



Pennsylvania Pay-As-You-Throw Programs

South Middleton Township, Cumberland County

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2000 Population: 12,836

Program inception: 1993

Program type: Tag/toter cart program

Container description: 90 gallon toter cart with waste hauler's logo. Tags may be purchased from the waste hauler or at the Township building.

Cost structure: \$2.57/tag, \$37.43/quarter for toter cart for all single-family homes and apartments of three units or less.

Annual budget: \$12,000 (2004) for compost site operations and tag cost.

Service provider: Waste Management, Inc., for waste, curbside recycling, one bulk item per week collection.

Recycling program: Mandatory ordinance for curbside collection of commingled aluminum, glass, and steel containers including empty aerosol and paint cans, plastic bottles coded 1 and 2, corrugated cardboard, newspaper (including glossies), and junk mail. Commercial recycling and reporting required. Christmas trees are to be taken to the Township's compost facility.

Bulk waste collection: Waste Management performs the collection of one bulk item per week. Residents are to contact the waste hauler for collection of items that contain Freon.

Composting program: Compost facility is open year round, with limited hours during January and February, for use by Township residents. Leaf waste collection, performed by Township crew, is held in the fall. Promotion of home composting is included in recycling booklet that is given to all new residents. Articles on composting are included in Township newsletter.

Ordinances: Recycling by residents and businesses; burning; illegal dumping.

Education program: Residential: When the final inspection is completed on new homes, a recycling bin along with a booklet explaining what can be recycled and how to prepare the materials, is dropped off by the Building Inspector. At least twice yearly the Township's quarterly newsletter will feature an article on recycling and/or composting.

Commercial: In 2003, a recycling flyer was sent to all Township businesses to not only inform them of the benefits of recycling, but also stating that it is required by ordinance.

Comments: In 2004, Township plans to initiate a curbside yard waste collection program.