

## O&M Costs & Financial Sustainability

- **Tipping Fees:** For large-scale processing, the state utilizes tipping fees paid to contractors, which have historically averaged around **₹1,711 per metric ton (MT)** of processed waste.
- **User Charges:** ULBs are mandated to implement monthly user fees. For residential households, charges typically start at **₹5–₹10/month** (often linked to property tax), while commercial establishments may pay **₹500 to ₹5,000+** depending on waste volume.
- **SBM-U 2.0 Funding:** O&M is supported by a mix of Central (25%–50%) and State grants. For instance, the state has allocated significant budgets for the **bioremediation of legacy waste** and the O&M of 50 TPD (Tons Per Day) plants through 2026.

## Key 2026 Operational Requirements

- **Three-Bin Segregation:** Mandatory source segregation into Green (biodegradable), White (recyclable), and Black (hazardous) bins is strictly enforced for all waste generators.
- **Swachh Survekshan 2026 Indicators:** Performance is measured against specific toolkit indicators, including 100% door-to-door collection, mechanised sweeping in National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) cities, and zero-waste events.
- **Legacy Waste Remediation:** A primary focus for 2026 is the total clearance of legacy dumpsites, with recent tenders active in cities like Varanasi and Lucknow for bio-mining and land reclamation.