

Funding Food Waste Reduction Projects

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Charges, Rates, Fees

A jurisdiction sets a **rate** of \$5 per month for compost service. That rate produces an annual **fee** of \$60 per household. That amount appears as part of the broader solid waste **charge** on the utility bill.



Fees

- Commercial / Residential
- Linked to specific service
- Paid by users
- Based on cost
- Set by law or ordinance
- Requires management and review

What Am I Paying For?



Solid Waste Management Fees

Fee Type	Example
Flat	Monthly base fee for curbside collection
Variable	Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT)
Subscription	Optional recurring fee for food waste collection services
Special Service	One-time fee for composting service at special event
Surcharge	Extra charge for sending waste to the landfill or incinerator



Flat Fee / Variable Fee

Residential Curbside Organics Collection

	Seattle, WA		Portland, OR	San Francisco, CA			Austin, TX
Operational Model	Public utility contract w/ haulers		Franchise	City contract w/ hauler			City department
Funding Model	Enterprise Fund		Enterprise Fund	Special Purpose Fund			Enterprise Fund
Compost Requirement	Yes		Yes	Yes			No
Base Fee (Flat)	None		None	\$17.60 (G, R, O)			\$21.90 (R, O)
Volumetric Fees (Variable)	G, R	O	G, R, O	G	R	O	G
12-20 gallons	\$33.75	\$7.30	\$36.70	\$7.35	-	-	-
24-35 gallons	\$43.90	\$10.95	\$42.00	\$14.70	\$7.35	\$7.35	\$5.75
60-64 gallons	\$87.65	-	\$47.00	\$29.40	\$14.70	\$14.70	\$11.50
90-96 gallons	\$131.65	\$13.95	\$53.85	\$44.10	\$22.05	-	\$36.50
Average Monthly Fee Per Unit	\$54.85		\$42.00	\$36.75			\$26.20



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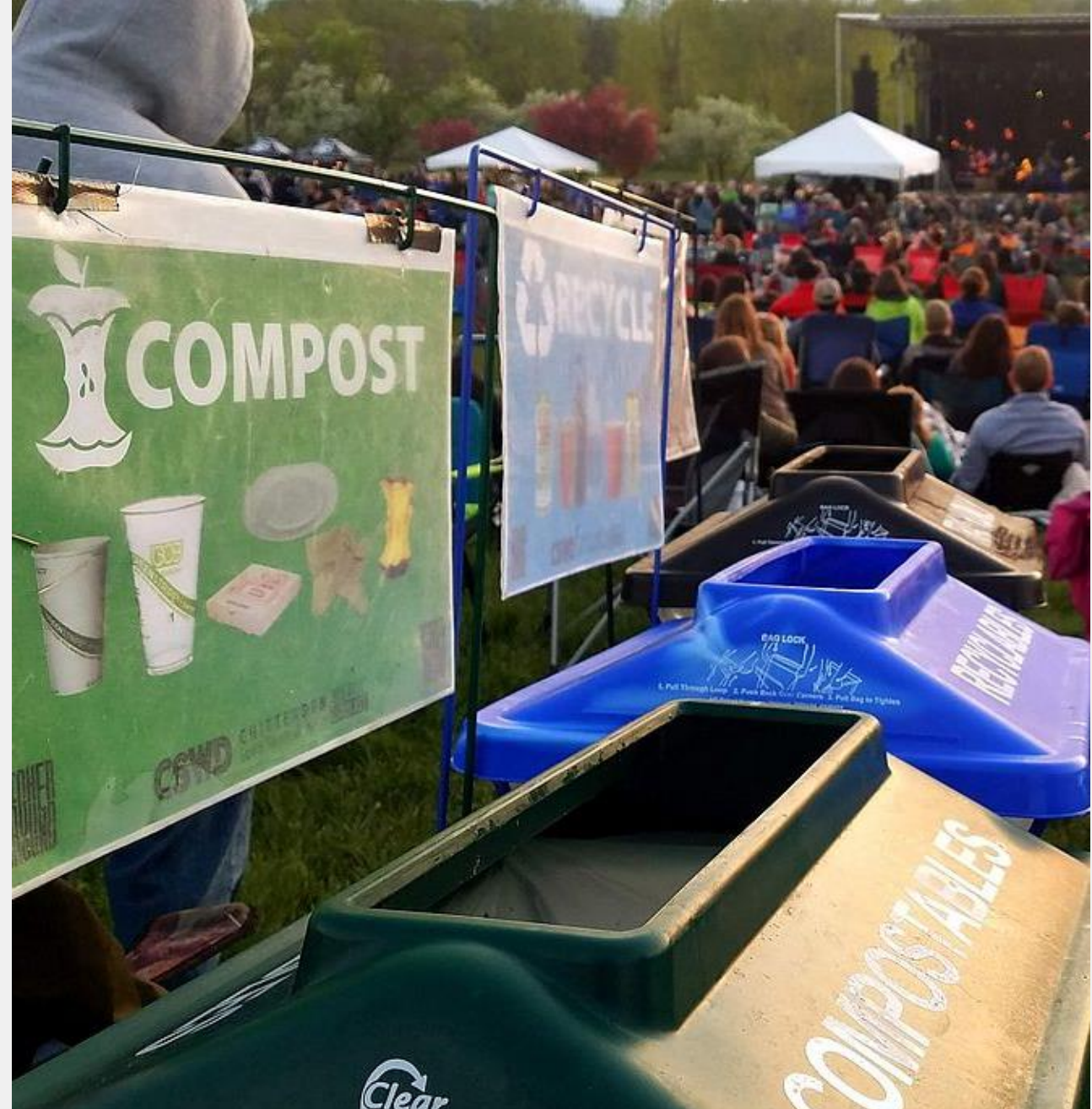
Subscription Fee

