

Amherst RRMC Survey Results

8/16 - 9/16

327 respondents

5. PAYT

Yes	37.31%	97
no	25.77%	67
undecided	36.92%	96
Total		260

I use the transfer station, but I am in favor of PAYT

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Many people will just dump trash along the road/woods.

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Would I have to go to the transfer station to dispose of the payt bags?

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should be by volume, not bags, since sometimes you have to get trash into bins with a bag that is not completely full

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I already do this. The transfer station can get crowded. If more citizens opt for this, the hours may have to be expanded.

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Incentivizing waste reduction through cost savings is a good plan.

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depends on cost differential

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Don't have curbside pickup

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Amherst Transfer Station should be accessible at convenient times. Moreover, in winter this may be a problem

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Haul own to transfer station currently.

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Anything to help us reduce waste

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I need to learn more about this - will support what's most sustainable

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If you got the rates to something affordable. Charging \$80/year and still charging for weight at the facility is way higher than surrounding communities.

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I have no car to carry trash to transfer station and my landlords pays for trash pick up

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I live in an apartment and my landlord pays for the trash contract.

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I'm an apartment dweller

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I'm concerned that it would be difficult for Students and Lower Income Families to pay for trash disposal.

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No, trash pickup is expensive enough.

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depends on pricing per bag vs private hauler small bins + prefer to include waste into taxes vs private if efficient and cost-effective.

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I don't have curbside pickup

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not applicable. but it would be good to figure out a way to get my neighbors to throw less in our shared dumpster

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we already do a lot, reuse everything possible, recycle everything possible, compost everything possible, we spend a good deal of time with our compost system. I don't have much more time to spend on dealing with the remaining garbage. Putting it in the barrel works for me.

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We barely dispose of one kitchen bag of garbage per week.

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Cost of the bags will determine viability

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Money can be a problem

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we only throw away what can't be recycled, it is easy to have curbside pick up, but I would like others to have to pay by the bag to reduce waste

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Would require specific bags in a variety of sizes (such as very small for meat or fish scraps that need to get out of the kitchen ASAP) which would need to be distributed to customers in a convenient way. Although I think PAYT would help reduce waste, I also think it could introduce too many inconveniences & costs.

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It depends on how much the bags cost.

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We usually have less than one bag of trash each week

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Does that mean I have to haul my own refuse to transfer station?

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residents buy trash stickers rather than repaid bags, can put them on a bag or a barrel offers more flexibility and if using a barrel, cheaper (Montague model)

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Harder to do

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Cost for some people would be prohibitive.

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currently use transfer station

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Convenience is one barrier. Another is loss of strength as a result of aging.

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I don't know the cost comparison

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but I live near the transfer station. Those in North Amherst need a better location.

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Don't do curbside pickup.

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You haven't given me enough information to conclude that I would prefer the change.

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Depends on the cost and ease of use

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Not sure I quite understand the cost involved. .

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I live alone and rarely generate a barrel full of trash but need to pay for a barrel a week with curbside pickup

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It is ridiculous that the options for homeowners like myself who recycle and compost and generate little trash have no options for home pick-up other than paying for one-barrel a week of trash. I don't even generate 1 bag of trash per month, so I am absolutely 100% in favor and actually expect this to be the way Amherst does it going forward,. If not, it adds another reason to why I might be leaving Amherst to reside in another, community.

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I currently contract for weekly pick-up, but use it only every 3rd week. PayT sounds good for someone like me, but I need to know it is a financial advantage.

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I'm not currently a curbside pickup customer

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I am also considering an every other week pickup because I don't fill the barrel

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Which would cost more?

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But I live in a condo, so I don't know how that would affect me.

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too poor for 'curb' or PAYT. Extremely low income single person household in area of, or slightly outside of - suburbia.

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It would depend in part on how it affected current trash pick-up workers. Also, there should be little, medium and big bags: we like to get rid of our garbage weekly so it doesn't smell, but produce only a small shopping bag's worth each week.

