



Pay As You Throw Workgroup

Session 7 - Maintaining and Updating a PAYT System





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.



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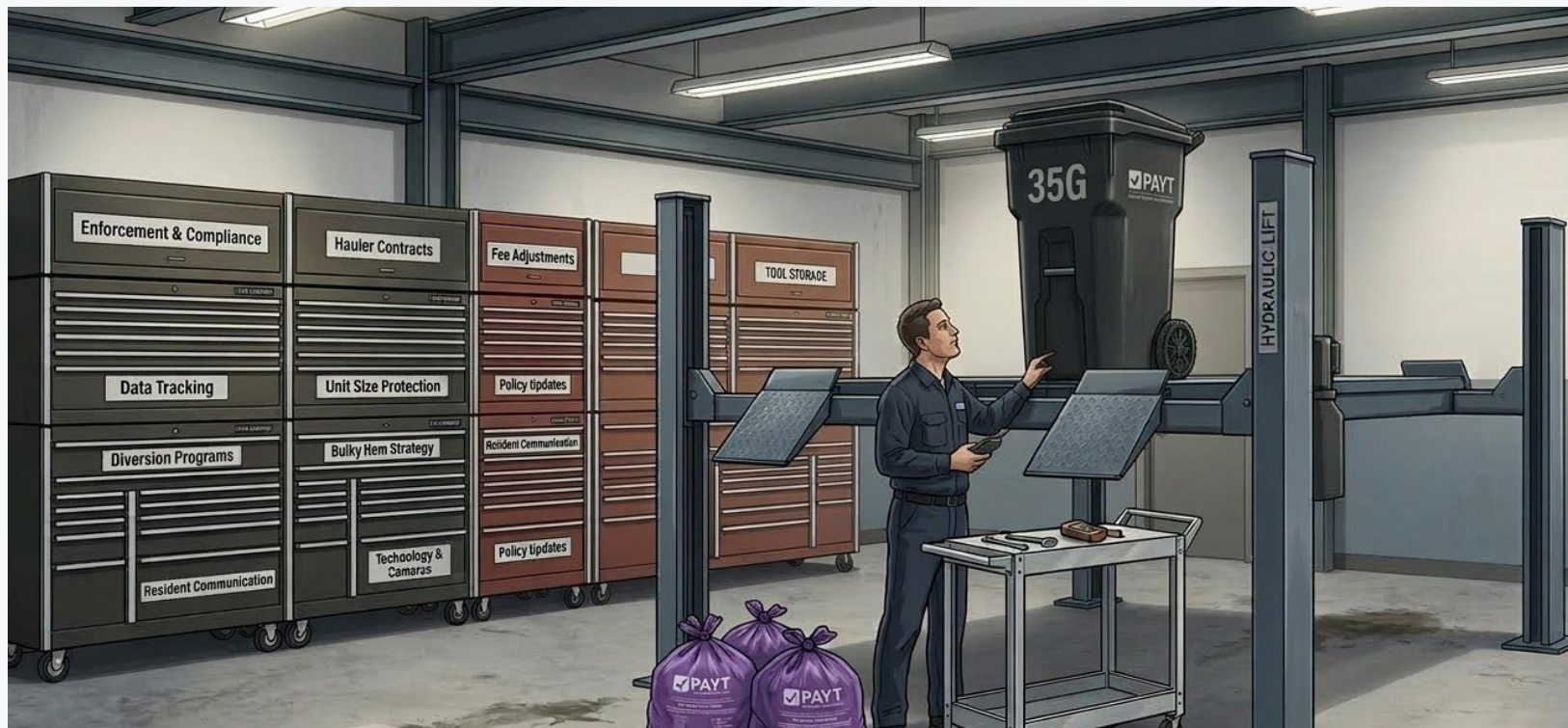
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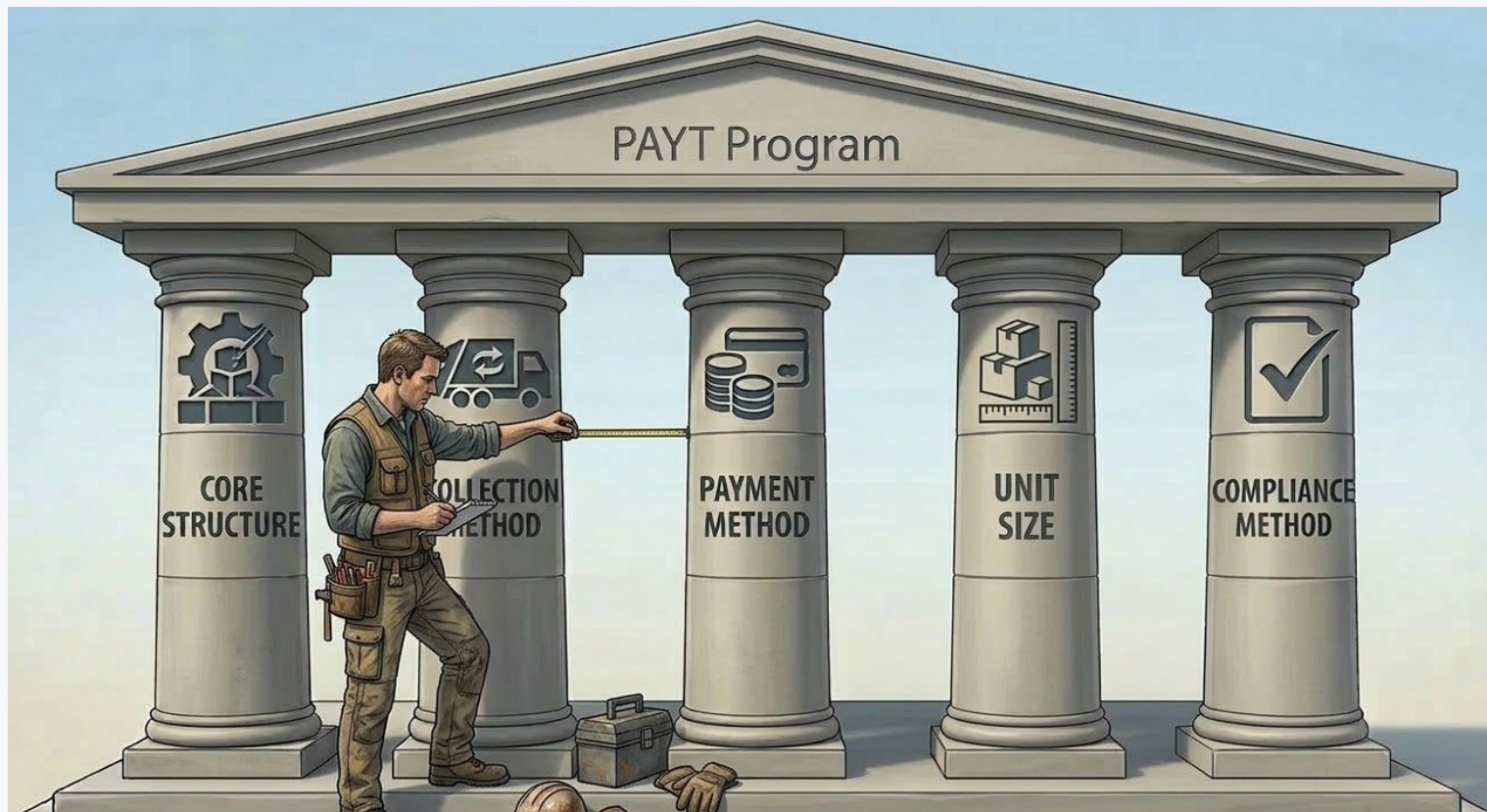
Maintaining & Updating a Pay As You Throw System