- Optional service
- Recurring
- Separate from base service
- Focus on waste diversion



Special Service Fee

- Charge for an additional or extraordinary service not included in regular service offerings
- Designed to cover the costs of providing a unique or non-standard service
- Example: compost bin service for special events








Surcharge

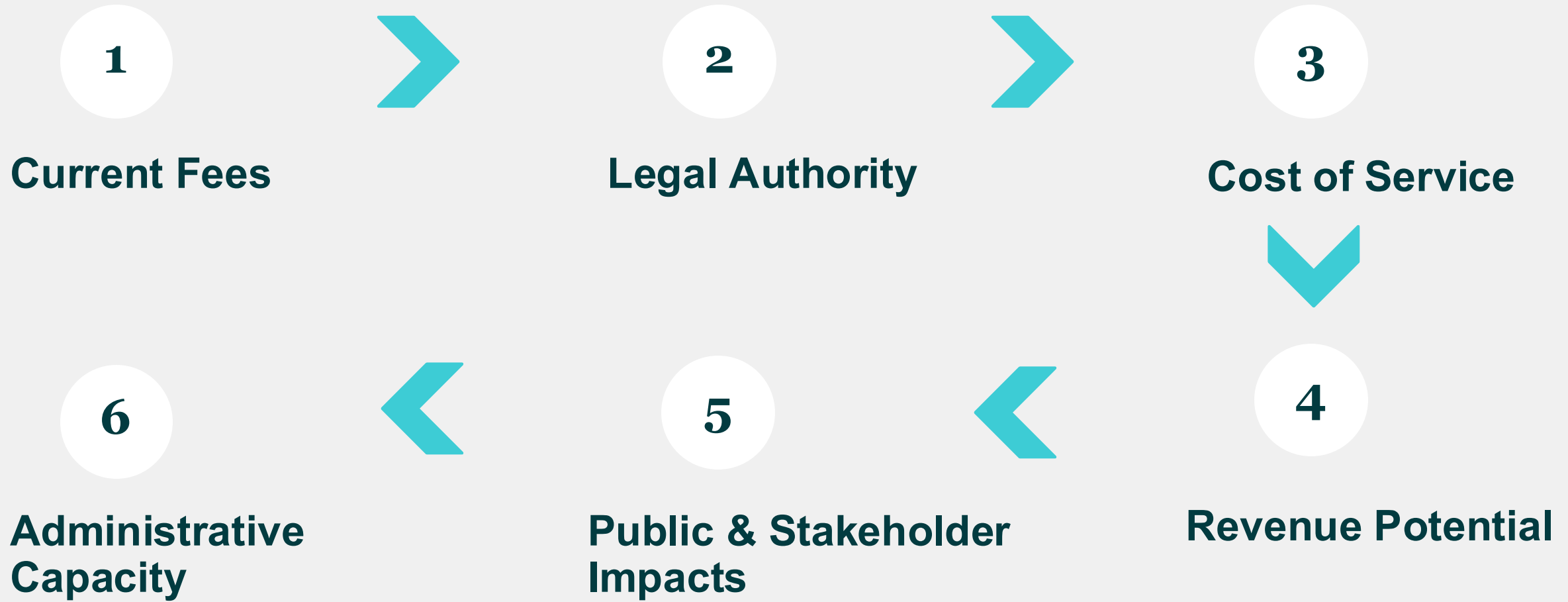
- Additional charge
- Specific purpose
- Mandatory
- Financial supplement
- Impact behavior



Long-Term Aims:

	Capacity Help member agencies and partners develop the additional capacity needed for large-scale community and environmental benefit		Regeneration Focus resources on strategic interventions where we can support the shift towards a regenerative economy
	Equity Hold social and racial equity at the center of our work		Mindset Cultivate a mindset that emphasizes resource efficiency and mindful consumption
	Partnership Cultivate collaborative, multi-disciplinary partnerships		Evaluation Evaluate success based on indicators of economic, social and environmental health

Establishing a New Fee



Fee Management

- What current SWM fees are on the books?
- When was this fee updated?
- Is fee collection tracked and monitored?
- Is the fee being implemented effectively?
- Are the funds being spent wisely?





Thank you!

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