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# Talking Trash

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*Recycling turns  
things into other  
things. Which is like  
MAGIC.  
ANONYMOUS*

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Welcome to the first issue of Talking Trash, the newsletter from the Town of Kingston's Solid Waste and Recycling Committee. (Trash Talkers). The committee was formed to help the Town with increasing costs of trash and recycling. We are working with Waste Management, our trash and recycling pickup provider, and Northeast Resource Recovery Association to create a program that meets the needs of the Town of Kingston. We understand that some of these changes may be challenging at first but there are resources available to the town to help. We are asking for everyone's participation to mitigate the cost increases and possible extra fees that the town will be paying for trash and recycling disposal.

## Why Automated Trash

The town formed a committee in March of 2022 to evaluate options for solid waste and recycling. The current contract with Waste Management is ending at the end of 2022. In order to continue to be able to provide solid waste pick up services to the town, a 5-year contract was signed with Waste Management. The contract includes a move to automated pickup. This is now the standard for **ALL** Solid Waste Pick up companies.

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*Recycle today for a  
better tomorrow.*

*ANONYMOUS*

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## Trash Receptacles

Trash totes will be delivered to households on the current trash routes starting the week of October 24th. Automated trash pick-up will be starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November. Each household will be given one 96-gallon trash tote that is serialized to the address. All totes will remain the property of Waste Management. Trash must be bagged and placed into the tote provided. Trash will not be picked up if it is left on the ground or in other containers. Each household will have the opportunity to request an additional trash tote. Due to the additional costs for pickup of the extra trash tote a fee of \$687 will be assessed to the requestor. The requestor must complete a form at town hall and receive permission from the Board of Selectman prior to receiving the additional tote. Request can be made after November 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Placement of Receptacles

Trash and Recycling totes need to be placed at least two feet apart from other totes or objects to allow for pickup.



## What We Are Working On

The committee will be continuing to work on recommending other solutions to this ongoing issue. We are currently working on items such as bulk disposal as well as disposal of other items that may help reduce the cost of pickup. If you would like to be part of the solution or would like additional information about what the committee is working on, please email us at [talkingtrash@kingstonnh.org](mailto:talkingtrash@kingstonnh.org). Next meeting for the Committee is scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

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## Trash Talkers

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