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WASTE DISPOSAL

In an effort to make our society cleaner and more hygienic, the MC requests all its members/residents to segregate the biodegradable garbage and put them in different bags/containers.

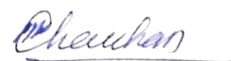
The usual practice is that the society housekeeping staff collects garbage door to door. The members/residents 'dump everything in one garbage bag' and do not follow **segregating the wet and dry waste**. It's next to impossible for waste collectors to manually segregate dry, wet, and toxic waste without hurting themselves, not to mention the endless hours wasted in separating and sorting through tones of trash collected daily.

As we know, the government mandates segregation of waste at source to turn waste into wealth by 'recovery, reuse and recycle'. The MC decided to follow the guidelines of the government so that the society is not penalized for non-segregation. The MC requests all household to start using different garbage bags for collecting wet and dry waste. For members/residents information, **Wet Waste** includes – Food leftovers, fruit/vegetable peels, waste tea powder, coffee beans, processed food, raw food materials, meat and bones, food-soiled paper, eggshells, leaf plates etc. **Dry Waste** includes Newspapers, magazines, paper bags, paper packaging materials, ribbons, leaflets, notebooks, wood, plastic bags, jars, bottles, milk pouches, food packets, wrappers, aluminum foils, wires, batteries etc. **From 15 September, no mix waste or waste not segregated at source will be collected by the housekeeping staff.**

The MC will also be talking to all the maids (house cleaners) and make them aware of efficient handling of the waste. They are the one who do clean and initiate the waste management at homes of residents. They need to be educated. The government guidelines also empower the MC to issue notices to those members/residents who do not consistently segregate waste as mandated under the Solid Waste Rules 2016 and a financial penalty be levied on defaulters.

Waste management can be managed without stress if we are able to adhere to the government rules. The MC is also in talking terms with companies who are in the process of recycling and non-hazardous solid waste disposal. Option of buying or renting a composting machine are also being floated by the companies. The MC is also thinking of using such services on an experimental basis. But we need to provide power supply, space for machine and also cover the cost of staff who will be operating the machine. However, these options are not needed if we as members/residents develop the habit and desire to segregate. This will also reduce the burden on our housekeeping staff who spend hours segregating it and garbage scattered everywhere in the society. We will update members/residents as and when any progress is made on involving companies. Of course, keeping the society in a good state increases the value of the property. All well-managed and beautiful society will give you joy forever.

In the meantime, we **invite comments/suggestions from our members/residents if they have any views** which could be useful in tacking the waste management. Together we can make our society Zero Waste in the future.



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