

Solid Waste Facility
424 River Road, Lewiston
OPEN
Weekdays: 7:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. – 12 Noon
(Gates Close on Saturday at 11:50 a.m.)

January 2020 – Martin Luther King’s Birthday

Due to the celebration of Martin Luther King’s birthday on **Monday, January 20th, 2020 the Solid Waste Facility will be closed.** The Solid Waste Facility will re-open on Tuesday, January 21st, 2020, at 7:15 AM. **Trash & Recyclable Materials will be collected as usual on that day and need to be curbside by 7:00 AM.**

February 2020 – President’s Day

Due to the President’s Day holiday, celebrated on **Monday, February 17th, 2020 the Solid Waste Facility will be closed.** The Solid Waste Facility will re-open on Tuesday, February 18th, 2020, at 7:15 AM. **Trash & Recyclable Materials will be collected as usual on that day and need to be curbside by 7:00 AM.**

The following Fee Schedule for the City’s Solid Waste and Recycling Facility was approved by Lewiston’s City Council on March 19, 2019. Some of the changes included –

- 1) Fees – the disposal fee was increased to \$100/ton for all waste brought to the Solid Waste Facility*
- 2) ePasses are issued at no cost to residential property owners and the dwelling unit occupied by the owner of a multiple-unit apartment bldg. **Please note – only one pass will be issued annually. Each pass will waive the disposal fees of 1,000 pounds of waste material. Once the 1,000 limit has been reached during the year the ePass is in effect, the \$100/ton disposal fee will be charged for any additional waste brought to the Solid Waste Facility.***
- 3) Please note – **the City will not waive tip fees or use of the ePass for waste materials brought to the Solid Waste Facility during the Spring Cleanup Event.***
- 4) Please note – **there is no charge for Zero Sort / co-mingled Recyclable Waste Material or Scrap Metal brought to the Solid Waste Facility. We regret, the Solid Waste Facility is not authorized to accept any waste material generated outside of Lewiston.***

SOLID WASTE FACILITY FEE SCHEDULE

The following schedule of fees shall be charged for use of the City’s Solid Waste Facility (Facility) and services rendered by the City’s Department of Public Works (DPW).

- A. Vehicles with an “ePass” (as defined in Section 62-11 of the City of Lewiston Code of Ordinances) will not be charged for waste disposal as described in Sec. 62-24 ePass Program. When waste material is brought to the Facility and the “ePass” is presented, it will be entered into the Facility’s Scale Management System to identify the quantity of waste material being disposed. **Once one thousand (1,000) pounds of waste material has been disposed or if the ePass has reached its expiration date the waste material brought to the Facility will be paid for at the current disposal rate.** Failure to present the “ePass” will result in charges for the disposal of the waste material.
- (1) Owners of Residential Properties & Multi Unit Apartment Buildings, which are owner occupied, as described in Sec. 64-24 ePass program – No Charge for the dwelling unit, which they occupy year round.

- (2) **Dwelling Units of Multi Unit Apartment Buildings**, which meet the criteria described in Sec. 62-24 ePass program - **\$20 per ePass**.
- (3) **Tenants**, which meet the criteria described in Sec. 62-24 ePass program - **\$20 per ePass**.

The ePass will be issued to property owners who are current on all outstanding debts to the City.

- B. All vehicles, which do not have a valid ePass for the type of materials to be disposed and compaction vehicles shall be weighed and charged a unit price of:

\$100.00/Ton

The minimum disposal charge shall be:

\$7.00

- C. All vehicles hauling commercial, or construction debris shall be subject to a minimum charge of: \$8.00

- D. All vehicles containing only recyclables and/or scrap metal, as defined in Chapter 62 of the Code of Ordinances: NO FEE

- E. Exceptions: No fees shall be levied on the City (includes all City departments, agencies and school district) for the disposal of solid waste, as defined.

- F. Waste Collection and Disposal from Multi-Unit Apartment Buildings, as defined in Section 62-11 of the City Code of Ordinances: \$170.00 per dwelling unit per year. In cases where the Multi-Unit Apartment Building is owner occupied the fee on the owner's dwelling unit will be waived.

- G. One time application fee for Multi-Unit Apartment Buildings not receiving waste collection service provided by the City, as of July 1, 2006: \$100.00

Solid Waste – Spring Cleanup Assistance Event

During the week of the Spring Clean-Up Event (usually the last full week in April), The City's Department of Public Works will collect woody yard debris (butt ends are to face the street) from the City's residential properties (as defined in Sec. 62-11 of this chapter).

- a. Quantities are limited to 3 yd³ (one (1) standard pick-up truck load) per residence.
- b. Residents must have all woody yard debris placed curbside no later than the fourth Sunday in April.
- c. Once Department of Public Works staff has cleared a street of curbside woody yard debris, **they shall not return to that street to collect additional woody yard debris.**
- d. **Curbside collection is restricted to woody yard debris only.** Wood/tree waste which shall not be collected includes – tree stumps (regardless of size), tree limbs greater than 12 inches diameter, demolition wood – fencing, decking, and/or wood from construction/demolition projects.

Selecting A Good Quality Trash/Recyclable Waste Collection Container

The staff at the City's Solid Waste Facility is routinely contacted by City residents because their trash container was:

- 1) Not emptied completely

- 2) The handle or wheel of the container was damaged during trash collection
- 3) The container was found in the road / travel way (not returned to curbside) and/or
- 4) The container is cracked or damaged in some way.

Certainly, **NO ONE** likes to come home at the end of a long day only to find their trash container in the middle of the road, damaged beyond all recognition.

Yes, trash containers will wear out over time, some more rapidly than others, depending on size, style, and quality. Based on over 40 years of collective experience with trash collection in the Lewiston community, we are herein providing suggestions for the purchase of a new or replacement container for your household trash & recyclable waste.

- 1) Select a container **NO LARGER** than 32 gallons. Larger containers tend to be overloaded and weigh more than 30 pounds. This makes trash removal from the container difficult / awkward. These larger containers typically have wheels which are often used as handles when attempting to empty the waste material into the hopper of the truck (**for this reason, avoid trash containers with wheels**). These situations can result in: the wheels of the container being damaged and/or some residual waste remaining in the base of the container.
- 2) Select a container which is made of a heavy gauge plastic (please refer to photo)



Given the heavy gauge of the plastic used to manufacture this container, this container is less likely to:

- Blow away due to windy conditions or truck traffic on busy roads (i.e., Lisbon, Sabattus and/or Main Streets.) when the container is returned to curbside in an upside down position.
- Be damaged during trash collection, particularly during the winter season when lighter plastic tends to become brittle and is susceptible to breaking.
- Have handles that break away from the container during trash collection operations.

Also, there are no wheels on this container, which eliminates the possibility of damage.

A **fitted lid** is recommended for the container. This reduces the chance of litter issues from birds and other animals. It also reduces the chances of trash/recyclable waste freezing in the base of the container during the winter season.

The size (32 gallon) & style of the container pictured can be purchased at Lowes, Home Depot, Tractor Supply, and other retail outlets.

- 3) **PLEASE REMEMBER:** The City does not provide containers for recyclable waste material. The container pictured is suitable for collection of recyclable waste as well as trash. We recommend placing 3 – 4 **“ZERO SORT RECYCLING”** labels on the container when used for collecting recyclable waste. These labels are free of charge and can be obtained at:

- Lewiston City Hall, 27 Pine Street, 2nd Floor
- Solid Waste Facility, 424 River Road, Lewiston
- Lewiston Public Library, 200 Lisbon Street

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