The Structural Pillars of a PAYT Program



Using The Pillars as a Program Health Check



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A Word of Caution



Regular Price Adjustments

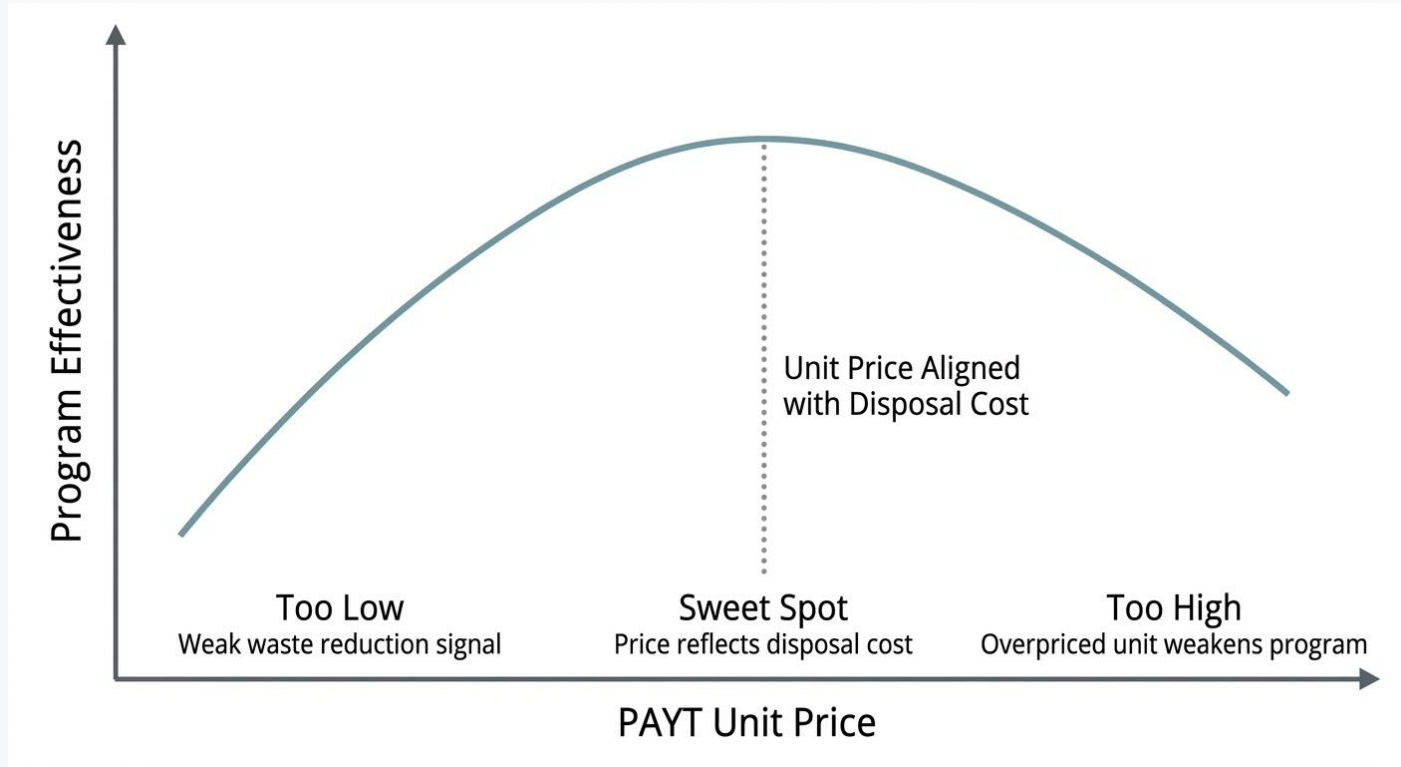
EXAMPLE		
Trash tipping fee	\$ 100.00	per ton
Per Pound	\$ 0.05	per pound
33G PAYT bags	25	lbs
Tipping fee for 33G bag	\$ 1.25	
Add cost of the 33G PAYT bag	\$ 0.40	estimate
add a little for program administration	\$.50	
Bag price that covers basic costs	\$2.15	\$2.00-\$2.50/bag for resident pricing
15G PAYT bags	12	lbs
Tipping fee for 15G bag	\$ 0.54	
Add cost of the 15G PAYT bag	\$ 0.24	estimate
add a little for program administration	\$ 0.35	
Bag price that covers basic costs	\$1.19	\$1.25-\$1.50/bag for resident pricing



Adopting an Enterprise Fund



The Golden Rule of PAYT Unit Pricing



Regular Pricing Reviews and Updates



Annual PAYT Pricing Review

ANNUAL PAYT PRICING REVIEW - SUMMARY

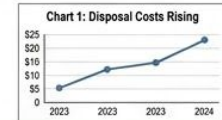
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OVERVIEW: This report details the structured analysis of the PAYT enterprise fund and presents pricing adjustments tied to actual disposal costs.

KEY DATA REVIEW:

- Disposal Costs: Rising (see Chart 1)
- Tonnage: Declining
- Program Costs: Stable



PAYT Unit Price
Adjusted to Match
Disposal Cost
=
Result: \$2.50 per unit

PAYT unit price adjusted to reflect current disposal cost.

Visualizing PAYT Pricing Golden Rule

PAYT Unit Price = Disposal Cost

Prepared by: Dept. of Solid Waste Management

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Continuing Education is Key



Town of Paythrow, MA

Pay-As-You-Throw Program



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Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) Program

This page serves as the hub for everything related to our PAYT waste program. Browse the resources and Q&A below to find the documents, data, and answers you're looking for. Latest updates are posted regularly.

Questions & Answers

1 [How does the Pay-As-You-Throw \(PAYT\) program work?](#)

 [Which types of bags or carts should I use? Where can I buy them?](#)

Paythrow operates on a "Pay-As-You-Throw" system, meaning residents pay based on the amount of trash they generate. You **must use official PAYT bags** or specifically tagged carts, **available** at local retailers and town offices. Bags or bins need to be set out at the curb on your regular collection day. Weekly recycling remains free of charge.

[Read full answer](#)

 Who to Call?

 Answers updated regularly!

 Who to Call?

