

## **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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