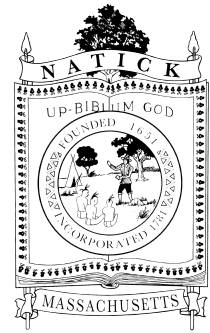


Memorandum



To: Natick Board of Selectmen

CC: Melissa A. Malone, Town Administrator
William Chenard, Deputy Town Administrator, Operations
Jeremy Marsette, Director, Public Works

From: Jillian Wilson Martin, Sustainability Coordinator

Date: June 18, 2019

Subject: Pricing for DPW Sustainability Offerings

Request of the Board

By statute, the Natick Board of Selectmen set the price for fees that aren't defined by other Boards or Committees. As such, we respectfully request your approval to sell backyard compost bins at the DPW at the price of \$25/bin and rain barrels at the price of \$70/barrel effective immediately. Additional background is provided below.

Backyard Compost Bins

For many years, the Natick Department of Public Works has sold backyard compost bins at cost for \$43/bin. Moving forward, the Town wishes to sell backyard compost bins for \$25/bin and plans to fund the \$18 difference via the annual Sustainable Materials Recovery Program grants Natick receives from MassDEP.

The proposed \$25 price point is in line with recommendations the Board received in September 2018 regarding the community's Compost Pilot 2.0 program. It is also in line with MassDEP's recommended best practices, which allows the Town to qualify for additional annual SMRP funds.

In conjunction with the new, lower price of backyard compost bins, the Sustainability Office is partnering with Town Meeting member John Mangino, a Master Composter, to host "how to compost" trainings for interested residents. The next training will be posted in the Fall Common Guide.

Rain Barrels

For the last two years, Natick has hosted an annual rain barrel distribution day in which residents pre-ordered rain barrels and the Town received on large shipment that was distributed on the Common.

Moving forward, the Town would like to sell rain barrels year-round at the DPW for the price of \$70/barrel. While the rain barrels retail at \$119/barrel, the Town is able to purchase them under the state contract at cost for \$69. However, for administrative purposes and for the ease of change-making, the DPW requests your approval to sell them at \$70/barrel.