

Department of Public Works Rob Stalford Superintendent, Solid Waste Division



City of Lewiston's ePass Program

Each ePass account allows the holder to waive tip fees on the following:

1,000 lbs. of waste material – trash, tires, bulky waste, yard debris, etc.

The holder of the ePass account is required to pay a disposal fee when the quantity of material available on the ePass has been used/disposed.

Each ePass is valid for one (1) year from date of issue.

Owners of Residential Property

Eligible to receive one (1) ePass when their property tax is paid in full for a given year. There is no charge for the ePass. It is good for one (1) year from date of issuance.

Tenants of Rental Property

Eligible to purchase one (1) ePass. The cost of the ePass is \$20, and it is valid for one (1) year from date of purchase.

Each ePass account established for a **tenant of rental property** allows the holder to waive tip fees on the following:

1,000 lbs. of waste material – trash, tires, bulky waste, yard debris, etc.

The holder of the ePass account is required to pay a disposal fee when the quantity of material available on the ePass has been used/disposed.

Frequently Asked Questions

1) How will these changes affect my current ePass account?

Your existing ePass account will remain active until it expires, which would be one (1) year from date of purchase. One thousand pounds (1,000lbs) will be added to this account when your property taxes are paid in full for the given tax year.

2) I have used up the 1,000 lbs. of waste material allotted to me, and I want to purchase another ePass. How can I get one?

The City issues one (1) ePass for each residential property per year, and the residential property owner is not charged for this ePass. The City will not sell additional ePasses to residential property owners.

3) Can I create an ePass account or purchase an ePass at the Dump?

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNER: YES. Your ePass account can be created either at the Treasurer's Office, 27 Pine Street, <u>OR</u> the Solid Waste Facility Scale House, 424 River Road, by presenting a copy of your driver's license.

TENANTS OF RENTAL PROPERTY: YES. You can purchase an ePass at the Treasurer's Office, 27 Pine Street, <u>OR</u> the Solid Waste Facility Scale House, 424 River Road, by presenting a copy of your current Lease Agreement and your driver's license.

4) I can't bring my waste material to the dump. How can I have someone else do it for me AND have access to my ePass account?

YOU HAVE TWO OPTIONS: You can come with the person hauling your waste material to the Solid Waste Facility and present your driver's license to the Scale House Attendant. The second option would be to have someone who is living with you come with you to the Solid Waste Facility Scale House. As long as the addresses on both drivers' licenses are the same, the Scale House Attendant will link the licenses and the person living with you will have access to your ePass account.

5) With the old program I could bring different waste materials and the lady at the Scale House would check my load and deduct the different items from my ePass. How does this new program work?

The Scale House Attendant will still check your load of waste material. That is a Maine DEP requirement. What has changed is you are <u>no longer restricted on the number of waste items you can dispose of</u> with your ePass account. You can use your ePass account to dispose of two or more refrigerated appliances, six or more bulk waste items, three or more tires. It does not matter. Once you have exhausted the 1,000 pound limit allotted to you, you will be required to pay for any additional waste material you want to dispose of. The weights and disposal history of all ePass account holders is maintained by the City's computerized Scale Management System.

6) I want to bring a variety of waste items to the dump – an old sofa, a stove, a refrigerator and some demo waste from a room I am renovating. How will that be charged?

The tip fees on up to 1,000 pounds of waste will be waived. You will not be charged for the disposal of the stove because that is scrap metal. Once you have exceeded the 1,000 pound limit, you will be charged for the remaining waste material you want to dispose of. The demo waste will be charged the unit price of \$95/ton (due to the \$2/ton State surcharge). The other waste materials will be charge \$93/ton. The fees are prorated and based on weight of material to be disposed.