

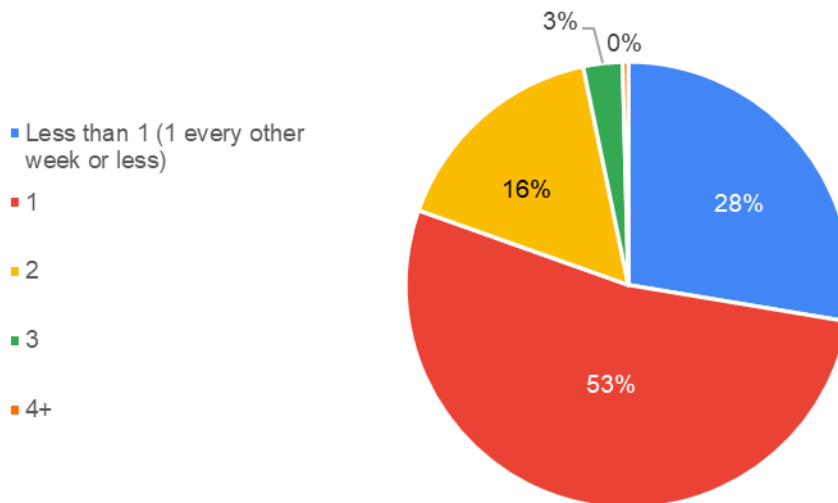
**TOWN OF BOXFORD**  
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**DATE:** October 12, 2023  
**TO:** Waste Stream Task Force  
**FROM:** Brendan Sweeney, Assistant Town Administrator  
**RE:** Resident Trash and Recycling Survey Results

As you will recall, in August, the Waste Stream Task Force (WSTF) finalized an eight-question resident survey to learn more about resident trash and recycling habits under the current manual collection system, as well as to gather input from residents regarding the structure of a future automated collection system. The survey was made available during the month of September; it could be completed electronically through the Town website and via hard copy at Town buildings. To increase resident awareness of the survey, a postcard mailer was sent to all 2,800 households in Boxford. In total, the Town received **983 responses**, 972 of which were submitted through the online survey and 11 of which were submitted via hard copy survey.

Below are the results of the survey:

**1. How many trash (not recycling) barrels do you currently put out each week?**



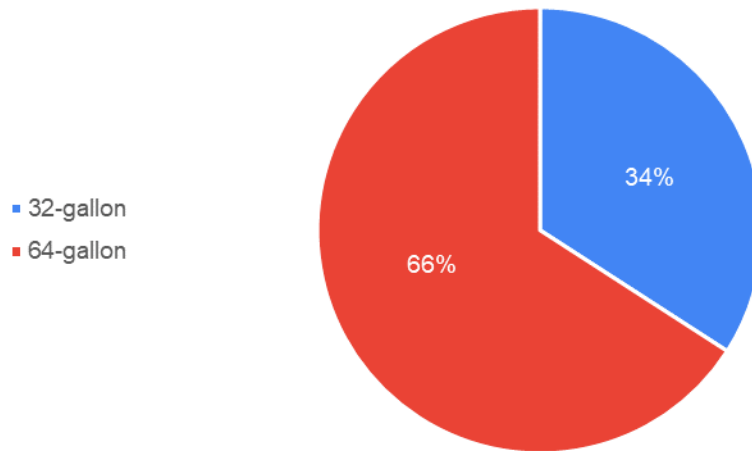
**2. Approximately what size (in gallons) are the trash barrels that you currently use?**

- The average response was **42 gallons**
- The median response was **35 gallons**

