

PAY AS YOU THROW

Solid Waste Management Program



Under a pay-as-you-throw program (PAYT), residents are charged for the collection of municipal solid waste—ordinary household garbage—**based on the amount they throw away.**



HOW WILL PAYT BE IMPLEMENTED IN TROY?

Residents will be required to use approved trash bags for disposal of household trash. These bags will allow Sanitation staff to quickly identify and collect garbage during regular collection. Bags will be available for purchase from local retail locations.

WHY IS THE CITY CHANGING TO A PAYT MODEL?

PAYT is fairer and more precise than a traditional garbage fee. Residents will pay for the trash they generate, **without subsidizing others who throw away more.** It is similar to how water, electricity, gas, and other utilities are billed (based on usage).



BENEFITS OF PAYT PROGRAM

PAYT will help better allocate City resources for solid waste management, encourage increased recycling & composting, and divert approximately 5,800 tons of material away from local landfills. **This will help create cost savings and improve delivery of services.**

PRICING FOR PAY-AS-YOU-THROW

An annual collection fee of \$136 per residential unit will be established (reduced from \$180).

Bag prices will vary based on volume (\$2.00 / 30 gallon bag; \$1.25 / 13 gallon bag). Recycling is included in the per unit fee.



HOW IS THIS FAIRER FOR TROY RESIDENTS?

Currently, all household units pay the same for trash collection services. Currently, a person living alone pays the same as a household of two, three or six people. **In simpler terms: under PAYT the less you throw away, the less you pay.**

NEXT STEPS TO IMPLEMENT PAYT IN TROY

- The City will hire a firm to distribute trash bags where our residents shop (grocery stores, corner stores, hardware stores, etc.).
- Outreach and education about implementation of PAYT begins immediately via online, brochures, neighborhood meetings.
- Program expected to begin Spring 2021