 **Missed pickups**
(555) 123-0001

 **Billing questions**
(555) 123-0002

 **Trash and recycling questions**
(555) 123-0003

 **General PAYT Coordinator:**
payt@paythrow.gov



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Compliance Takes Operational Discipline



Beware of Unit Size Creep

PAYT Cart Comparison



Weekly Impact

+5-10 lbs
per week



Annual Impact Graphic

+500 lbs
per household per year



≈ \$50 per household
in unrecovered disposal costs

Community Impact



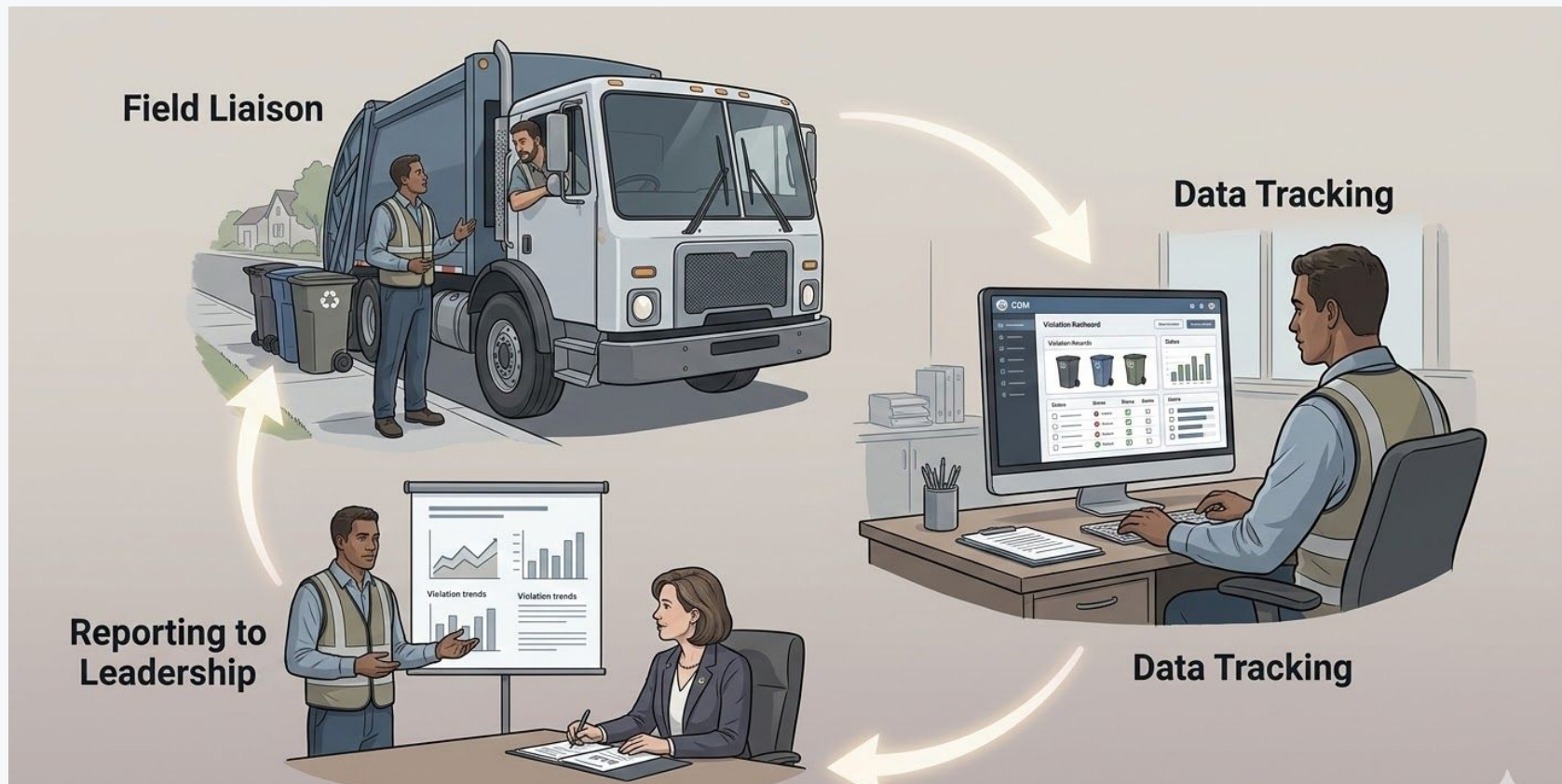
1,000 households → \$50,000 in disposal costs

