



## Single-Hauler Pay-as-You-Throw (PAYT)

**Pay-as-You-Throw supports the following Lyons' Environmental Sustainability goals:**

1. Reduce the amount of solid waste sent to landfills
2. Support recycling and composting programs
3. Strive towards zero waste and manage resources responsibly and effectively

### Scope of PAYT program

All single-family residential homes in the Town of Lyons are included the PAYT program. This includes Homeowner Associations (HOA) but excludes multi-family units. There are an estimated 208 homes located in Lyons Valley Park, Stone Canyon, and Eagle Canyon. Excluding these subdivisions jeopardizes the cost of the program due to economies of scale.

### Cost/Services

- Residents would receive:
  - 32-gallon bin for trash (picked up weekly)
  - 32-gallon bin for composting (picked up every-other-week, alternating weeks )
  - 96-gallon bin for recycling (picked up every-other-week, alternating weeks)
- **Cost:**
  - **\$18.00 a month – Western quote (32-gallon trash, 32-gallon compost, 96-gallon recycle)**
  - **\$23.60 a month – One-way quote (32-gallon trash, 32-gallon compost, 96-gallon recycle)**
- For 64-gallon bins, residents will pay twice the amount of the 32-gallon bins
- For 96-gallon bins, residents will pay three times the amount of the 32-gallon bins

### Cost compared to other communities

- Lafayette – \$15.55 for similar services as above
- Louisville – \$15.10 for similar services as above
- Longmont - \$13.10 for similar services as above (municipal service)

**Contract length** – The proposed length of contract is a 7-year. Any reduced length of contract will likely increase cost of PAYT program.

**Recycling tipping fees** – Recycling tipping fees are set by Boulder County. Due to a contraction of global recycling markets as a result of China's import restriction, the current recycling tipping fees have risen sharply to \$32.50 per ton. Haulers have determined there is too much risk absorbing these fees, so both One-Way and Western have submitted bids that pass recycling fees to the customer. The Sustainable Future Commission recommends that the Town of Lyons be responsible for reviewing and Boulder County's recycling tipping fee.

**Bag program** – Residents are grandfathered into the bag program. Bag owners will be exempt from the PAYT program. There are an estimated 12 residential homes purchasing bags from haulers.



**Billing** – Trash services will be managed like water and electric utilities using Town of Lyons utility billing software. Residents will receive trash bills on the same bill as their other utilities. For additional charges (like extra pickups or bags), residents will need to contact the hauler and provide a credit card for purchasing.

**Town Vote** – If referred to a vote, it would cost the Town \$5,000 for a special election; however, if it was included in the April ballot, there would not be an added cost. Lafayette, Louisville, and Golden are three local communities that adopted a single hauler program through city council action.

**Bear resistance containers** - One-way and Western can both provide bear-resistant bins. Western provided a \$3 per month per bin cost for bear-resistant bins. Alternatively, a single hauler system would reduce the number of days trash is picked up in Lyons and thus there would be less opportunity for bears to get into bins left on the curb.

**Required reporting** – The Town of Lyons requires haulers to report trash, recycling, and compost data and volumes on a monthly basis.

#### **Reports from other communities**

Golden, CO - City of Golden implemented its PAYT program 10 years ago. HOAs were not required to join the PAYT program. The city of Golden has been trying to get HOAs to join their program from the start, unsuccessfully. The city of Golden recommends HOAs to join the PAYT from the start or at the very least, have HOAs commit to joining the PAYT program within a fixed amount of time.

Lafayette, CO - The City of Lafayette has similar experiences as City of Golden. They have been trying to include HOAs in the PAYT with little success. If HOAs don't voluntarily join City of Lafayette PAYT, then there will likely be an ordinance put in place to require all haulers to provide a PAYT rate structure.