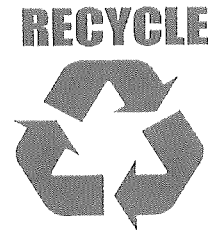


TRANSFER STATION

Punch Ticket Fee Change

Effective April 1, 2023



The cost per punch will increase by **\$0.75** on April 1, 2023. A 5-Punch Ticket will increase from \$17.50 to \$21.25, and a 10-Punch Ticket will increase from \$35 to \$42.50. The price of composting will not be increasing at this time.

Please Note:

1. The Transfer Station is an Enterprise Fund that needs to break even on its expenses at the end of each fiscal year. In other words, the fees collected need to cover the cost of operating the facility.
2. The fees that are currently being collected are not covering the cost of operating the facility. The facility has a projected year-end shortfall in net variable revenues/expenses of -\$20,081. The facility currently has a cumulative audited shortfall of -\$49,204, which accumulated from prior year shortfalls.
3. If we don't address the ongoing net revenue/expense shortfall we will end the year with a projected cumulative shortfall of -\$69,285. By increasing the punch ticket cost by \$0.75, we will still end this fiscal year with an estimated -\$6,992 shortfall, and an estimated cumulative shortfall of -\$56,197.
4. In addition to this, we received notice that our haulers are increasing their tonnage rate by 5.4% because the landfill continues to raise fees. We will be paying \$116.99 for trash and the pull charge will increase to \$221.34.
5. On 2/16/23, Selectboard members in Reading, Weathersfield, and West Windsor, in coordination with the Town Manager & Director of Regional Planning, came together to discuss our options. They voted to recommend the Weathersfield Selectboard increase the fee effective April 1st. On 2/21/23, the Town Manager presented his findings, and various options were discussed. The Weathersfield Selectboard voted unanimously to raise the punch ticket fee by \$0.75, and to review it again by June 30th.
6. We will be continuing to monitor the shortfall carefully, and will make changes as deemed appropriate, to continue to provide a facility for residents of Reading, Weathersfield, and West Windsor to dispose of trash & recycling.

We continue to value the Transfer Station and our partnership between Reading, Weathersfield, and West Windsor. We always welcome feedback on our operations. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Our phone number is (802) 674-2626 and our email address is weathersfield@weathersfield.org.