



Pay As You Throw Workgroup

Session 4 - PAYT Models



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Agenda

- Choosing the “how” of PAYT
- Picking the building blocks (The Layers)
- Group Discussion - What are you leaning toward?



PAYT Workgroup Mission

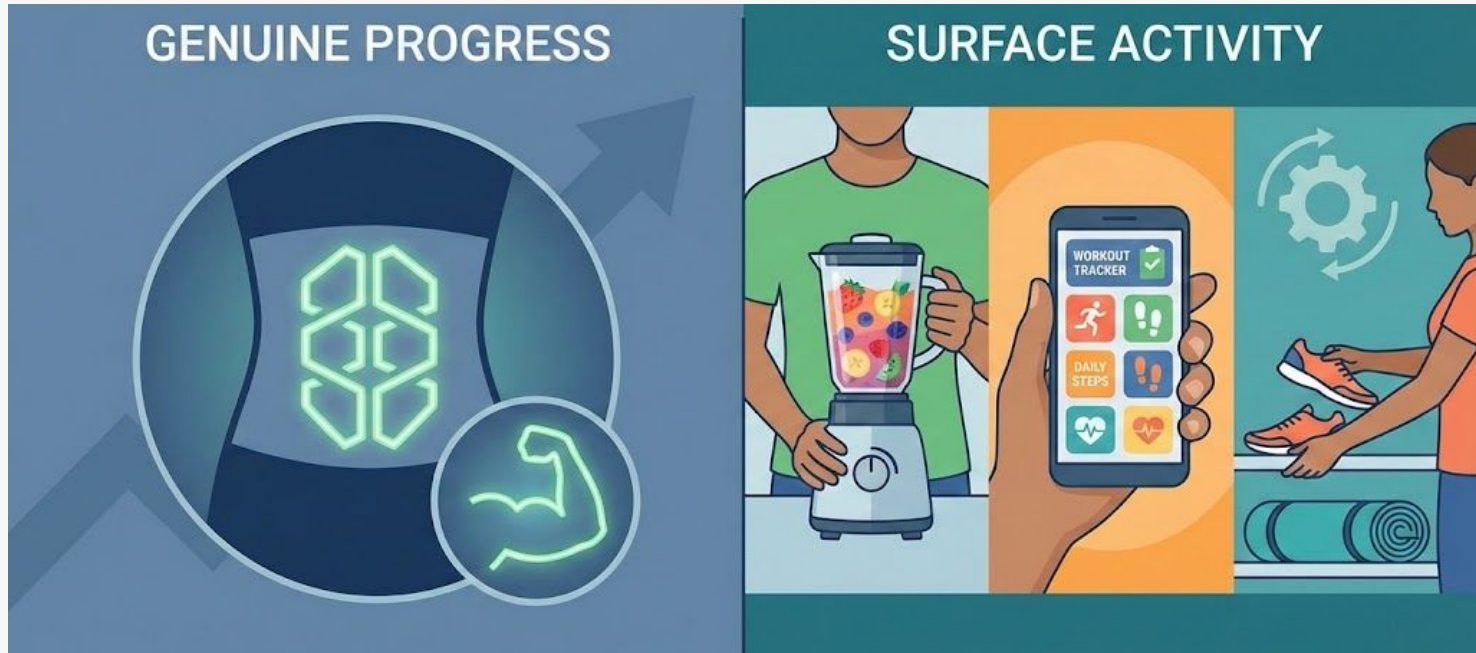
Pay-As-You-Throw transforms solid waste from a rising cost to a managed utility—fair, transparent, and under your control.

With Pay-As-You-Throw, you reward reduction, not overuse—ensuring your program is sustainable for both the environment and your budget.