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I used to use the "Town Dump" but putting bags of trash in my car was smelly and often left odors and/or leaks behind. In addition, I experience mobility issues and can't always get to a transfer station. I use a curbside and would welcome more info on a PAYT since my kids and I don't generate too much trash.

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We already recycle much of our waste, short of composting

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NA

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I wouldn't want to have to take it to the landfill.

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I approve but don't know what the renters would think of this.

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As long as the prices are generally competitive with current private providers and there is ample flat fee recycling to go along with it.

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It is difficult to always make it to the transfer station when needed.

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our biggest concern is the amount of paper we recycle and difficulty cutting this down. Please Gazette stop with the inserts!

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Not Applicable

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already doing this

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This seems similar to what we do now, except our trash company is private. is the difference that the city would remove solid waste? I'm undecided because I don't understand the PAYT fully as described here.

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already PAYT

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We already use this to good effect in Shutesbury where we have a second home. One benefit is that it allows for heavy and light weeks as opposed to the one barrel/week method.

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I would need more information about this.

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plastic bags within plastic bags with refuse needing to be handled just that much more so it fits neatly into little packages

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Curbside pickup is much more convenient than bagging everything separately, putting the bags of garbage in my auto and delivering it to the transfer station. Current town regulations regarding 5% by weight etc. are very difficult to meet. I have little space on my property to compost and it often attracts wildlife like bears.

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Not in favor. I don't want to be told how to dispose of my trash. I have been a conscientious recycler and composter for decades and don't need the BOH telling me what to do. I am a cheapskate and I don't want the burden of cramming maximum crap into each bag which I did for 40 years with the Leverett system.

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I'm not an Amherst resident with curbside pickup

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rental property . students can't be trusted to do the right thing.

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I am the landlady of a three-family house. I guess I could explain the PAYT system to my tenants, but I don't know how I'd work it out logistically. Who's going to monitor how many bags go out every week and which household should be billed for them?

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The aging population is GROWING. Why would the Town impose a physical hardship on them. Some don't drive either.

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Do not have curbside pickup

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We would probably save money if we pay per bag. We rarely have more than 10 gal a week.

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I already manage carefully

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i would switch to curbsidepickup if we had pay per bag

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I cannot ask my tenant to bring her waste to the transfer station.

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Happy to pay by bag, but want curbside pickup.

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somewhat concerned by the motivation this may create to throw trash into empty lots and woods

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No way to transport my trash to the station

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The town can work out a plan with the trucker

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Depends on which was cheaper

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not applicable

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The system I experienced in Portland, OR and Seattle, WA was good - you paid more for having a larger can or more frequent pickup. So you got reduced rates for "mini-cans" or biweekly or monthly pickup. Recycling was always free.

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The current system charges per barrel, which is essentially the same as per bag....

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concerns about the cost

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Amherst will be full of trash discarded on all our streets, pathways and rivers. It will be a bloody nuisance, and the Town government, not loved now, will be further exposed to the hostility of the people.

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Are the bags picked up? I am out of town frequently and cannot drive bags to the landfill.

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I have very little trash already, I mostly recycle everything, there is not a small enough curbside collection option currently fitting my waste amount.

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I would have to hear more details before I could decide. The current pay-as-you-throw system with the specially marked bags that I have to take to the transfer station myself is unaffordable and cumbersome. I fully believe that my property tax dollars should pay for weekly curbside pickup.

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The recycling center is not open at convenient hours. When it is open, the hours are short and we both work full time. We simply can't use that system with the current hours of dump operation.

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Like the idea but think the pay per bag payt would work better for some residents (homeowners) than others (renters, short-term populations).

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I live large condo community - pioneer valley Cohousing and I not sure how this would work here.

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Non-applicable, my condominium homeowner association takes care of trash for its residents

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this would be difficult for students living off campus without cars.

