

South Hadley Public Hearing Sewer and Trash/Recycling

April 13, 2024 - starting at 9am
Hybrid / South Hadley Senior Center

SEWER - Background

Also called Water Pollution Control.

Collects, cleans and treat “dirty water” or wastewater to levels specified by the state DEP and federal EPA.

Last extensive upgrade in 2008 to treatment plant and 2 pump stations (out of 5 total).

Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan underway - complete by Spring 2026

SEWER - Capital

May 2024 Annual Town Meeting

\$500,000 Main Street bypass

\$52,000 Main Street transformer upgrade

\$50,000 Channel Grinder

Fall 2024 Special Town Meeting

\$660,000 Sewer vac truck (current truck is from 2000)

\$60,000 Pickup Truck (current truck is from 2009)

SEWER - Rate Discussion (FY25 only)

<u>Rate</u>	<u>Impact</u>
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360	Covers Operations + 30% May Capital* + 0% Fall Capital**
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375	Covers Operations + 100% May Capital* + 0% Fall Capital**
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400	Same as 375 but 500k short on Fall Capital**
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425	Same as 375 but 250k short on Fall Capital**
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450	Covers Operations + 100% May Capital + 100% Fall Capital
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*Assumes \$202k is used from existing retained earnings (\$383k total in RE)

**Capital would have to come from General Fund, Free Cash or Stabilization Funds

Sewer Rate Projections

	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
Rate (level)	450	450	450	450	450
Fund Balance	923K	580k	-42k	-1.031m	-2.035m
Rate (\$25 inc/yr)	450	475	500	525	550
Fund Balance	923k	798k	619k	303k	211k
Rate (recommend)	450	500	550	575	600
Fund Balance	923k	1.016m	1.279m	1.420m	1.798m

*debt falls off in FY2028, but new projects will need to be borrowed so Fund Balance likely lowered to pay for new debt

TRASH - biweekly fee w/Carts

Vendors are moving away from manual pick up to automated cart pick up.

The Town will transition from exclusive Pay as You Throw green bags in FY25.

Current annual Rate: \$125

New rate: \$150-300

Additional 26 week subscription: \$210

New cost: \$220

Must purchase green bags

Cart included, green bag for excess

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Service	Year 1 - Manual	Year 2 - Automated
Curbside MSW/REC Collections	\$ 626,736	\$ 642,689
Town and School Buildings	\$ 86,631	\$ 95,308
Yard Waste Collections	\$ 68,000	\$ 72,531

	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
Option A fee: lease to own	150	250	250	275	300
Option B fee: lease only	150	225	250	275	300
Option C fee: buy carts (assume use ~375k in capital stabilization to fund part of carts)	225	225	250	250	275