2,000 households → \$100,000 in disposal costs

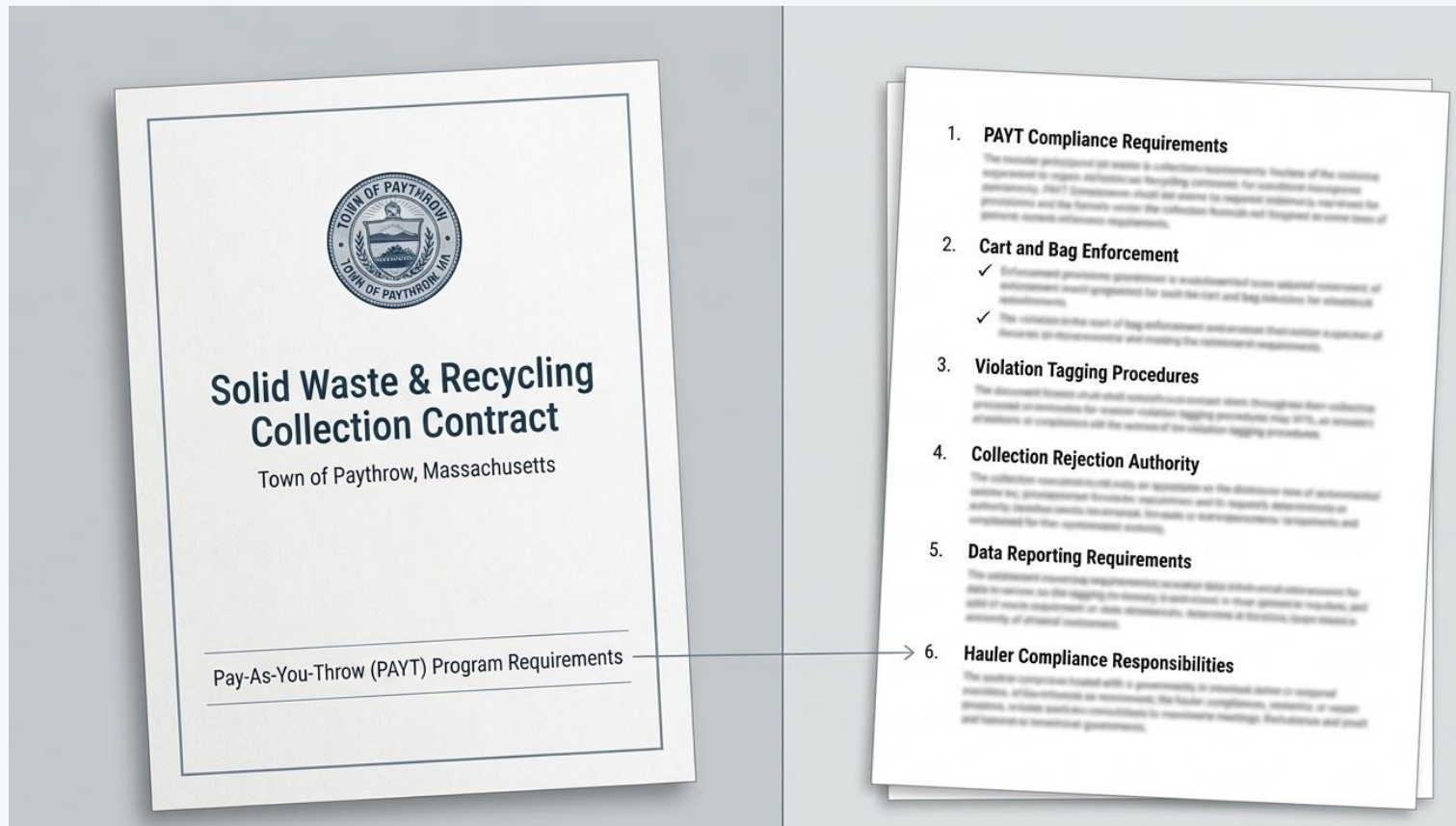
5,000 households → \$250,000 in disposal costs



How Do You Make Sure This Doesn't Happen



Is PAYT in Your Contract?



Because My Hauler Said So...



How About Gradually Reducing?



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Join the 35-Gallon Trash Cart Pilot Program

Residents can switch from a 64-gallon cart to a 35-gallon cart at no cost during this pilot program.



Cost Savings Promotion



Smaller Cart = Lower Trash Costs

Switching to a 35-gallon cart can help households reduce waste and save money under Pay-As-You-Throw pricing.

Program details

No Cost Cart Exchange

Residents may request a 35-gallon cart at no charge during the pilot.

Reduce Waste

Smaller carts help households stay within weekly trash limits.

Support PAYT Goals

Lower waste disposal means lower municipal costs.

MassDEP



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How To Update Your Hauler Regs?