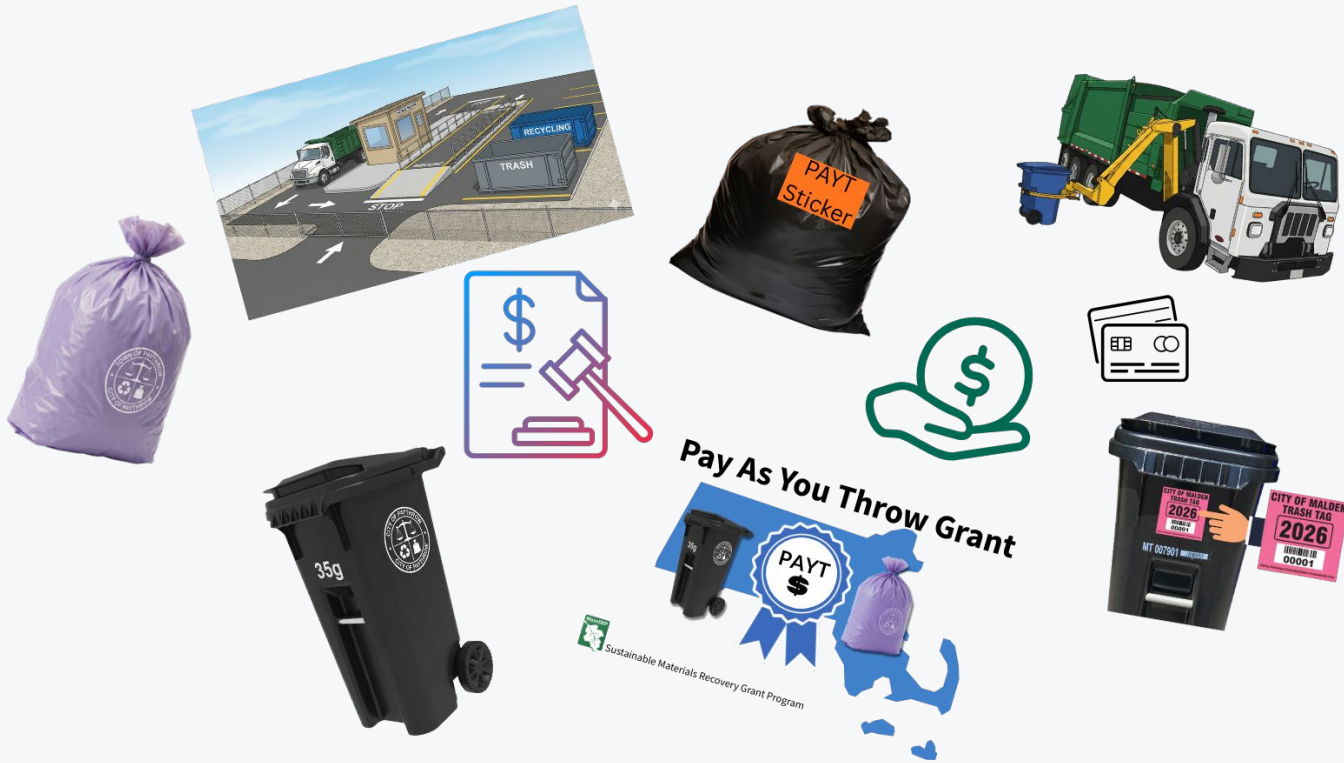
This workgroup is designed to foster collaboration among Massachusetts municipalities as we advance Pay-As-You-Throw programs that reduce waste, promote equity, and create resilient, cost-effective local solid waste systems—working together to build a cleaner, more sustainable Commonwealth.



When good intentions aren't enough



PAYT Models might seem overwhelming or confusing



There are basic building blocks for PAYT



LAYER 1 - Defining A Unit

Unit Size



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LAYER 2 - Core Structure

Core Structure

First 'Unit' Included In Tax Base, Additional
(Overflow) Units Paid for by Residents



All "Units" Paid for By Residents



First Unit Included - A Deeper Dive

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LAYER 3 — Collection Method

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LAYER 4 — Payment Authorization Method

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LAYER 5 — Compliance & Enforcement Strategy

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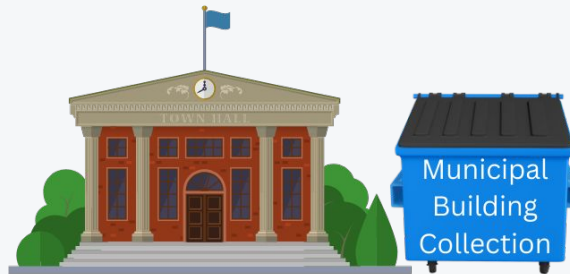
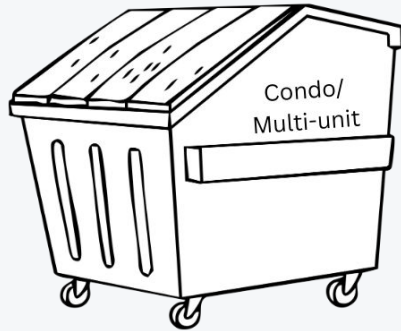


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LAYER 6 - Optional Features



PAYT at a Drop-Off

Drop off works well with a curbside program

- Access
- Convenience
- Less Expensive

Optional Features



PAYT and Food Waste



Zooming out on the layers



Next Meeting: Financials of PAYT

When:

- January 20, 2026 at 2 PM

Agenda:

- Enterprise Funds
- How to calculate your bag/tag/cart fees
- Long term financial success of a PAYT program

Self-assessment: Have you attempted to model PAYT pricing?



Remaining Schedule

- January 20, 2026 at 2 PM
- February 17, 2026 at 2 PM
- March 17, 2026 at 2 PM



Your Questions and Experience

