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PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Management and disposal of Solid Waste at Source under the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has notified the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 in exercise of the powers conferred under section 3, 6 and 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, vide Notification No. S.O 388(e) on 27th January 2026, which came into force with effect from 1st April 2026.

As per the Rule 5 (duties of waste generators) of the said Rules, every waste generators including households & commercial establishment are required to ensure source segregation of solid waste into four distinct streams, namely: dry waste, wet waste, sanitary waste, and special care waste. Further, Rule 5(f) reads that households shall not dispose of waste by throwing, burning, or burying it in streets, open public spaces, or by discharging it into drains or water bodies.

In view of the above Rules, it is notified for the information and strict compliance by all individuals, households, bulk waste generators, commercial establishment, departments, educational institutions/schools and establishments that segregation of solid waste at source into four separate streams is mandatory under the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026. All households are directed to ensure that the solid waste generated is segregated into the following four (04) categories at the point of generation:

1. **Dry waste:** Includes waste other than wet waste sanitary waste, special care waste and includes recyclable waste and non-recyclable waste;
2. **Wet waste:** Includes organic wastes including kitchen waste, food waste, vegetable waste, meat waste, fruit waste, flower waste and such similar waste and biodegradable;
3. **sanitary waste:** Includes waste comprising of used diapers, sanitary towels or napkins, tampons, condoms, incontinence sheets and any other similar waste; and
4. **special care waste:** includes discarded paints drums, pesticides cans or containers or bottle, compact florescent lamp or bulbs, tube light, expired medicine, Broken thermometers, waste batteries, used or waste needles and syringes and contaminated gauge, or any other waste notified by CPCB from time to time, generated at the household levels.

The Sanitary and special care waste needs to be deposited at the collection centre (secondary storage centre) set-up by Local Bodies as per Rule 39 (48) of SWM Rules, 2026.

All individuals/households are directed to adhere to the above Rules to ensure proper management of solid waste to ensure environmental safeguard. Any violations shall lead to imposition of fines by the local bodies and strict actions as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 read with Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026.

By order,



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