

Town of Needham Select Board

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Policy:	RTS Services for Low Income Households and Residents Impacted by Locally Declared Emergencies
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The policy of the Needham Select Board is to provide free Recycling and Transfer Station (RTS) vehicle stickers and Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) bags for the Town's trash disposal program to low income households which meet financial need guidelines established by the Health & Human Services Department. The policy of the Board is to waive certain fees for residents impacted by locally-declared emergencies.

Procedure/PAYT Bags:

Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) bags shall be made available to individuals/households, without charge, in the following manner:

1. The individual receiving the bags must be a resident of Needham.
2. Determination of need shall be made by the Aging Services Division, or the Public Health Division designated staff persons based on departmental financial need guidelines.
3. The Public Health Division and Aging Services Division will maintain PAYT bag inventory in a secure location and will track all distributions.
4. The Public Health Division and Aging Services Division will report to the Deputy Town Manager/Director of Finance the number of free bags distributed at least quarterly. This information will be used to track the overall sale and distribution of PAYT bags.

Procedures/Emergency Services:

Needham residents who have a residential sticker and who incur losses due to a locally-declared emergency *may* be eligible for the following services.

1. The Town Manager is authorized to waive over-the-scale or other bulky item fees for residents with residential stickers who are impacted by locally-declared emergencies.
2. Department of Public Works/RTS staff may be assigned to pick-up household debris related to a locally-declared emergency. There will be no fee for this service.