

What does Zero Sort Recycling cost the Town of Northport?

Northport disposes of its solid waste through a contract with Pine Tree Waste.

Zero Sort Recycling began in June of 2011.

Zero Sort Recycling is disposed of in 20 yard containers. Other trash is disposed of in 8 yard containers.

When Zero Sort Recycling began, it cost \$130.00 each time the containers were emptied, compared to \$175.00 if it had been disposed of as trash.

Since then, the cost of disposing of Zero Sort has increased to \$310.00 each time it is emptied, compared to \$181.25 had it been disposed of as trash. That is an additional cost of \$128.75 per container, and since June of 2016, we are also charged tonnage on Zero Sort, which is currently \$50.00 per ton. There is also a loss of revenue from the sale of bags, since there is no bag fee on Zero Sort Recycling. We estimate that the revenue from sticker sales in a 20 yard container would be approximately \$350.00.

So what have the savings/additional costs been over the years? (Note – this does not take into account the loss from sticker sales, just cost of emptying the containers.)

Fiscal Year	Number of Containers	Price Per Container	Savings/Additional Costs
2011/2012	55	\$130.00	Savings of \$2,475.00
2012/2013	52	\$130.00	Savings of \$2,340.00
2013/2014	61	\$300.00	Cost of \$6,435.00
2014/2015	54	\$305.70	Cost of \$6,976.02
2015/2016	54	\$306.07	Cost of \$6,885.03
2016/2017	50	\$306.07 Plus \$25.00 per ton	Cost of \$7,875.00
2017/2018	44	\$310.00 Plus \$50.00 per ton	Cost of \$8,169.12