

## WASTE NOT, PAY NOT!

### FULTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICTS PAY-AS-YOU-THROW (PAYT) "ORANGE BAG" GARBAGE DISPOSAL PROGRAM

GARBAGE disposal is a service just like electricity, gas, and water. You pay for only what you use of these utilities. Why should garbage be any different? This brochure explains all about "pay-as-you throw" and Fulton County Solid Waste Districts "orange bag" garbage disposal program.

WHAT IS PAY-AS-YOU-THROW? It is a fee-type system that charges residents for trash disposal based on the amount of waste they throw away. State and federal laws require that waste generation be reduced through recycling and that what's left be disposed of safely. Since today's disposal methods are considerably more expensive than open dumps and burn barrels of the past, thousands of communities around the country have turned to PAYT as a fair way to cover these costs. When combined with a recycling program, PAYT promotes waste reduction and increased recycling. It gives you an incentive to control how much trash you produce – and how much you pay for it.

THE "ORANGE BAGS" . . . are available for purchase only from Fulton County Solid Waste District, and are intended for the disposal of everyday household garbage. (Bulky items or waste that is difficult to bag are paid for and accepted at the Recycling Center only during business hours). The "Orange Bags" are priced at \$3.00 each to cover the cost of disposing of the waste they contain, and are available at Fulton County Solid Waste District. The bags are marked TRASH ONLY! No Yard Waste, No Hazardous Waste, and No **Recyclables** are to be in the bags. All recyclables must be kept separate. Once your bag is full of TRASH ONLY, once again no recyclables, you will drop off your sorted recycling and trash bag(s) at the Recycling Center. We also accept big items for an additional charge that won't fit in the bags. For example; mattresses, couches, dressers, tables etc., these bigger items can only be brought to the recycling center during our business hours. There is a dumpster (under video surveillance) available for the orange Pay as you throw bags **only**, after hours along with our normal recycling bins in front of our facility. This dumpster is for the "orange bags" only, no big items are allowed. Please keep in mind illegal dumping of trash is punishable by fine and will be turned over to the prosecutor.

#### BEYOND FAIR: THE BENEFITS OF "PAYT" PROGRAMS

- Reduced waste generation
- Increased recycling
- Awareness of our own "waste-full" practices
- Less waste going to landfills
- Allows immediate control over YOUR OWN garbage costs.
- Cost incentive reduces need for coercive enforcement of recycling laws
- Resource conservation (using virgin materials in manufacturing consumes more energy and other resources than using recycled content)

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