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I see benefit in consolidating the curbside pickup with a universal PAYT program. This would mean fewer collection trucks driving down each road one after another. On the other hand, I would like to see better comparison of the costs. I would not be in favor of a program that increases the already high costs of curbside pickup through a private hauler.

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I am in favor of basing the cost of curb-side pick up on the size container you can put your trash in (48 gal is cheaper than 96 gal). This way, I can choose what bags to use in my household trashcans, without worrying about having specially bought bags. In addition, I can place items that are irregular shape that don't lend themselves to being easily bagged into the container. Mainly, I believe having to use ONLY pre-paid bags to throw out my trash is a hassle, and would much rather be able to pile up the bags into a larger container, using any bag I feel necessary. Then, I don't have to worry that the small bathroom trashbag has to be rebagged into the PAYT marked bag, or that the odd shaped item doesn't fit into a PAYT bag, but does fit into a 48 gal trash receptacle.

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Not applicable

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need more information on how it would work, costs to individuals, markets for these materials, energy costs, etc. content with my private company.

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Depends on how reliable it is -- regular weekly cycle -- something that can be part of my regular week's schedule, & not ad hoc. Ad hoc simply doesn't work for me. recycling has to be part of my regular Monday weekly house-cleaning cycle

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Not sure how this would work for condos.

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I would like this option. Bins are often half empty when collected. costly to have pick up but elderly and driving in winter not easy.

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I pay the same rate for trash pickup even though my trash barrel is rarely full. If a PAYT system would make people think twice about what they trash and would encourage reduction in waste, I'm all for it.

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yes IF we have curbside compost pickup, too!

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This question should be rewritten because it is overlong and the question itself is buried. I did not answer it because I do not have curbside pickup.

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I think so, but don't understand 100% how it would work

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We only have waste pick up every other week, and even at that, our barrel is rarely full. I think we would save money if we only had to pay per bag.

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Only if it ends up less expensive. We are already diligent recyclers if what can be recycled. We compost at home.

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I like PAYT in general but Amherst has too many new residents every year; and our landfill can't cope with the increased traffic.

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I'd have to know what the monetary cost would be compared to what I pay for curbside pickup. It would have to be a fairly significant difference to get me to drive to the ATS - time consuming and carbon producing

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We are seniors who generate little waste other than many newspapers. PAYT would be yet another obstacle to affording to live in Amherst.

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sorry, question is too long& confusing with too many acronyms. I can't answer without more info

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I would favor it if bags were picked up at curb, not if I have to go to the Transfer Station.

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I want to continue curbside pick-up and do not want to transport my trash to the Transfer Station. to take

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Pay per barrel or pay per bag are both PAYT. Difference seems to be overall price and perhaps the greater control on weekly volume. Our barrel is rarely even half full, so I like being rewarded for less, but I'm not thrilled with using bags to do it.

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There are advantages to going to the transfer station - can go several times/wk, the take it or leave it, multiple disposal bins, etc.

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no curbside

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do not have curbside pickup

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If cheaper, PAYT sounds fine.

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I am a renter at an apartment complex. What are my options?

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mandates are non democratic i.e. mandates are authoritarian and repugnant

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I do not want to drive to the Trans Sta

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Economics of it are unclear to me at this point.

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Hard for me to take these to Transfer Station.

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not a curbside customer, but our tenant is.

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use annual sticker and PAYT, agree with this system.

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I use the Transfer Station but the financial differences for curbside are not much - Either charge fees for curbside to reduce sticker prices to make it economically better to use the transfer station. The current hours for the transfer station are not friendly to residents who work or have families. Our previous town (much smaller) had better hours for the transfer station, including evenings and there was no payment for stickers which greatly increased participation.

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Would probably cost me less because I don't have that much refuse. But I have some concern for the trash hauler's business.

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We already do recycle as much as possible. You need to go after stores that sell stuff over packaged using non-recycled plastic and restaurants that use foam takeout like Chili's.

