



## TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO

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Memo To: Brattleboro Curbside Collection Program Participants  
Memo From: Peter B. Elwell, Town Manager  
Memo Re: Every-Other-Week Trash Collection

Dear Neighbor:

I am writing to share the important news that beginning July 2016 Brattleboro will transition to every-other-week trash collection.

Beginning last July, participants in Brattleboro's Curbside Collection Program were required to purchase special Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) bags for the disposal of their trash. Since there was no charge for compost and recycling placed at the curb, participation in those programs increased, which reduced the amount of household trash and, therefore, the expense for PAYT bags. As a result, total trash tonnage and the Town's cost to dispose of that trash have been cut in half. This success now offers us an opportunity to achieve additional cost savings of over \$100,000 annually by reducing trash collection from weekly to every-other-week.

Over 80% of households that recycle and participate in the curbside compost program already put out their trash every-other-week or even less frequently. And since the part of their household's waste stream that rots and smells has been diverted to compost which is picked up weekly, this results in no nuisance or health hazards for those households.

Every-other-week trash collection will begin on July 11, 2016. Important details about this transition are included with this packet. ***If your household has not yet begun to participate in curbside composting, I urge you to get started right away.*** The enclosed materials tell where and when you can obtain compost collection carts. Also, several informational meetings are planned where you can learn how to reduce your household trash to the smallest amount possible.

In the meantime, questions can be emailed to [solidwaste@brattleboro.org](mailto:solidwaste@brattleboro.org) and, as always, please feel free to call the Town Manager's Office at 251-8151.

Thank you!