Mandatory Recycling

In order to Protect the environment, promote recycle and be in compliance with the Massachusetts Waste ban regulations (310CMR 19.017); the Town of ____ hereby establishes a requirement of mandatory separation of Recyclables from the Solid Waste Stream. This requirement applies to all Residential Customers/ Generators and Commercial Customers/Generators in the town of ____.

The Town of ____ will inform all generators (residential and commercial) at least once per year that recycling is mandatory.

Bundled Service Requirement

A. Service to Residential Customers/Generators

For **Residential Customers/Generators**, the bundled service must provide Customers with Solid Waste and Recyclables collection at a rate that reflects the cost of providing both services. Solid Waste and Recycling services must be provided by the same Permitted Hauler unless otherwise pre-approved by the Board of Health. The Permitted Hauler may itemize the invoice to clearly show the cost of Recycling collection contained in the bundled service.

All Permitted Haulers serving Residential Customers/Generators must provide appropriately sized, paired Solid Waste and Recyclables containers that are clearly marked and adjacent or in close proximity to each other.

B. Service to Commercial Customers/Generators

For **Commercial Customers/Generators**, the Permitted Hauler must provide both Solid Waste and Recyclables collection; unless the Customer can provide proof to the Permitted Hauler that separate Recycling services are provided by another Permitted Hauler or via one of the methods listed on the Recycling Service Exemption Form. Permitted Haulers may charge separately for the collection of Recyclables. Commercial Customers/Generators may choose to contract for collection of Recyclables by a second Permitted Hauler that only performs Recyclables collection. Permitted Haulers that collect only Recyclables are not required to collect Solid Waste.

Permitted Haulers must provide the names and addresses of their Solid Waste only Commercial Customers to the Town so the Town can follow up to ensure that those Customers are complying with the Waste Bans.



Better Enforcement



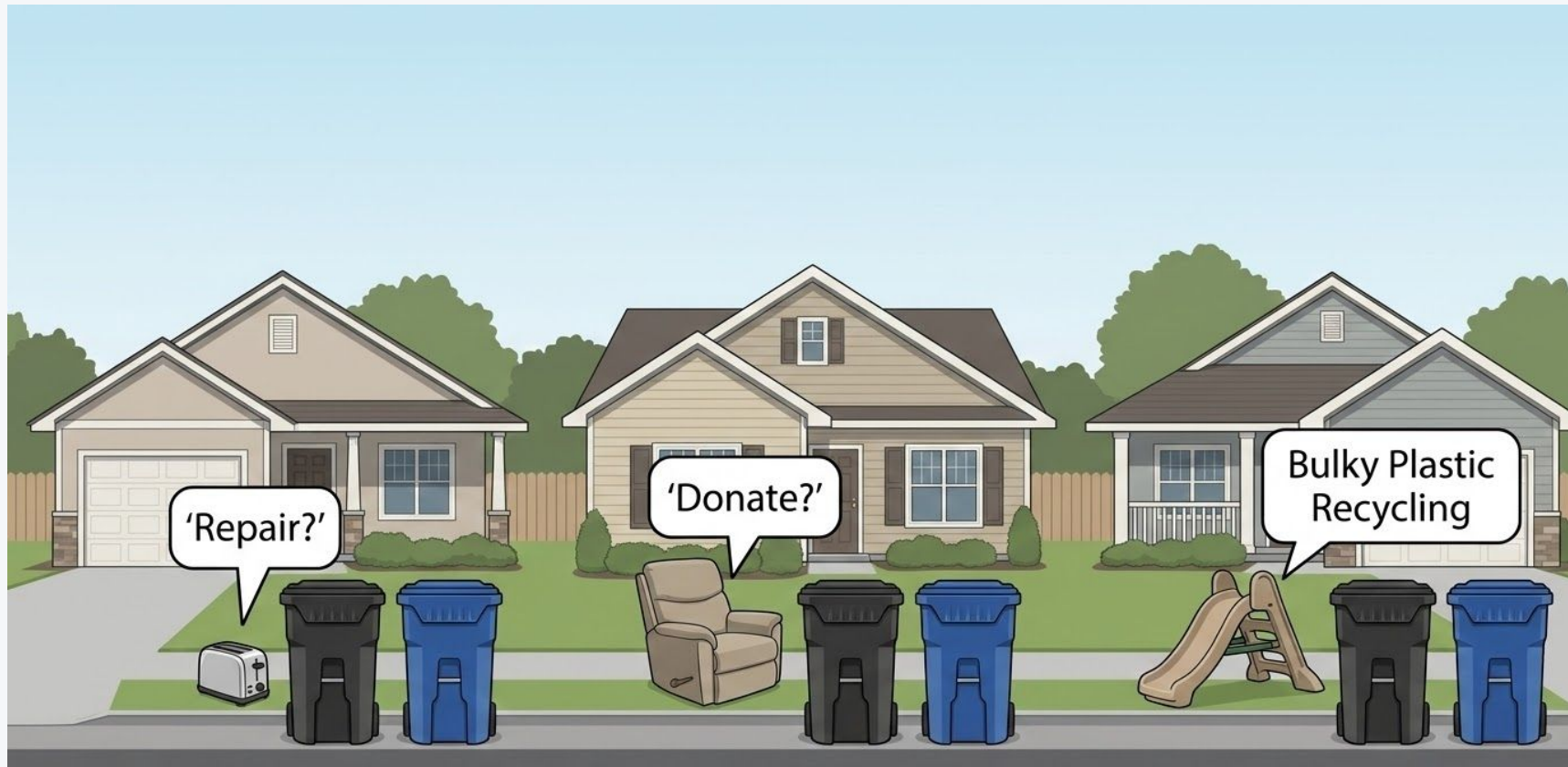
Transfer Station - The Hidden Gem of Waste Reduction



