or check the Town of Pembroke website ([www.pembroke-nh.com](http://www.pembroke-nh.com)).

We appreciate your patience as this new program gets organized. Until next spring, please take advantage of the discount and buy your carts soon, and remember to recycle at the Pembroke Transfer Station. Thank you if you have already paid for the carts, and please continue to check the website for more information and updates.

Regards,

Pembroke Board of Selectmen