



Pennsylvania Pay-As-You-Throw Programs

Carlisle Borough, Cumberland County

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2000 Population: 17,970

Program inception: 1990 (voluntary program previously)

Program type: Bag program

Container description: 35 gallon blue bag with custom logo. Bags sold at a dozen convenience and grocery stores in the Borough.

Cost structure: \$2.70/bag for all single family homes and apartments of three units or less. (Price includes waste pickup and disposal, recycling, bag cost, leaf and Christmas tree pickup and composting, spring cleanup, recycling and waste collection for borough facilities)

Service provider: Waste Management, Inc., for waste, curbside recycling, spring bulky waste collection; Borough runs fall leaf and winter Christmas tree collections.

Recycling program: Mandatory ordinance for curbside collection of commingled aluminum, glass, and steel containers including empty aerosol and paint cans, plastics coded 1 and 2, corrugated cardboard, newspaper (including glossies), and junk mail. Commercial recycling and reporting required for office paper, aluminum cans, corrugated cardboard, and leaf waste.

Bulk waste collection: One-time event held each spring. Waste Management performs the collection. Residents are required to have Freon removed from appliances prior to collection.

Composting program: Leaf waste collection held in the fall. Home composting promoted by the Cumberland County Solid Waste Authority and the Cumberland County office of the Penn State Cooperative Extension. Christmas tree collection held for 3 weeks after Christmas

Ordinances: Recycling required by residents and businesses; burning and dumping outlawed.

Education program: Recycling information in the Borough newsletter twice a year, telephone report, web site, community map given to new residents, channel 11 borough news, "Carlisle Recycles" report.

Comments: Surveys indicate that the PAYT program is one of the most popular municipal services offered by Carlisle Borough. Participation in the program is 100 percent. The Borough's residential recycling rate for 2000 was 36 percent, exceeding the state's recycling goal. The PAYT program is considered by the Borough as responsible for maintaining citizen awareness about recycling.