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Bulky Item Strategy



Diversion Opportunities

- Food Waste Diversion
 - CHARMs
 - Reuse & Repair
 - Textile Bins
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- Make it convenient
 - Promote heavily and ongoing
 - Multilingual
 - Different forms of outreach



Organics Expansion



Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) Grant Opportunities

Drop-off Recycling Equipment Grant

Food Waste Collection Carts

Recycling Dividends Program

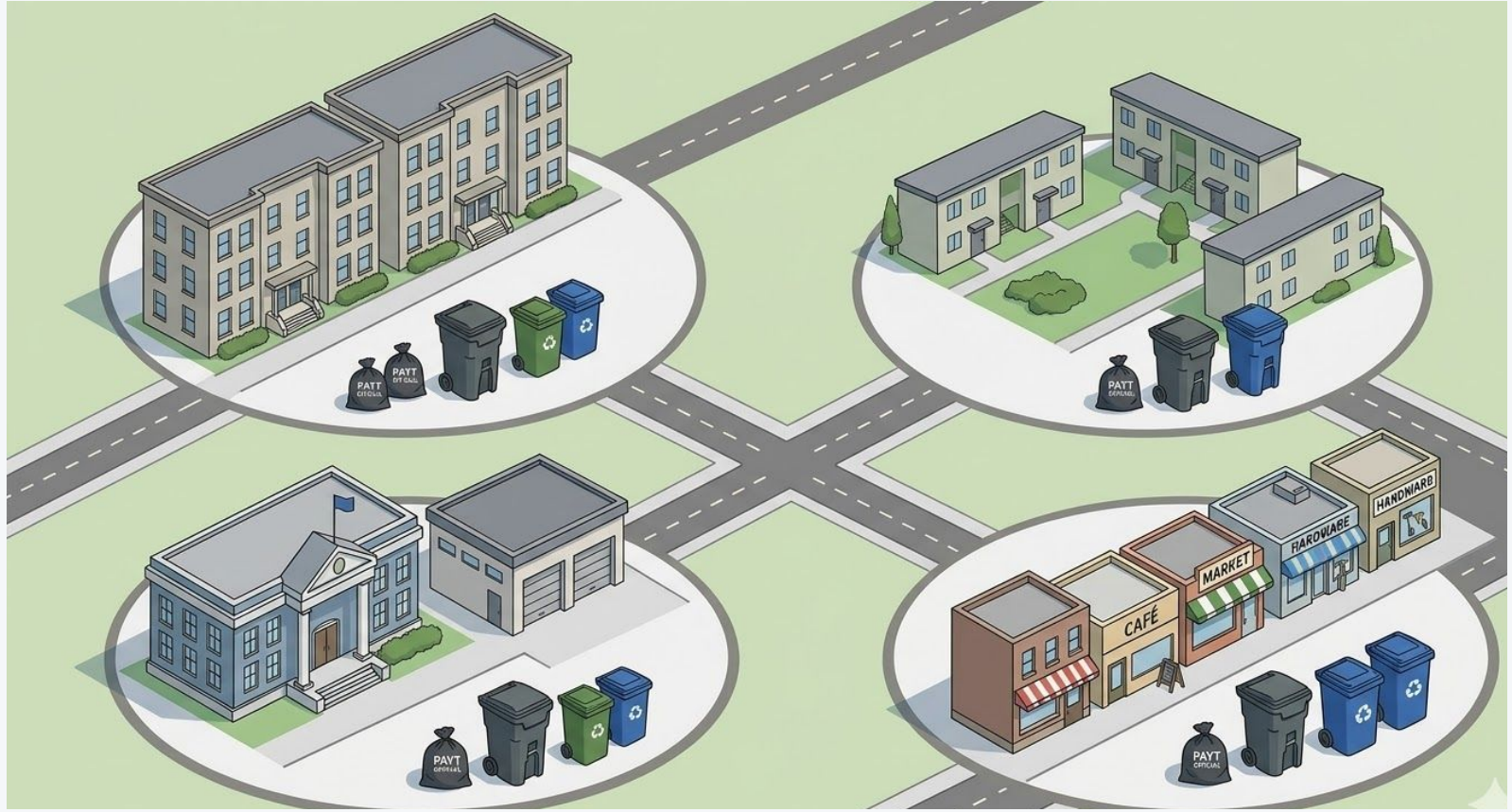
Regional Small-Scale Initiatives

Waste Reduction/Organics Capacity/Household Hazardous Waste Facility

