

Eliot's PAYT Program

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What is PAYT?



According to the EPA,



"Pay-as-you-throw (PAYT) programs, also called unit-based or variable rate pricing, provide a direct economic incentive for residents to reduce waste. Under PAYT, households are charged for waste collection based on the amount of waste they throw away, in the same way they are charged for electricity, gas, and other utilities."

Eliot's Impact on the Environment

Environmental Benefits:

- Reduced natural resource depletion, energy use, and carbon emissions/ toxins in the air and water
- Extended landfill lifespan
- Cleaner, more organized garbage drop off program

Why the Switch?



- Solid waste is a cost that residents have the ability to control by making less waste.
 - For every ton of household waste, the Town pays \$66 to ecomaine.
 - Recycling generated within the Town is a revenue
- PAYT is convenient and user-friendly.
 - Bags are available at local retailers
 - Inspection of waste at Transfer Station is no longer necessary
- PAYT is a fair and incentivizes recycling.
 - All residents are paying the same price for equal service.
 - Those who choose to recycle and compost can now save even more!

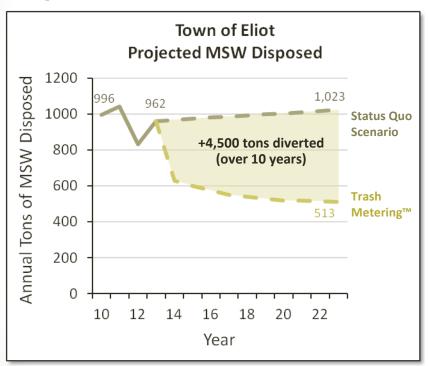
Transfer Station Funding

| The Transfer Station is currently funded through the Tax Base | | |
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| Approximate amount appropriated at 2012 Town Meeting | \$4,700,000 | |
| Approximate amount to run the Transfer Station | \$410,000 | |
| Transfer Station percentage of Town Budget | 8.72% | |
| Example 2013 Real Estate Tax Bill | \$4,317.76 | |
| Town Portion (26%) | \$1,122.62 | |
| 8.72% of \$1,122.62 | \$98 | |

Program Benefits (continued)

Projected Disposal Savings

Eliot's historic solid waste disposal data and trending disposal fees¹ indicate that the city is on course to spend more than \$750,000 dollars over the next 10 years on its solid waste disposal.



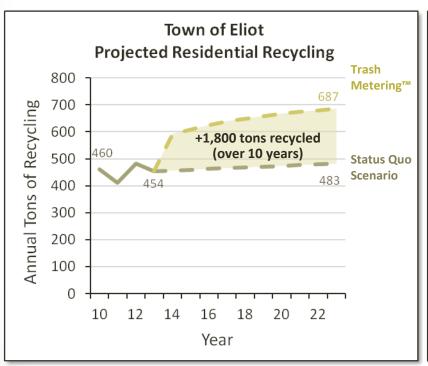


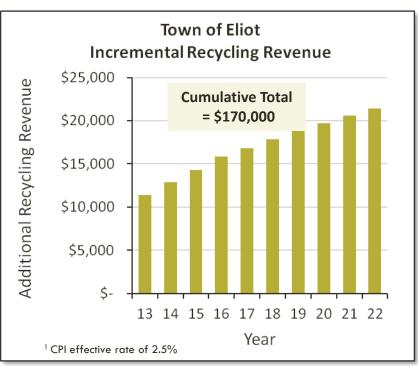
With WasteZero's Trash Metering™ program, Eliot could effectively reduce its trash by half and save more than \$313,000 in disposal costs over the next 10 years.

Financial Summary

Projected Recycling Revenue

Program recycling revenue projections are based on historic recycling tonnage and assumptions on the market value of the materials¹ (brokered through Maine Resource Recovery Association).





It is conservatively estimated that Eliot would realize an increase of over \$170,000 in recycling revenue alone over the next 10 years upon implementing a WasteZero Trash Metering™ program.

Program Benefits

Based on Eliot's current situation, trends, and demographics, we believe that our WasteZero Trash Metering™ program could deliver the following net results:

| Program Benefits and Savings | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Program Revenue | \$102,000 | \$493,000 | \$994,000 |
| Disposal Savings | \$22,000 | \$133,000 | \$313,000 |
| Incremental Recycling Revenue | \$11,000 | \$71,000 | \$170,000 |
| Operational Cost Savings* | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Total Program Net Impact | \$135,000 | \$697,000 | \$1.5M |
| Tons of Waste Diverted | 339 | 2,000 | 4,500 |
| Tons of Additional Recycling Collected | 136 | 800 | 1,800 |

A typical fee of \$2.00 per 30-gallon bag would free up approximately \$135,000 (or 1%) of the total annual town budget.

Annual Town Revenues

| Item | Revenue |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Excise Taxes | \$1,150,000 |
| Clerk Fees | \$30,000 |
| Boat Taxes | \$10,000 |
| Plumbing and Building Permits | \$30,000 |
| Interest (investment and Tax) | \$27,000 |
| Gen. Assistance Reimbursement | \$32,000 |
| Recycling/Clear Bags | \$100,000 |
| Mooring Fees | \$7,000 |
| Police | \$15,000 |
| Miscellaneous | \$15,000 |
| Total | \$1,417,000 |

How it Works



- Starting September 3rd, 2013 Residents will be required to use the Town approved PAYT garbage bags.
- These purple bags will be available at local retailers.
- Residents purchase the bags and use them in place of their regular garbage bags.
- Only Eliot Town Bags will be accepted at the Transfer Station.

Where to Buy the Bags



Irving Circle K

The Meet Market

Market Basket (Portsmouth, NH)

Route 236 Variety and Grill

Eliot Agway

What Can Be Recycled?



- Glass: all colored glass
- Plastic Bottles: all returnable plastic bottles, clear milk jugs and water jugs, and colored #2 plastic. All plastics labeled with the recycling symbol and #1-7. Nothing larger than a 5 gallon bucket.
- <u>Cardboard</u>: all cardboard
- Aluminum Cans: all returnable and non-returnable cans
- <u>Tin Cans</u>: all tin and steel cans
- <u>Paper:</u> all paper, newspapers, junk mail flyers, telephone books, magazines, catalogs, etc.

There are many more items accepted at the Transfer Station. Please visit www.eliotmaine.org for more information.

What Can Be Composted?

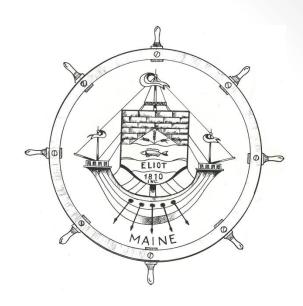


All food scraps, including bones Eggshells Bread Seafood Wooden stirrers Sugar packets Paper napkins/plates Wax muffin wrappers Fruits, including pits Compostable cups, utensils and plates, etc.

Have something that's not on the list? Most likely it's not compostable. If you have a question please call ECOMovement at (603) 828-4435

Or you may visit their webpage at

http://zerowastenow.com



Questions?

Please call 207-439-9451

Or visit <u>www.eliotmaine.org</u> for more information.