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Not an Amherst Resident.

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I already sort recycles and I want simplicity, not more hassle

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Not clear to me which is most expensive. Detail costs.

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would like more information about PAYT

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PAYT is a Money grab by the Town and does not solve the problem. Availability of service is the problem
get the picture please

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Trash varies hard to predict. I really like my contractor and the occasional flexibility to add more bags for a
fee

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I always buy a Transfer Station sticker.

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?? Need more information

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I don't know how this would work with college-aged tenants

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6. Mandatory recycling of organics

Yes	61.76% 197
no	16.61% 53
undecided	21.63% 69
Total	319

How prevent stench and vermin if pick-up is weekly.

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Doesn't work if you live in a condo with very limited space to sort and separate your trash, containers, papers, and now organics and foods too.

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While I think it's a great idea, the system would have to be built carefully.

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Education yes, enforcement no.

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If the transfer station composts, having access to end result would be fabulous for encouraging local food security through home and community gardens.

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why not? it is so easy and the material is valuable.

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we should all be composting as much as possible - or paying if we don't. Support for lower income people.

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Requiring seldom works. If they don't comply are you going to fine them?

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If you have a neighborhood drop off location perhaps I could bring easy to carry discarded organic materials for someone else to manage the composting. Otherwise if private haulers offer it as a package, my landlord may sign up for organic material pick up.

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If the town of Amherst can find a way to keep prices down through curbside pick up I think that would be the best way

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absolutely necessary - methane from anaerobic decomposition of organic waste in landfills has up to 36x the global warming potential of carbon dioxide over a 100 year period (IPCC, 2014). Plus, Barstow's anaerobic digester recently increased capacity to 800kW!

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But have compost dumpsters available to apartment dwellers

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As long as it doesn't create expense for low-income people

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Composting smells and it attracts rodents.

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composting unavailable from current private company - not willing to put trash in my car to take to dump. compost at home in summer months, but throw away in winter.

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Yes, but rules this fussy are likely to create hostility to the program

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organics should be used to produce useful compost

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My daughter lives in Seattle and she has five bins. One for compost/kitchen waste, one for yard waste, one for paper, one for plastic/glass, and one for garbage.

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Unless it's a hardship for the elderly, poor, or medically compromised. Must make an exception for those people.

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but how to enforce?

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pick up of food waste must be in sealed containers due to bears and other animals

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We had to stop composting due to bears and foxes. If Amherst Trucking would take compost, we would LOVE to compost again and would support making it mandatory.

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Cumberlin farms sells products that could be recycled but has no recycling bin outside the store! I like being able to drive my leaves to the dump. No one has asked me to have a sticker.

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Encouraged yes--make it easy

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Incentives should be tried before requiring composting.

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Any incentive that encourages people to think before opening their garbage bins will eventually raise people's awareness which is fundamental for any change to happen.

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I would be in favor of curbside pickup for compostable materials.

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I'd say yes but it depends on if it will cost residents more

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We already divert organics to an earth machine.

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Storage issues

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where would this organic material go after the pickup? cost of pickup?

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An economic incentive is better, i.e., carrot not stick

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My yard waste is taken care of by a vendor. These two paragraphs don't tell me enough about other organics.

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If curbside pickup was an option

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If a system was implemented so that organic matter was not left out downtown, but had to be picked up or brought to the landfill for compost I would be in favor of this.

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I would like access to a compost collection that is free of charge.

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obviously, costs of building composting infrastructure would have to be factored in, and a information campaign on why those costs are better than alternative costs of disposal

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there are people who just cannot do this and they should not be penalized. However, giving an incentive to everyone who can do this would be good.

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I'd love for my condo association to allow or foster composting of food and paper. Probably would only happen if it cost more not to compost.

