

# Pay To Throw Revenues

Many cities in Alabama that manage all of their sanitation services combine garbage and trash fees which are added onto water bills. Residents pay set fees for basic garbage and trash services and additional fees for trash services that exceed general pickup. Such additional fees are charged per cubic feet or per item. Administering fees in this manner allows the cities to recoup revenues to assist with the cost of providing sanitary services. However, this is not the case in the City of Selma. Our garbage services are outsourced to residents currently at \$20 per month to a private company, Liberty Disposal. Currently, these fees do not include the cost of trash services.

PAYT TYPE	HOW IT WORKS	PROS	CONS
Cash	Residents pay a set fee in cash for each bag they dispose of at a drop-off location.	Effective Fair	Does not work with curbside collection Inefficient and risky
Variable Rate Carts	Residents choose from different sizes of carts, paying more for the larger carts and less for the smaller ones.	Fairer to residents than a flat fee	Doesn't change behavior; residents select cart that matches current habits Expensive for cities to buy and maintain multiple cart sizes Less effective than other methods Complex
Overflow	Residents pay a flat fee that covers everything they can fit into a certain size cart, and then pay extra (usually by the bag) to dispose of anything that does not fit into that cart.	Can provide some waste reduction if the cart is small	Usually not very effective at reducing waste
Tags	Residents pay by the bag by affixing a pre-paid tag or sticker to each bag of trash.	Fairer than a flat fee Does achieve some waste reduction Inexpensive to implement	Prone to cheating Difficult to enforce
Bags	Residents dispose of their waste in specialized bags approved by the municipality and clearly marked with the municipal seal or other unique instructions or information.	Fairer than a flat fee Provides significant waste reduction Enhances recycling Easy to enforce Convenient for residents Popular with residents Inexpensive to implement Can be used with or without carts	None, as long as the bags are priced correctly and there is clear and open communication with residents

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