

Pay as You Throw

What is that?



What does "Pay as You Throw" mean?

Pay as You Throw - or PAYT - is a model when you pay more for what you use. Think about your electric bill - the more electricity you use, the more the bill. This model works the same way for waste. The more you landfill, the higher the fee. The more you recycle and compost, the less you landfill.

So the Town is making everyone join this model?

In March 2020, the Board passed Ordinance 15-2020 requiring all haulers operating in Erie to offer curbside landfill, recycling, and compost using a PAYT pricing structure. Town staff is reminding haulers that the ordinance begins in January 2023 when they renew their hauling licenses.



Around 70% of residents asked for curbside yard waste and composting collection.

What will the neighborhoods gain from this ordinance?

The ordinance requires that all waste haulers in Erie provide service not just for the landfill, but for recycling and composting as well. Haulers will charge a volumetric rate for landfill, free unlimited recycling, and offer bi-weekly compost collection.



Why does the Town care about this issue?

This strategy is in line with the Town's Sustainability Master Plan. The more we recycle and compost, the less natural resource extraction we contribute to, the less gets buried and emits dangerous greenhouse gases in the landfill, and the more we get to return organic nutrients to our soils and absorb carbon.



Learn more: www.erieco.gov/PAYT

Single Hauler

What does that mean?

What is a single hauler contract?

Nearly all HOAs and 90% of residents in Erie currently operate under a single hauler service model. This means you pay for all curbside waste removal through a single company paid through your HOA dues.



But don't our HOAs already have this option?

Not everyone in Erie is represented by a HOA and those residents who aren't, do not have access to discounted service offered through a larger contract. Those who pay individually in most cases are paying more than what a neighborhood of 500+ homes might pay, and have access to less services offered.

What does a single hauler contract solve?

There are safety, infrastructure, environmental, and cost concerns with the number of haulers operating in Erie. Limiting service to a single hauler should reduce truck traffic, reduce air pollution, limit road impacts, increase public safety, and provide lower prices for Erie residents.



Does this strategy work?

This model has had worldwide and local success at solving these issues and Erie residents deserve the best in public service.

The more households who group services, the more impactful it will become.