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sm amounts on site, 'farms' on site, apt complex on site plus 'over amounts' to central town site rather than "Dave's" in Grnfl. Transportation is expensive, polluting & I believe keeping to B useful/cost effective (believe, not know as fact but like as policy).

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Seems like a good idea, but we'd want to know the details. If it is easy and cost effective for residents it sounds good. Single stream recycling worked well in Boston. stream

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That would be a great idea, assuming the cost remained low enough for homeowners with tax concerns along with apartment dwellers and/or any resident with fixed or limited income.

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We would welcome curbside compostible recycling .

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I assume you are talking about a separate container for compostibles.

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I am in favor of this with curbside pick up if its combined cost with trash pick up is comparable to current private prices of trash and recycling pick up.

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It would be ideal for everyone to do this but requiring paying for curbside pickup or hom ecomposting may not be feasible in some living situations or financial situations.

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How to get residents to compost ??? first education, town policy, free(?) kitchen counter covered composting buckets plus tips such as, "freeze your home compostables in a bag until time for curbside pickup." Relying on residents' consciences and goodwill will only go so far. Composting involves a certain "yuk" factor, so something more has to be added by the town to make composting more compelling. San Francisco has very tight mandatory recycling regulations. Towns in Sweden recycle everything and use compost and trash for for energy production.

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We already compost and contribute but 1 bag of trash every 5-6 weeks to the TS. Our sense is that diverting and curbside

pick-up for these would cost us more and, therefore, not be equitable.

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curbside pickup for compost would be great!

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Requirement for at home compost should come with town-provided technical assistance, as needed. Relying on Google for my composting advice wasn't a good idea. I would feel better if an expert looked at my set-up (and my neighbors'!) and made sure it was working efficiently.

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I think a great deal of education and support should be put in place before a mandatory enforcement goes into effect.

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Think rats, flies, disease, horrible odors and how do you enforce compliance, trash police?

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Our taxes are way high as it is. The town should provide curbside pickup. Currently 6 huge garbage trucks representing 3 different private garbage haulers lumber down our town streets every week. This is a stress on our roadways, a nuisance in our neighborhoods and causes a terrible carbon foot print. Private haulers do not even attempt to use the auto lift on their trucks as intended and drivers leave their trucks idling while they roll the barrels over to the side of the truck.

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Shame on anyone with a yard who doesn't compost

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need cost/benefit analysis

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Maybe offer incentives, as opposed to making it required

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Businesses are not accountable for large amounts of organic, paper and cardboard goods.

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Most of the organics in my house are composted here at home, but I'd be happy to see my tenants encouraged to compost.

There's some argument about the yuck factor.

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Good, as long as there will be PRIVATE curbside pickup.

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Depends upon Homeowners Association

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I am concerned about requiring compost especially in the heavily populated student areas. It is difficult to get our tenants to recycle containers and paper as it is, separating compost will lead to even more problems.

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There needs to be an offsite option to compost diseased plant material or invasive that don't compost reliably

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Not everyone has enough land to compost. Curbside pickup can be expensive, and that is unfair to people in town who have limited funds.

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Happy to compost, but, again, want curbside pickup.

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Everyone should be composting, not doing so is being lazy and irresponsible.

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Town should work a plan out with allied and amherst trucking

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It would be great if the town provided composting containers (those simple large barrel rings are fine) and clear information on composting and how easy it is to do at home.

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I would start by publicizing and encouraging, rather than inviting blowback by requiring

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Well, if not required, given the opportunity

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I feel strongly about this.

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composting is additional work for many residents

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We have several compost bins for all organic kitchen refuse and garden clippings. This is convenient for us, but would not be for people with disabilities or those with small or nonexistent yards. We also support Martin's Farm composting business when building up our garden soil. Such an effort would be wonderful in Amherst. Perhaps people without yards could be encouraged to add to a town composting pile to provide high quality compost for town gardens. It would save tax money, improve the quality of public gardens, and give everyone a sense of contributing to the beauty of the town.