MAC Technical Assistance



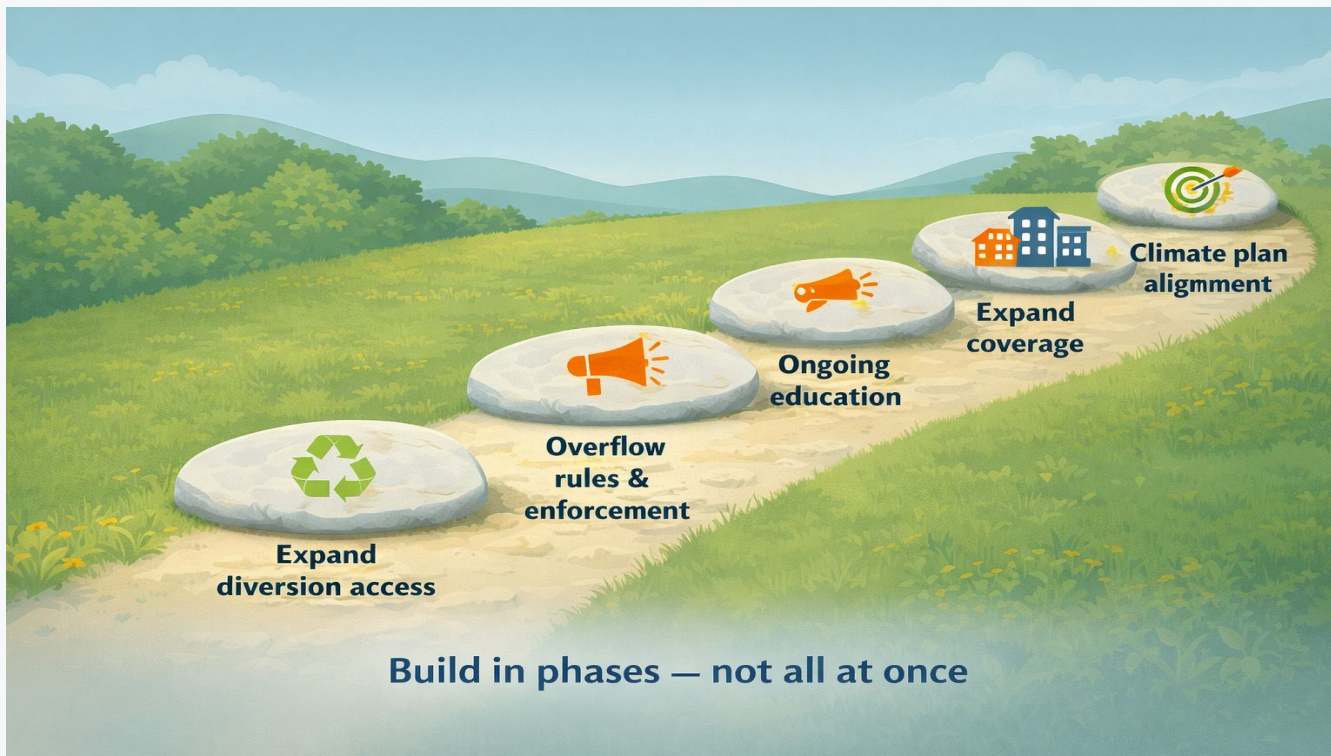
Expanding PAYT Coverage



Drop Off Programs



Approach in Phases



Share Your Wins



Visible & Hidden Savings

PAYT Works: As trash shrinks, so does the system



Fewer pulls



Route optimization



Fewer truck miles



Lower emissions



Protect Your Program



Sharing These Resources in the Future

What we will share:

- PAYT - The Complete Box Set

Where it will be hosted:

- Google Drive



Group Discussion

- What have you found most valuable from this work group?
- Is there anything you wish we had spent more time talking about?

