



# Solid Waste Services Curbside Recycling Program



## Pay-As-You-Throw Trash Collection: *the Foundation for Recycling Service*

The most effective way to increase recycling participation in a residential community is to integrate the program with trash collection and to provide incentives to recycle. Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) trash collection systems allow customers to pay for solid waste based on the volume of waste they produce. This creates a direct economic incentive for households to reduce their trash and recover as much recyclable materials as possible.



Solid Waste Services (SWS) recently purchased three automated collection trucks, scheduled for delivery in fall 2008. This move will:

- decrease the potential for worker injury,
- increase route efficiency, and
- allow SWS to implement an automated collection route for both trash and recycling collection using a PAYT system.

In fall 2008, 3,500 SWS can/bag customers, will receive automated PAYT trash service. As additional trucks are purchased, replacing older manual collection trucks, the remainder of the SWS collection area will be converted to PAYT. The new system will be more efficient, potentially reducing six regular refuse collection routes to just four.

When the PAYT program is implemented, each customer will have an opportunity to choose the size of trash container they believe will best suit the household's needs. Refuse collection will continue for all customers on a weekly basis.

## Curbside Recycling Collection: *an Integrated Part of Your Trash Service*

In addition to receiving a roll-cart for trash, each household will receive a 96-gallon recycling roll-cart that will be serviced every other week.



Trash roll-carts are expected to be available in 32-gallon increments at the start of the program: 32-gallon, 64-gallon or 96-gallon. Users of the roll carts report they are easy to use and maneuver and are preferred over their previous trash cans and bags. The lidded carts also will reduce litter from birds and small animals, as well as contain odors and repel rain.

The current service provided by SWS is up to four 32-gallon containers weekly at the cost of \$16.35/month. If a household is able to divert 50% of its trash to recycling, and is currently using all four cans, the new option would be to select a 64-gallon roll cart. SWS believes that many customers will be able to opt for the 32-gallon service, supplemented by the 96-gallon recycling roll cart, achieving a \$2/month savings.

### What Would It Cost?

Refuse Service (weekly)	Recycling Service (Every other week)	Price per month*
32-gallon trash cart	96-gallon cart	\$14.35
64-gallon trash cart	96-gallon cart	\$22.95
96-gallon trash cart	96-gallon cart	\$31.35

*\*proposed rates*

For more information, visit [www.muni.org/sws/recycling.cfm](http://www.muni.org/sws/recycling.cfm) -OR- contact your recycling coordinators:

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