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This is the least we all need to do for the planet. Also, inappropriately handled organic refuse is stinky.

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YES. I could not State this strongly enough. Everyone should be required to compost.

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I don't like requiring residents to participate. I do like the idea of encouraging them to do so & providing incentives for them to do so.

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Incentives to divert this waste seems more realistic. I have a hard time imagining how such a requirement would work.

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We had curbside composting pick up in Boulder, CO and loved it. After moving here, we lost that ease and actually started home-composting because we couldn't bear to throw out food scraps. However, curbside composting is much better because commercial compost facilities can handle dairy, meat, bones and larger yard waste, whereas home composting doesn't.

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but system must be such that it ks not excessively costly

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need more info and how is this a board of health issue that they can regulate this?

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I think everything possible should be done to encourage this, make it easy, make it the "thing to do." But "required" is not a good idea for Amherst & raises nasty issues of enforcement

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I would love to be able to compost but as a condo owner, don't have a place to do this.

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Requirement bothers me because situations very so much but financial incentives needed.

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It would be nice to see compost bins downtown, too. In Halifax, Nova Scotia, there were trash bins, recycling bins, and composting bins in key locations throughout the city. With a little instruction, I think people would get the hang of it.

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curbside pickup needed, not sure how could mandate otherwise

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I am curious what the enforcement mechanism would be for the requirement.

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This is an essential component of creating a more healthy, sustainable Earth. It should not be an option. People can easily learn how to be composters.

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While we compost at home I would also like curbside pickup for winter and for times to give our compost pile a chance to cook without adding new stuff

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assuming there is a place to divert them to - which we don't have now

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the problem is anyone in an apartment building does probably has nowhere to put compost

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I don't want to compost. I have a garbage disposal for food scraps.

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How would this be enforced?

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Too difficult for many of us seniors to do more than we do now. Some in our household are not physically or mentally competent to comply.

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"required" sounds a little orwellian

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Curbside pickup, yes; home composting, no.

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Must make it affordable for all (including low income families) if mandatory. Yard waste should be required to go to composting with pre paid bags.

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This is relatively easy and cost free for homeowners, harder for those who live in apartments. I approve of the goal, want to be sure burden doesn't fall excessively on poorest in community.

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no curbside, apartment

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We should have curbside composting (similar to the San Francisco approach).

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Not sure how this would work for group housing/apartments.

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But how to address animal/pest issues with home compost. Also, people who don't garden are often confounded by the concept...and what to do with the stuff after it breaks down.

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As a business in town we don't have room inside our shop for a separate compost bin. And, getting our trash to a dumpster is already a difficult job because of the lack of convenient locations for dumpsters within the town center. Also have to make a separate trip with compost could make it very complicated for employees.

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mandates are non democratic i.e. mandates are authoritarian and repugnant

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PLEASE, PLEASE contract for curb pickup of compost. PLEASE.

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There should be a garden waste or organic matter bin provided by pvt hauler

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I think that people should be ENCOURAGED to recycle as much as possible, but when you start making things mandatory and imposing fines, that's a whole other story. This is a very diverse community, and many people come from countries or from times (meaning elderly) when recycling was non-existent, and to mandate that everyone recycles and to punish those who don't is not really the way to go.

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Absolutely!

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I do not have very much.

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absolutely. we should be moving to 0 waste as quickly as possible.

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We compost vegetable and plant matter at home but don't compost other organic matter. It should be free or inexpensive to do so at the transfer station. The current pay-as-you throw model does provide an incentive over just putting the organic matter in the trash.

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More program details needed; incentivize participation and make it easy.

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I think this is a good idea but am reluctant to make it mandatory for those who might find it difficult to do.

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Any such attempt will probably result in storage problems

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difficult/ expensive to enforce

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unless done right, it would be messy and attract pests

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Food scraps in a home composting environment is a recipe for disaster attracting unwanted and potentially dangerous wildlife when done improperly which is the norm rather than the exception

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let dpw pick up the food scraps and yard waste

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Highly impractical for elderly and others

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"Required" is too strong. Especially for residents. "Encouraged" maybe?

