

Municipal "Pay As You Throw"

Trash Collection Systems in New Jersey

"Pay As You Throw" (PAYT), per unit pricing, per bag pricing and variable rate pricing are all terms to describe trash collection systems wherein residents pay for municipal waste management services per unit of waste collected rather than through a fixed or flat fee. In PAYT systems, residents are either required to purchase special plastic bags for their trash or stickers that are then placed on their garbage bags or cans. Municipalities commonly limit the weight of the bag or can of trash. In some cases, an annual fee is also charged to the residents in these systems.

PAYT systems are a way to equitably charge for trash disposal while encouraging waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and backyard composting.

Listed below are those municipalities in New Jersey that are currently utilizing a PAYT system. If you know of a municipality that uses PAYT, but is not listed, or to correct information, please contact Steven.Rinaldi@dep.nj.gov. (Note: There are several municipalities in New Jersey that have a modified or partial version of a PAYT system, e.g., residents can put out x number of cans of trash for collection, but must purchase and use a sticker for those cans above the specified limit. The municipalities with such modified or partial PAYT systems are not listed herein.)

Municipality	County	Type
Chatham Borough	Morris	Bag
Chester Township	Morris	Sticker
Mendham Township	Morris	Sticker
Mountain Lakes Borough	Morris	Bag
Township of Pennsville	Salem	Sticker
Readington Township	Hunterdon	Sticker
City of Salem	Salem	Sticker
Washington Township	Bergen	Bag

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