

HOW TO DESIGN A PROPER WASTE FEE?

The 10 Commandments of Waste Fee Making

1. KISS Keep It Simple Stupid

Explaining a waste tariff should take no longer than burning a match from start to finish.

2. The fee model should support the waste generator's desired behaviour
so the User Pays principle should be reflected – but suitably.

3. Don't try to create ultimate fee fairness as such will never be achievable.

4. Additional cost of some fancy measurement systems is higher than individual savings.

So don't apply them in your area of responsibility (but the single residents of one collection address are allowed to do so, sharing everything properly, extra cost inclusive).

5. The task "fee collection" is totally independent from the task "waste collection", but:

No one else than the public authority should collect the fee.

6. You should collect one waste management fee only.

Separate collection of recyclables, biowaste etc. should not be financed by an extra fee.

7. Don't mix up affordability with your client's reluctance to pay for your service.

8. Don't mix up your client's willingness to pay with your own willingness to charge.

9. Ceasing the service does not build up a pressure to pay the fee

(as with water supply, electricity, or telecommunication).

10. It is no offence to collect the waste fee together with the water or electricity bill.

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