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Again, I don't know how I would enforce this with young tenants

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7. Curbside composting

yes	69.18% 220
no	11.64% 37
undecided	19.18% 61
Total	318

there are businesses out there that pick up home compost

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I know many people who don't compost but I believe they would if there was curbside pickup

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As long as it is optional.

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Though I would not use it and would continue composting it at home.

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I already compost what can be composted.

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But wuld like access to free or reduced cost compost for home garden.

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why send trucks to areas of town where people can compost in their own yards?

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If that's a sustainable way to do it.

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100%

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Again, need to allow for apartment dwellers

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Composting smells and it attracts rodents.

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depending on cost/tax increase

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I would rather hear more details before venturing an opinion

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yes for in town locations where compost could be more challenging. But the town should not have to haul around garbage from households that could compost in their yards. that would be a waste of fuel and tax dollars

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all of my organics stay right here, in my compost

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people need to be educated about the importance of compost

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I currently do but many don't have the space for it

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Yes - in a community with a serious fox problem and occasional bear, this is critical. We have a small dog and cannot attract wildlife but feel very strongly about the importance of composting.

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This will provide more options for those who rent or who have no garden/space/time to compost effectively & use the compost when it's done..

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It would require thorough public education and awareness for this to work. It's a good first step that our public schools are currently composting in the cafeterias and establishing habits at a young age.

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They do this in SF and it works very well

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not curbside-but other voluntary program good

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Frequesnt pickup to deter animals and odors could be required

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What is the cost?

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cost? would meat and dairy be allowed?

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Appropriate for people who do not have space to compost on their property, but should be voluntary.

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We home compost, but we don't garden, so we're not actually using the compost

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if it included things that can't go in my home compost like bones or those Dean's Beans bags that say they compost but don't really in a back yard compost!

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What is a curbside composting program?

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particularly for apartment complexes

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Depends on the containment system, since it could be very attractive to animals who might make a mess.

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Please include apartment complexes somehow.

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this is the only logical way to achieve #6

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Cost?

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sounds like a Q only 4 home owners. We have snob zoning so there's plenty of onsite area to place organics. Apt dwellers should be allowed on site (the managers/owners could use for site enhancement). If these arrangements can't be done or there is 'over flow' the wealthy can pay for it to be trucked away, & have it subsidize the 'over flow' (if any) trucking of the "poor's". Keep it in town if at all possible. Sell it &/or use it for public works projects.

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What would the program consist of? Would I have to stop home composting?

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Generally sounds good, but again, it depends on the details and overall cost/benefit analysis, both for residents, trash workers, and the town as a whole.

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Again, I would support any curbside composting program which maintained fiscal accessibility for all of Amherst's residents.

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See above

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I'm strongly in favor of composting as much as possible. Having curbside pickup would make it much easier.

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Yes if paid for by taxes or very low cost to residents. Otherwise most would just do home compost or nothing.

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Yes but an optional one.

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Yes please!

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As long as it was voluntary....

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More trucks, more fuel--this is not zero-sum economics, this is feel-good politics.

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Perhaps. But if not implemented properly such a program would attract wild animals and roaming dogs and cats.

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We already do it in our cohousing uniots.

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Do some public education to promote composting

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need cost/benefit info

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Makes composting much more accessible to everyone

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another town to resident cost.

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we do it already

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Tell me more about what containers are used for this. Garbage left overnight for curbside pickup already makes the racoons very happy and winds up spread all over the neighborhood.

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We compost most organically at home. Would need to devise a way that animals, etc. would not get into these materials if curbside composting were implemented

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Would need to see a plan and cost for such a program. From taxation?

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Homeowners would have to decide collectively

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See above.

