

## Who wins with PAYT?

Everyone wins from the environmental and cost saving benefits. Residents who recycle to control their trash will have lower costs. PAYT is good public policy.

## What is Dual Stream Recycling?

Dual stream is a system in which recyclables are collected in two streams. One stream is fiber (paper, cardboard) and the other is standard recyclables (glass, plastic, cans). Using only two streams of recyclables reduces the need to separate all materials brought to the Transfer Station.



## Is there a limit to the amount of material I can recycle?

No. The Town encourages residents to recycle as much as they can. The more you recycle, the fewer bags you need to purchase and the more money you save. Consequently, the more residents recycle the less the Town of Sandwich pays to have their trash incinerated.

## What is recyclable in Sandwich?

Sandwich residents may recycle a lot more than many realize. Recycling facilities now accept more types of materials and can sort them more effectively.

## What types of material can be recycled?

- Newspaper and magazines with inserts
- Paperback books
- Office paper - staples, spirals, paper clips **do not** have to be removed.
- Colored paper
- Shredded paper in closed clear plastic or paper bags
- Junk mail, with windows
- Phone books
- Cereal boxes, paper towel tubes
- Pasta and cracker boxes
- Cardboard (unless it has food stains)
- Steel and tin cans
- Aluminum cans, pie plates, trays, foil
- Glass, containers
- All plastics marked #1-#7,



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# SAVE MONEY & REDUCE TRASH

## NOW IS THE TIME FOR PAY-AS-YOU-THROW (PAYT) IN SANDWICH

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## What is Pay-As-You-Throw?

Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) is a system much like electricity, gas or telephone under which the user pays a basic amount that covers fixed costs and then a user fee for the amount used.

## How does PAYT work?

You buy blue, Town approved bags at stores where you usually shop. You put your trash in those bags and bring them to the Transfer Station to dispose of as you currently do with your trash.

## Why would PAYT be good for Sandwich?

It would be fairer. Right now, every household, regardless of size, pays the same fee. Under PAYT, people who generate less trash would pay less by using fewer bags. It would remind people to recycle more, lowering the amount of trash thrown away and reducing the Town's trash disposal costs.

## Why not continue to charge every household the same trash fee?

The present system is not fair. A lot of people, who are serious about recycling, are saying that they don't want to pay for the trash that other people throw away.

## Is PAYT easy and convenient?

Yes. Residents will be able to buy bags at local stores where they shop. It's just that the bags will be different. They will be blue with the town logo printed on them.

## What about large families?

If large families buy more than smaller families, they will have more to throw away and will have to buy more trash bags. The PAYT program will give them a chance and a new incentive to lower their costs by recycling everything they can. The present flat fee system doesn't offer any choice or incentive to recycle. In PAYT towns, residents have reduced their trash tonnage by 25%-40% by recycling more, composting more, donating more and buying more wisely.

## How will PAYT reduce Town Disposal Fees and User Costs?

Without PAYT, the annual cost of trash disposal per household will significantly increase. Currently, the solid waste budget is supplemented by the tax base. If you and most of the households in Sandwich actively recycle all you can, you will use less bags and the total cost of disposal will go down. We cannot control the cost of disposal per ton but, as a town, we can control the total tons that are sent to the incinerator, and that will lower our costs as a community.

## How does PAYT help the environment?

As residents recycle more, less trash would go to Semass/Covanta Energy for incineration. Incineration of plastics and other recyclable material, contributes to global warming by adding CO<sub>2</sub> to the atmosphere. By increasing recycling, we would save on raw materials, natural resources and energy consumption and reduce the amount of greenhouse gas.

## What will not change with the PAYT?

- Household Hazardous Waste Days
- Christmas Tree recycling
- Yard Waste Drop off
- Compost processing

## How much are PAYT bags and where can I buy them?

There are three sizes of bags available, a 30 gallon (barrel size) at a cost of \$1.20, a 15 gallon (kitchen size) at a cost of \$0.60 and 8 gallon (office size) at a cost of \$0.25 (all costs subject to change). Bags are available at the following locations in Sandwich. Additional retailers may be added at a later date.

- Anchor Ace Hardware (Cotuit Rd)
- Aubuchon Hardware (Cotuit Rd)
- Aubuchon Hardware (Merchants Square)
- Meetinghouse Liquors (Cotuit Rd)
- Merchant Square Liquors (Merchant Sq)
- Mobil - Forestdale (Rt 130)
- Rt 6A Convenience Store (E. Sandwich)
- Sandwich Car Wash (Rt 130)
- Sandwich Food Mart & Deli (corner of Rt 130 & Cotuit Rd)
- Sandwich Mart & Spirits (Rt 6A)
- Stop & Shop (Merchant Square)
- Stop & Shop (QMH Rd)
- Tedeschi Food Shops (Rt 6A)

