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Financing

While most financing for Refuse collection and disposal will come from the general tax fund of the municipality, several suggestions can be given toward methods of special charges for collection and disposal services.

Another way to decrease costs is to require certain businesses, industries, etc. to dispose of the refuse they create.

A. As a utility

1. A minimum service charge might be levied against owners of all property-producing refuse.
 - a. Could be a small surcharge added to either water or electricity bill
 - b. Separate collection of such charges undesirable - expensive to bill and collect.
2. Additional charges made for greater quantities, materials requiring special handling and for more frequent collections.

B. As regular municipal service

1. Greater quantities
 - a. An additional monthly charge should be established and enforced for regular calls
 - b. For irregular, customer might be required to ask for (telephone for) special service in accordance with a fixed schedule of charges
 - c. A special truck with special call may be required for these services.

2. Material requiring special handling
 - a. As in B.1 above this should be according to a fixed schedule of charges
 - b. Legislation may require owners to provide for his own hauling and disposal
 - c. If owner hauls, it may be desirable to impose a charge if he or his hauler bring it to the disposal site.
3. More frequent collection
 - a. Question need for daily collection of domestic refuse if tight covers are provided
 - b. In U.S. twice-a-week collection in similar climatic conditions found to be satisfactory. (See Lecture No.8)
 - c. Restaurants, hotels and other food-producing establishments may want more frequent service. They should be charged extra for it.
 - d. In U.S. garbage from restaurants, hotels, etc. generally collected by owners of piggeries, feeding it under conditions imposed by Health authorities.
 - e. Large stores may have much cardboard, packing boxes and paper.