



## **GARBAGE AND RECYCLING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Q. Will a vendor be allowed to charge extra for the tags?**

A. No, a vendor can only sell the tags at the face value of \$2.00 per tag or \$20.00 for a sheet of ten tags.

**Q. Are there a minimum number of tags I need to buy?**

A. At Township locations, tags can only be purchased in sheets of 10. At private Pay as You Throw (PAYT) distributor sites, it will be at the discretion of the vendor.

**Q. Can we purchase PAYT tags through the mail?**

A. If a minimum number of PAYT tags are ordered (50 tags), and the request includes a cheque for the total amount, the Municipality will process a tag request by shipping the tags through the mail, courier or delivery service.

**Q. Does the Township have a bag limit?**

A. The PAYT program provides enough incentive to reduce waste, therefore there is no bag limit Township wide.

**Q. How do I make sure the PAYT tag sticks to the bag?**

A. Fixing the tag to the top of the bag so that it wraps around itself is the best way to ensure the tag remains attached.

**Q. If I use a garbage container do I need a PAYT bag tag for each kitchen catcher inside?**

A. For those residents using garbage containers, one PAYT tag will need to be placed on the top bag. There is a restriction in the Waste Management bylaw on the shape and size of the container that can be used. The top diameter must be larger than the bottom diameter and one person must be able to handle the container. The bylaw specifies this size should be 77 litres (17 gallons) or less. The Township Waste Management bylaw requires that the total weight of the bag and/or container does not exceed 18 kg or 40 pounds. If the container or bag is heavier than this weight, it will not be picked up.

**Q. How do I become a Vendor or tag Distributor?**

A. Commercial enterprises wishing to become vendors should contact the Finance Department in Odessa at (613) 386-7351, Ext. 119. They must be willing to sell tags at face value and purchase a minimum of 100 tags at a time. For providing this service, businesses in Loyalist Township will receive a 5% commission in the form of a cost reduction and business operating outside of the Township (i.e. not paying Loyalist property taxes) will receive 2.5% commission in the form of a cost reduction.

**Q. As a Vendor / Distributor do I need to pick up tags at the Township Office?**

A. The Township has a delivery service, in response to an order placed at the Municipal office twice monthly on set days. Township staff delivers tags as part of their normal rounds. Vendors will have to pay for the full amount of the tags when they receive them.



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**Q. A member of my household has a medical problem resulting in several extra bags of waste. Do these bags require tags?**

A. The Township developed a programme to provide a limited number of free tags for the extra bags that will be required. Each residence will be expected to generate some waste that requires a PAYT tag. This request can be renewed, should the conditions continue to exist. Details will be sent to those individuals that identify themselves, in writing, to the Township as requiring this consideration.

**Q. Are there any provisions to accommodate large families with insufficient funds to pay for the tags?**

A. Presently there is no provision for accommodation being contemplated. We are encouraging all residents to reduce their waste generation and maximize the recycling and composting opportunities.

**Q. How does the Township handle illegal dumping of waste?**

A. There is a Township Bylaw prohibiting the deposit of waste either on private or municipal property without the owner's permission. Violators of this Bylaw are subject up to a \$5,000 fine and those persons providing information leading to the conviction of violators may receive up to a \$1,000 reward for that information. Violations of the Bylaw should be reported to the Municipal Bylaw Enforcement Officers. To assist the Officers, you must be able to identify (physical description, license number, etc.) the person or persons that dumped the waste.

**Q. To reduce my waste is it a good idea to burn the waste in woodstoves or in backyard burn barrels?**

A. Loyalist Township bylaw 2002.51 restricts open air burning but notwithstanding the provisions of the bylaw there are strong environmental reasons for no burning of waste. The chemical dioxin produced in woodstoves (and in backyard burn barrels) is emitted through smoke and is also concentrated in the residual ash. The burning of garbage at home or at the cottage is the fifth largest known source of dioxins in Canada. In order to protect our environment for today and tomorrow, please do not burn: Garbage of any kind, Treated, painted or coated wood, Plywood or particle board, Railroad ties