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I have neighbors who never recycle compost material (I know b/c when animals get in their trash it ends up in my yard). would they do this?

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don't know how this would work for students, apt dwellers

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people should compost their own waste when possible

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I like the current system, the town should work it out with the haulers

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FOr those not able to compost at home for what ever reason, the easier we make it for residents the better.

Also, I feel that this needs to become a habit.

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If this existed, I would be inclined to use it

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Not everybody has a viable space for composting.

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Curbside organic compost collection is not as simple as it may seem. My son in LA has three large city containers on rollers that are emptied once a week: trash, recycling, and compost. The problem with the compost bin is that the organics decompose quickly in the heat making a smelly mess that attracts flies. Residue in the container remains as a breeding ground for insects. As a result much less composting is done than one would hope. By contrast, our Amherst yard compost pile is not home to pests. For an organics composting program to work, it will have to be better thought out than the one in LA. At least the garbage collectors never have to handle the bins; they are mechanically grabbed, lifted, and dumped into the three different garbage trucks. Without this expensive equipment, collecting compostable materials might be a very unpleasant job.

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It is working well in Seattle where we have visited relatives.

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I am already taking organic refuse from neighbors to properly compost it. this would help with further reducing trash, if enforced.

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So long as home composting is also allowed.

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See my answer to question 5. I think this would be very beneficial and many major cities have already instituted curbside pick up for compost. I think this is what my property tax dollars should be used for.

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We need to do this.

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Sounds like a feast for rats to me!

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as long as it is optional

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Only if it does not raise my taxes or trash bill

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Curbside yard waste pickup in fall and once or twice spring and summer would help control invasive weeds that may otherwise be tossed into backyard piles.

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Again must be cost considerate

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would like more information on all costs and benefits.

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But I wouldn't use it since I have my own home composting system which is part of my perennial gardening

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Maybe in town or at apartment complexes.

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Many people do not live or work in a location conducive to composting. Curbside composting would make this excuse negligible.

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I am in favor of composting, but don't know much about curbside programs and wouldn't use one myself, since I compost at home.

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As long as it is optional. We keep our compost on site so that we can use it in our gardens. It would be excellent if compost collected could then be made available to residents once it is garden-ready.

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Would depend on cost

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but setting up a comparable program for condos and apartments will be much harder. My condo assoc does not have room for more containers.

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don;t we already have that for leaves?Amherst can then resell the "cooked" compost. Umass used to do it in recycled - and very useful- white buckets (maybe they still do)

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Only if proper containers can be provided.

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If it's voluntary or very easy to do I would do it.

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The devil is in the details

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Too difficult for our senior household--impossible to enforce with our tenants, especially most students

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sounds okay but i can't answer without more info. what about costs?

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Again, must be affordable.

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See above

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I wonder if we can true that what everyone puts in there is actually organic.

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no curbside, apartment

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if don't have an at home composting

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For those who don't have access to composting facilities

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Where would it go?

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our organics are taken care of now

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yes, yes, yes, yes, yes. please.

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We compost ALL organics. Not non-recyclable paper, though.

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although home composting or community composting should be encouraged. either we charge for curbside composting or incentivize backyard composting somehow

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This might be a good option for residents who feel they cannot compost in their own home.

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Stop duplicate vendor pickups on same street; waste of fuel; assign areas to single pickup vendors.

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More program details needed; incentivize participation and make it easy.

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only if low cost; i.e., can pay just for 5 gallon container

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Should not be an unfunded mandate for residents. Taxes are already very high here.

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Fantastic idea for reasons stated above

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Sounds good but it is more work than many want to do too much change for some enforcement could be hard

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Not curbside. The curbs will become a mess for us who walk a lot, as parking is a problem downtown. It should be brought to a composting site or the town could sell affordable composting bins like they do in some other Massachusetts towns.

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many elderly or differently abled people will require assistance; how will this be provided? Grant money?
Great job for high school and college students!

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