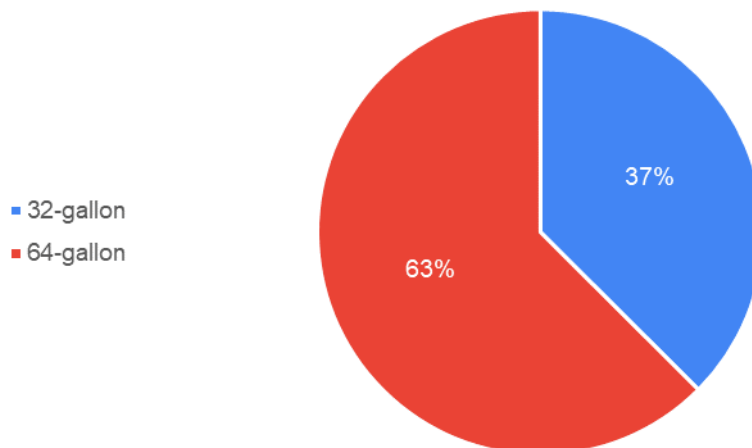
**3. Approximately what size (in gallons) are the recycling barrels/containers that you currently use?**

- The average response was **37 gallons**
- The median response was **32 gallons**

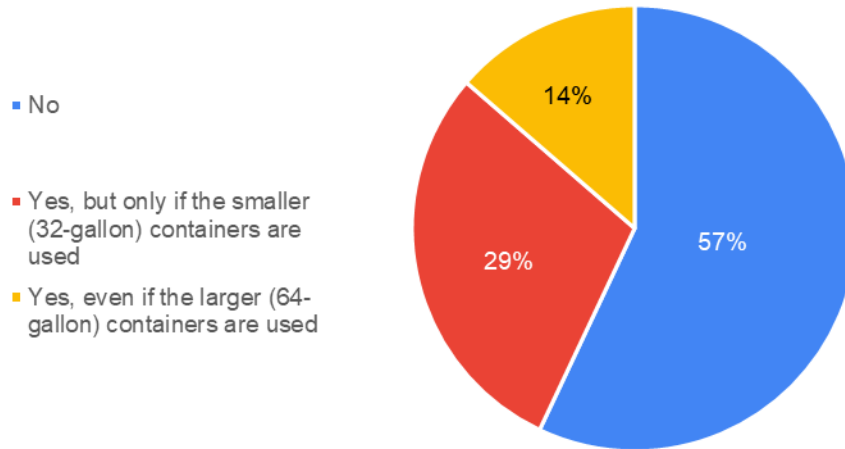
**4. If the Town were to issue standard trash containers, to be picked up weekly, would your household prefer a 32-gallon or 64-gallon container?**



**5. If the Town were to issue standard recycling containers, to be picked up weekly, would your household prefer a 32-gallon or 64-gallon container?**

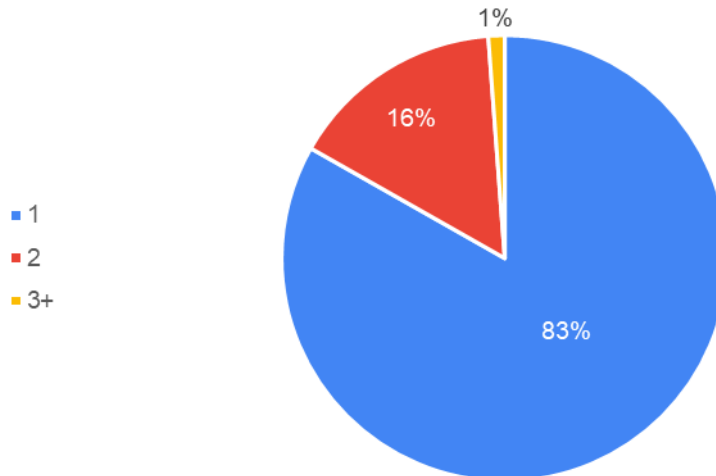


**6. Would your household need multiple trash (not recycling) containers?**



**7. If you answered "yes" to the question above, how many additional trash (not recycling) containers do you estimate that your household will need?**

423 respondents answered "yes" to the above question (question #6).



**8. If it resulted in savings to the Town and the taxpayers, would you want to recycle on a bi-weekly (every other week) basis? In this scenario, the larger (64-gallon) containers would be issued for recycling.**

