



## **City of Lewiston Press Announcement June 28, 2022**

Operational upgrades will be underway at the City of Lewiston Solid Waste Facility, 420 River Road, as of July 5, 2022. A new EZCard program will replace the Epass/driver's license system previously used. An automated scale has also been installed to make the waste disposal process more user friendly and efficient.

An EZCard is issued at no cost for Lewiston residential property owners who are current on all outstanding tax payments and fees. Some individuals who have used the Solid Waste Facility within the last 18 months have already received the EZCard by mail. Tenants of rental property and owners of multi-unit apartment buildings (who pay the City for trash collection services) may purchase the EZCard for \$25.

By using the new EZCard, current customers may continue to dispose of 1,000 pounds of waste, free of charge. The 1,000 lb. weight disposal allowance can be renewed annually on the EZCard.

Once a user's annual allotted weight has been exceeded, payment will be due on site by debit or credit card. Cash will no longer be accepted at the Solid Waste Facility on or after July 5<sup>th</sup>. There is a minimum charge of \$7.00 for the first 140 pounds of excess weight. After that, the charge is \$1.00 for every 20 pounds.

For those wishing to acquire an EZCard, they are available at the Lewiston Solid Waste Facility, 420 River Road, and at Lewiston City Hall – Accounting/Auditing Office (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), 27 Pine Street. The EZCard uses information contained on a resident's driver's license to establish an account on the new computerized scale management system, and one's license, as well as proof of current Lewiston residency, must be shown when acquiring an EZCard.

To guide residents through the new process for waste disposal, an instructional video and detailed step-by-step instructions may be found at [www.lewistonmaine.gov/ezcard](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/ezcard). The basic instructions are:

**Step 1:**

Upon arrival, proceed to traffic signals. Stop for red light, then proceed when light is green. Kiosk will be at driver's side window.

**Step 2:**

Choose "***residential***" and swipe EZCard. When arm lifts, exit scale.

**Step 3:**

In drop-off area, attendant must verify disposal materials. Follow directional signs.

**Step 4:**

Stop at outbound traffic signal. Scan EZCard, and arm will lift if no payment is needed. If 1,000 lb. limit has been exceeded, payment by credit or debit card is required.

Solid Waste Facility staff will be on hand to assist users as they become familiar with the new scale system. Questions may be directed to 513-3006 or emailed to [pw-swf@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:pw-swf@lewistonmaine.gov).

During this summer/fall, Phase II upgrades will occur on site with the building of a bypass lane and removal of the previously used non-automated scale. Staff at the facility appreciate residents' patience during this transitional period.

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