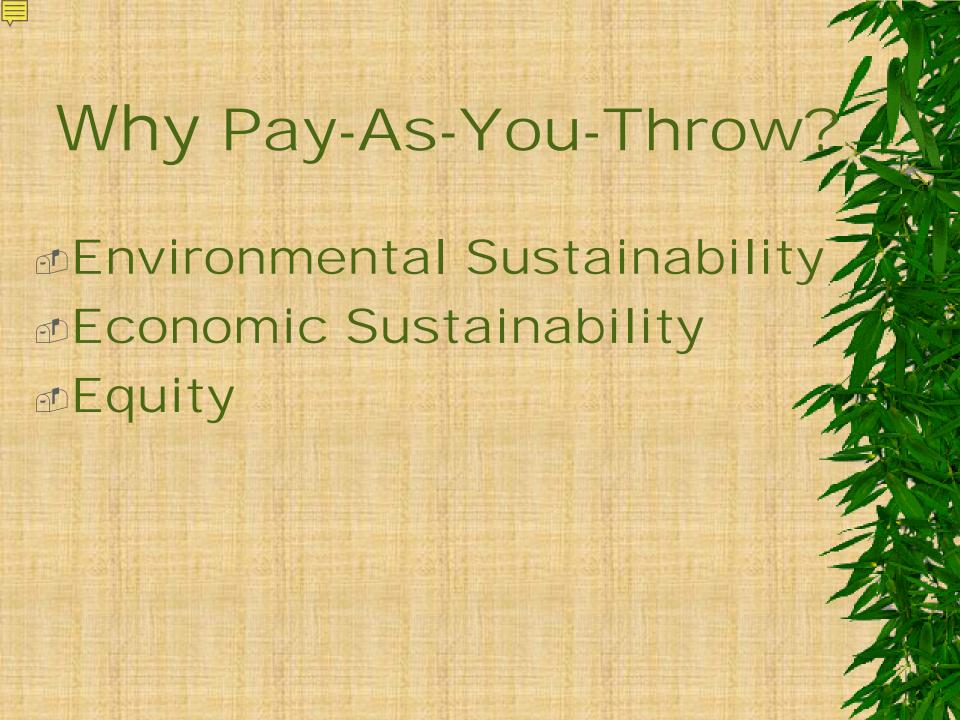




Alachua County/ City of Gainesville Pay-As-You-Throw Program



# The History of our PAYT program

- **The NEED**
- **The ISSUES**
- **The IMPLEMENTATION**
- The COST



## The NEED

- Closing of Alachua County Southwest Landfill
- Preparing bid for new contract.
- Goal: develop a bid that would enhance waste reduction and encourage recycling
- Studied various PAYT programs.



### The ISSUES

- Opposition
  - reduction in frequency of garbage collection
  - limit on amount of garbage collected
- Distribution of carts within limited time available
- New hauler's unfamiliarity with service area.

All of these issues were resolved within the first six months of the contract.



## The IMPLEMENTATION

- Volume-based, cart system,
- Once-a-week collection
- Mini-can, 35, 64, or 96-gallon carts





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- - Duel streamsystem
- Yard trashcollection
- Decrease in disposal costs benefits residents





## The COST

#### County residents

- Pay annually
- Non ad-valorem assessment property tax bill

#### City residents

- Pay monthly
- Utility bill

#### **All Rates**

- Based on cart size

#### **Fiscal Year 2011-2012**

County		City			
Mini- can	\$13.62	Mini- can	\$15.25		
35 gallon	\$15.28	35 gallon	\$19.75		
64 gallon	\$20.06	64 gallon	\$24.50		
96 gallon	\$27.98	96 gallon	\$30.50		

## IT'S WORKING!!

Alachua County/
City of Gainesville
PAYT program results



# Within the first two years ...

- Significant reduction of solid waste disposed
  - Decrease of 14% in tons of solid waste disposed.
- Significant increase in recycling
  - Increase of 25 percent in tons of recyclables collected
- Significant reduction in yard trash collected
  - Decrease of 20% in the tons of yard trash collected for recycling



## Alachua County Curbside Program Results

Solid Waste and Recycling Processed \*

	Households	Solid Waste Disp.+Residuals Total Tons	Recycling ** Total Tons	% Rec vs Solid Wst	Set-out Rate	Yard Trash Tons	% Rec plus Yard Trash vs Solid Wst
FY 99-00							
AVERAGE	17,735	1540.64	288.83	16%	70.6%	222.50	25%
FY 00-01							
AVERAGE	18,465	1503.18	327.93	18%	73.4%	194.33	26%
Percent Incr/							
Decr fr FY 00	4%	-2%	14%	16%	3.9%	-13%	4%
FY 01-02							
AVERAGE	18,965	1393.54	333.44	19%	72.8%	200.33	28%
Percent Incr/							
Decr fr FY 01	3%	-7%	2%	7%	-1%	3%	7%
Percent Incr/							
Decr fr FY 00	7%	-10%	15%	24%	3%	-10%	12%

<sup>\*</sup> Does not include white goods or yard trash collected and recycled

\*\*\* Total of recycling processed plus yard trash

<sup>\*\*</sup> Total of recycling processed (does NOT include yard trash or white goods)

"Good Things
Are
Happening..."

More Benefits of the PAYT program



Fewer trucks traveling neighborhood streets result in:

- **mimproved safety**
- energy conservation
- reduction in pollution



Automation provides safer and more cost-effective operation of the solid waste collection system.

Residents appreciate uniformity of standard containers and reduced pick-

up days.





"The Earth belongs...to the living...No generation can contract debts greater than may be paid during the course of its own existence," -- Thomas Jefferson

