



PUBLIC NOTICE

Implementation and Compliance of Solid Waste Management Rules-2026

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has published the Solid Waste Management Rules-2026 vide Notification No. S.O. 388(E) dated 27th January, 2026. These rules have been enforced with effect from **01/04/2026**.

Under these new rules, every individual and institution generating waste is obligated to fulfil the following key duties and responsibilities:

1. **Four-Stream Segregation of Solid Waste at the source of generation:**
 - **Wet Waste:** Kitchen waste, food waste, vegetable/fruit/flower waste, meat waste, and any other similar biodegradable waste.
 - **Dry Waste:** All waste except wet waste, sanitary waste, special care waste, including recyclable waste (plastic, paper, metal, glass, etc.) and non-recyclable waste.
 - **Sanitary Waste:** Used diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms, incontinence sheets (securely packed) and any other similar waste.
 - **Special Care Waste:** Used paint cans/drums, pesticide cans/containers/bottles, broken mercury thermometers, discarded CFL bulbs/lamps/tube lights, batteries, medicines, used needles and syringes, etc.
2. **Responsibilities of New Bulk Waste Generators (BWGs):**
 - New BWGs must set up and operate wet waste processing facility of adequate capacity, including for horticulture waste to ensure processing of complete wet waste generated by them.
 - Existing BWGs who are unable to set up a wet waste processing facility will be exempted from doing so by the local municipality, and such BWGs must register and obtain **Extended Bulk Waste Generator Responsibility (EBWGR)** certificates.
3. **Use of RDF (Refuse Derived Fuel) by Industries:**
 - The target is to increase the use of RDF up to 15% over the next six years.
4. **Strict Penalties and Environmental Compensation:**
 - In case of violation of the rules, penalties and legal action will be initiated.
5. **Online Monitoring:**
 - Monitoring will be carried out through a Centralized Online Portal.
6. **Stakeholders Covered Under the Solid Waste Management Rules-2026:**
 - All citizens generating household solid waste.
 - Bulk Waste Generators (BWGs) fulfilling at least one of the following criteria; (i) Buildings with a floor area of 20,000 sq. metres or more; or (ii) Daily water consumption of 40,000 litres or more; or (iii) Generation of 100 kg/day or more of solid waste.
 - Institutions involved in managing/processing solid waste.,
 - Local bodies collecting or transporting solid waste.
 - Material Recovery Facilities (MRF) engaged in segregating recyclable and non-recyclable solid waste.
 - Industrial units and Waste-to-Energy plants.

All stakeholders, including Bulk Solid Waste Generators (BWGs), local bodies, municipalities, MRFs, recycling facilities, etc. are required to mandatorily register on the CPCB's EPR Portal and ensure compliance with the Solid Waste Management Rules-2026.

All stakeholders are hereby informed to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Rules-2026. All stakeholders shall be held responsible for compliance, and violations shall face legal consequences under the Environment Protection Act, 1986.

For more information on the Solid Waste Management Rules-2026, please visit the Board's website: <https://gpcb.gujarat.gov.in/Index>

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