



# Pennsylvania Pay-As-You-Throw Programs

## Elizabethtown Borough, Lancaster County

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**2000 Population:** 11,887 with more than 3,500 households

**Program inception:** 1991, revised January 2004

**Program type:** Hybrid Subscription/Tag Program

**Container description:** 32 gal bag or container limit one per week for annual fee; tag for each extra bag of trash.

**Cost structure:** \$114 per year or \$60 per 6 months/ \$2 per tag for excess waste

**Annual budget:** \$406,500 (2004) for all waste and recycling services.

**Service provider:** Penn Waste, Inc., for waste, curbside recycling, corrugated cardboard, Christmas trees, bulk waste, and leaf and yard waste collection.

**Recycling program:** Mandatory ordinance for curbside collection of aluminum, glass, steel and plastic containers coded 1 and 2, newspaper, junk mail, magazines and phone books. Commingled collection. Seasonal leaf and woody waste collections. Commercial recycling required by ordinance for aluminum, glass, steel, and plastic containers coded 1 and 2, newspaper, magazines, high-grade office paper, and corrugated cardboard.

Corrugated cardboard collected on the third Saturday of every month at a drop off location.

**Bulk waste collection:** One item per week curbside.

**Composting program:** Seasonal leaf and yard waste collection - 6 times per year. Backyard composting program started in 2001. Free training seminars being provided with assistance from the Lancaster Co Solid Waste Management Authority.

**Ordinances:** Recycling by residents and businesses, open burning, illegal dumping.

**Education program:** The program is promoted through the Borough's quarterly newsletter (which is mailed to every resident), information packets distributed to new residents, various newspaper articles and advertisements and the Borough's website, [www.etownonline.com](http://www.etownonline.com).

**Comments:** \$12 tag for curbside pickup of white goods and a \$2 tag for tires, which are picked up curbside twice a year. Christmas trees collected curbside once a year. Drop-off materials removed by Penn Waste, Inc. Participation in PAYT/ recycling program is 100 percent of residential with 4 units or less. A PAYT Technical Assistance Report on the Elizabethtown program is available from <http://www.dep.state.pa.us> (directLINK recycling technical assistance).