



# REDUCING SOLID WASTE FEES WITH PAY-AS-YOU-THROW

**IN THE PROGRAM'S FIRST NINE YEARS, THE TOWN SAW:**

**34%**

Decrease in solid waste tonnage

**88%**

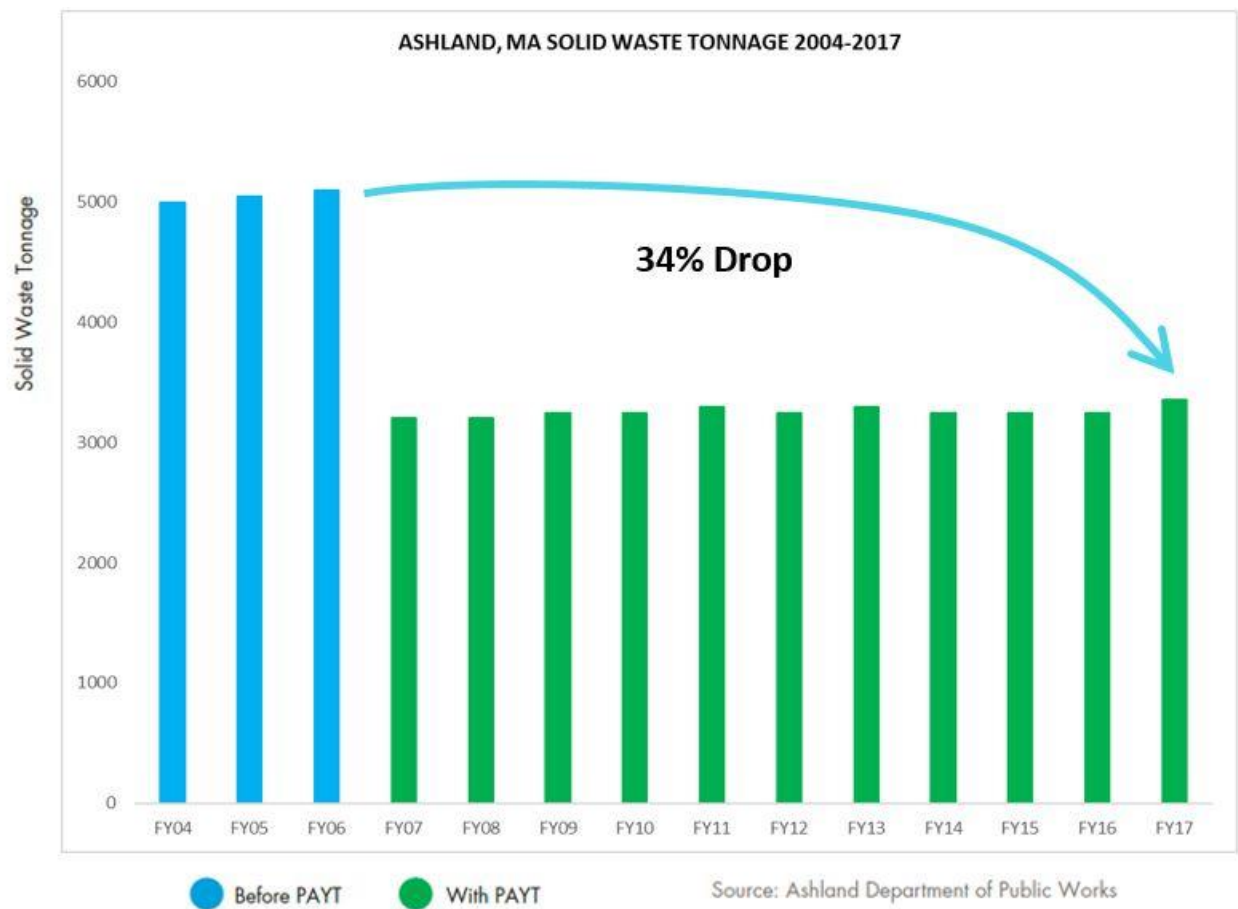
Increase in recycling rate (from 17% to 32%)

**\$1,355,000**

In disposal savings

When Ashland, Mass., kicked off pay-as-you-throw in 2006, the town reduced the annual base solid waste fee from \$215 to \$138.

Over the first twelve years of the program, trash tonnage dropped and maintained a one-third reduction, and the recycling rate nearly doubled. Town officials also report no increase in illegal dumping with PAYT.



**15,000** POPULATION

**\$95,000**

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

**BAG-BASED PAYT WITH CURBSIDE TRASH & SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING COLLECTION**

## ANNUAL POUNDS OF TRASH PER CAPITA 2017

