



SCALES

A Waste Reduction Toolkit

*A scale makes pricing more **fair** and **accurate** for the town, the taxpayers, and the customers (commercial or residents).*

FLOOR SCALE	TRUCK SCALE
Cost range: \$1000 - \$3000	Cost range: \$50,000 - \$100,000+
Can use town appropriations, a grant from NH the Beautiful, or a USDA community facility loan or grant to cover the purchase cost.	Can use town appropriations, bond, or a USDA community facility loan or grant to cover the purchase cost.
All weather indoor scale life expectancy: 20+ years	Pit scale life expectancy: 40+ years (with no salt erosion) Ground scale life expectancy: 20+ years
No license required to operate. Must be registered with the state and calibrated annually.	Requires a licensed public weighmaster to operate. Must be licensed, inspected, and tested annually.
Recommended for every facility, no matter how small the town or community is.	Choice to invest in a truck scale depends in large part on the quantity of materials that go through the facility and will differ from town to town.

When setting weight-based fees, operators should consider the costs being covered such as transportation of the material, scale servicing costs, and the labor involved.

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