

Pennsylvania Pay-As-You-Throw Programs

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2000 Population: 23,625 with approximately 8,000 housing units

Program inception: November 1, 2004

Program type: Hybrid - variable container

Container description: Choice of municipally-owned gray-top garbage cart of 35, 64 or 96 gallon capacity, or option of using tag for each bag.

Cost structure: \$35 per quarter for all households, plus variable cart rate of \$2.50, \$3.85 or \$5.50 per quarter or \$0.65 per tag.

Annual budget: User fee-based, projected at \$1.2 million per year.

Service provider: Vogel Disposal and Tri County Recycling

Recycling program: Blue-top recycling cart for single-stream recycling of aluminum and steel cans, newspapers, magazines, aluminum foil, plastic containers #1-6, phone books, catalogs, office paper, glass bottles, junk mail, brown paper bags, other paper, paperboard, cardboard, fiber egg cartons and plastic bags.

Bulk waste collection: Tags available for extra bags, bulky items, white goods or volume pick-up, \$0.65 \$4, \$10 and \$15 respectively.

Composting program: Green-top yard waste cart for grass clippings, leaves, brush, shrubbery prunings, sawdust, tree trimmings, flowers and roots; option to use compostable kraft bags. Special pickups for Christmas trees.

Ordinances: Collection and recycling mandatory, separated yard waste can not be landfilled, commercial establishments must recycle and compost, scavenging prohibited.

Education program: Extensive public meetings, website postings, quarterly newsletter, series of mass mailings introducing program, wall chart detailing what to put in each bin, customer handbook, free introductory tags.

Comments: Projected recycling increase from 1106 tons per year, 10% residential recycling rate, to 2700 tons recycled, 25% recycling rate; recycling participation expected to increase from 57 to 75%, anticipated; 43% participation in yard waste collection, 2300 tons yard waste collected plus back yard composting and grasscycling. Free backyard composting classes.

Collection trucks fitted with hydraulic pickup arms for automated collection.

