



## LFGTE Certified: Certification Tiers & Fee Structure

### Overview

LFGTE Certification applies to **approved products or material composition groups** submitted for certification. The certification does not automatically extend to other products a manufacturer or brand may produce unless they fall under the same **Material Composition Group** criteria.

LFGTE Certified provides a **structured certification process** for both manufacturers producing finished products and brands within the **landfill gas-to-energy (LFGTE) ecosystem**. Our **tiered pricing** ensures businesses of all sizes can participate while maintaining the **integrity of the certification process**.

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### Product & Material Group Certification

Each submission for LFGTE Certification undergoes **compliance testing and approval** to ensure landfill gas-to-energy compatibility. Certification alone **does not grant the right to use the LFGTE Certified Mark**; an **active annual licensing agreement** is required.

#### **Material Composition Group Certification: \$3,000**

Companies may **certify a Material Composition Group** instead of individual SKUs, provided all products within the group share the **same material composition** (e.g., identical resin formula, biodegradable additives, and landfill degradation properties).

#### **What's Included:**

- ✓ **Certification of a Material Composition Group** (e.g., a product line of stretch wrap, straws, or bags that only vary by size, thickness, or minor format differences).
- ✓ **Verification that the material group meets ASTM D5526, ASTM D5511, or ISO 15985 testing standards** (one test required, not all).
- ✓ **Regulatory documentation & compliance support** to help companies meet landfill gas-to-energy requirements.
- ✓ **Biochemical Methane Potential (BMP) Test** facilitated by LFGTE Certified as part of the application process.



✓ **Certification is granted upon successful BMP test completion, typically processed within 90 days.**

#### **Annual Licensing Tiers & Benefits**

Only companies with an **active licensing agreement** may use the **LFGTE Certified Mark** in marketing and packaging.

To **maintain certification** and continue using the **LFGTE Certified Mark**, companies must enroll in an **annual licensing program based on revenue**.

#### **Annual Licensing Fees (Covers Unlimited Certified Products/Material Groups)**

- **Small Business (<\$3M revenue):** \$2,500/year
- **Mid-Size Business (\$3M-\$15M revenue):** \$5,000/year
- **Corporate (\$15M-\$50M revenue):** \$8,000/year
- **Enterprise (\$50M+ revenue):** \$12,000/year

#### **What's Included in Licensing:**

- ✓ **Continued use of the LFGTE Certified Mark for all certified products/material groups.**
- ✓ **Listing on LFGTECertified.org as a certified company.**
- ✓ **Regulatory compliance updates & documentation support.**
- ✓ **Certification verification for marketing & supply chain integration.**
- ✓ **Consulting and marketing support to help position certified products.**
- ✓ **Industry advocacy & guidance to align products with landfill gas-to-energy initiatives, including consultation and resources to help companies better integrate with LFGTE.**

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### **Required Documentation for Certification**

- ✓ **Signed Confidentiality Agreement (CDA) & Pre-Assessment Form** – Required before submitting proprietary product details.
- ✓ **Certification Application** – Submitted after CDA approval, including actual product SKUs for certification.
- ✓ **Material Data Sheet (MDS) & Formulation Breakdown** – Required to verify that all products in a Material Composition Group share the same material composition.
- ✓ **List of Product SKUs** – All SKUs covered under the certification must be disclosed.



- ✓ **ASTM D5526, ASTM D5511, or ISO 15985 Compliance** – One of these test results is required for verification.
  - ✓ **Manufacturer Declaration Form** – A signed statement confirming compliance with landfill gas-to-energy standards.
  - ✓ **Production & Processing Information** – If applicable, details on whether different SKUs undergo different processing methods that could affect biodegradability.
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## LFGTE Certification Process & Timeline

- ① **Submit Certification Application** and mail **one physical sample** for BMP testing as per the provided instructions.
  - ② **LFGTE Certified conducts BMP testing** and reviews submitted testing and material data.
  - ③ **Certification is granted upon successful BMP test results**, typically processed within **90 days**.
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## Renewal & Additional Certification Fees

- ↻ **Annual Licensing Fee:** Required to maintain certification status (**see tiered pricing above**).
  - ↻ **Material Composition Group Renewal Fee: \$1,000 every three years** – Applies to previously certified Material Groups, provided there are **no formulation changes**. If a material undergoes a **formulation change**, additional BMP testing may be required.
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