Solid Waste Fee

- This bill represents the solid waste fee of $90 per unit for the 2019 Calendar year.
  - Billing periods are January 1st - June 30th and July 1st - December 31st.
- You have the option of paying in one installment for the calendar year or two installments (one per billing cycle).
  - Must be paid within 30 days from the issuance of the bill.
  - Payments may be made by mail, or in person at the Department of Public Works (250 Commercial St.) or Collector’s Office (Room 204 in Lynn City Hall).
  - Interest on late payments will accrue from the due date at a rate of 8% per annum. Any amounts remaining unpaid after the due date may be placed as a lien on the next tax bill and/or subject to all collection procedures permitted by law.
- Previous year’s balances are not reflected in this current bill statement. Amounts still outstanding from the 2018 bills will be collected separately from this new billing system.
- At present, this bill will not be paid by your mortgage company.
- Forms for the following three abatement options are available in the Collector’s, Assessor’s, and DPW offices. They are also available on the DPW website. Applications must be timely filed as outlined below in order to be eligible.
  1. Senior Abatement: Persons 69 years of age or older residing in an owner-occupied dwelling are eligible for a $40 abatement per calendar year.
     a. To qualify for this abatement, you must meet all of the following qualifications by January 1st of the billing calendar year in which you apply:
        i. Proof of age via a state ID, driver’s license, passport, or birth certificate
        ii. Proof of residency via an electricity bill or telephone/cable bill. A water bill is not an acceptable for proof of residency.
     b. Application for abatement must receive approval through the DPW or Assessor’s Office (Room 202 in Lynn City Hall) on or before June 1st, or three months after the first bill is mailed, whichever is later.
     c. Eligible persons only need to apply and receive approval once, not annually, as long as you continue to be the owner of record and reside in the dwelling.
  2. Unoccupied units: owner can abate the fee for each full 6-month billing period (stated above) that their unit is unoccupied.
     a. Application for unoccupied unit abatement must be received by the DPW within three months after the billing period has ended.
        i. Proof of vacancy via a water or electrical bill.
     b. Owner must return City-issued trash and recycle barrels for the unoccupied time frame.
  3. Private hauling: Properties serviced by a private trash hauler, can abate the fee by presenting a valid contract with a properly licensed private waste hauler.
     a. Contract shall state: the term, address, number of units, and contract price.
     b. Private haulers must be licensed by the Lynn Board of Health.
- Questions, call the Department of Public Works at (781) 268-8000.