Why must Brattleboro go to PAYT system of paying for trash? – Vermont law (Act 148) requires that the cost all residential trash in the State of Vermont be paid for by the generator by a Unit Based Pricing System according to weight or volume (PAYT). The law goes into effect on July 1, 2015.

Start Date – Starting Monday, June 29, 2015 all trash put at the curb for pick up must be in an Official Town PAYT Trash Bag.

Bag Sizes – 15-gallon (kitchen size) and 32-gallon (standard “trash bag” size)

Bag Type – drawstring, 1.5 mil thickness

Bag Colors – yellow (small bag); purple (large bag)

Price per bag -- $2 (small bag) and $3 (large bag)

Packaging – packaged in rolls (5 bags per roll)

Price per roll (5 bags) -- $10 (roll of small bags); $15 (roll of large bags)

Stores selling bags (proposed!) – Brattleboro Food Coop; Dottie’s Discount Foods; Hannaford; Price Chopper; Brown and Roberts Hardware; Fireside True Value Hardware; Cumberland Farms

When will the stores have the PAYT bags – Official Town PAYT Trash Bags will be available for purchase starting Monday, June 15, 2015.

Individual Bags for Sale – Treasurer’s Office (Municipal Center); Recreation Dept. Office (Gibson Aiken Center)

Weight limit – 20 lbs. (small bag); 30 lbs. (large bag); 40 lbs. (trash barrel w/ multiple PAYT bags)

Who must buy PAYT bags? – Any resident who currently has their trash/recycling/compost picked up by the Town’s hauler (residents living in a single family house or a multi-unit building with four or fewer living units).

Who does NOT need to buy PAYT bags? – Residents living in multi-unit buildings with five or more units. For these residents, their landlord is responsible for providing them with trash removal.

Does PAYT affect curbside recycling or curbside compost? – No. They remain the same. No special bags need to be purchased. There is no charge to the resident for putting out recycling or compost – this service is paid for through property taxes.

What if trash is put at the curb in NON-PAYT trash bag? – The driver will NOT pick up trash that is not in an Official Town PAYT Trash Bag.

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