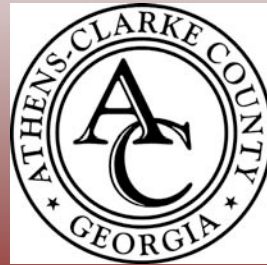


Pay-as-you-Throw: Can it work for your community?

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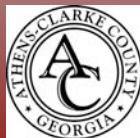
Athens-Clarke County(ACC)

- Home of the University of Georgia – Go Dawgs!
- Population 104,439 (inclusive of the ~ 30,000 students)/approximately 35,000 households
- Implemented the PAYT on September 11, 1995
 - Operations handled by the ACC Solid Waste Department in the Urban Service District and contracted franchise haulers in the General Service District



PAYT in Athens

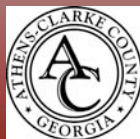
- Residential Sector both in the Urban Service District and General Service District
- Commercial Curbside (Small Businesses)
- Commercial Dumpster (Large Businesses)



Residential PAYT

Make less Trash – Pay less Cash!

- Our residents have a choice:
 - 20 gallon - \$12.50
 - 32 gallon - \$13.50
 - 64 gallon - \$16.50
 - 96 gallon - \$22.50
 - 128 gallon - \$30.50 (2 - 64 gallon)
 - 160 gallon - \$42.50 (1- 64 gallon & 1-96 gallon)



Residential PAYT - continued

- Recycling provided at no additional cost (two bins provided).
- Overflow decals/stickers necessary for excess bags - \$2.00/sticker.
- Franchise haulers must offer PAYT too.



Commercial Curbside SW Collection

- Small Businesses and Residents in Downtown District
- Approximately, 438 customers are located in the downtown district.
- ACC only hauler in district
- Two-tier fee structure for sw collection - fixed base fee and variable bag fee



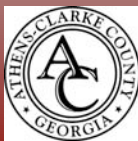
Downtown District Demographics

<u>Type of Establishment</u>	# of Customers	% of Total
Restaurant	45	10
Bar	41	9
Office & Retail	183	42
Residential	169	39
TOTAL	438	100



Fixed Base Fee

Collections per week	Rate
2 – Commercial Outside CBD	\$23.00
3 – Commercial Inside CBD	\$28.00
2 – Residential Inside CBD	\$33.00
7 – Commercial CBD	\$76.50
14 – Commercial CBD	\$155.00



Variable Bag Fee



- Garbage must be placed in the authorized plastic bags (blue bags)
- Bags cost a \$1.00 each - cost covers the bag itself, disposal cost, and a small administrative overhead
- Bags sold in bundles of 20 and are available in several locations in the district

How Commercial Curbside Recycling Works

- Voluntary
- No additional charge
- Recyclables must be separated (bottles/cans and paper) and placed in transparent bags (exception cardboard)
- Placed on the curb and collected on the same day as trash

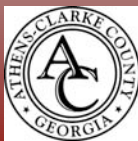


Recyclables



Commercial Dumpster PAYT

- Large business customers can choose from a 4-yd, 6-yd or 8-yd trash dumpster
- Dumpster can be pulled once a week up to five times a week
- Recycling dumpsters are provided at no additional charge



If we can do it - so can you!

Questions?

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