

# How to separate your household waste



Throwing waste in the bin is a good habit. However, it is not where the process of managing waste ends, but where it begins. Segregation is the first step of waste management. While most of us think that it starts once the waste reaches the dustbin vans or the dumping grounds, it really starts right at our house.



# **Types of Waste**

It can be separated in to two categories. Both need to be disposed and recycled differently. Remember that wet waste is organic and dry is not.

**Wet waste** includes cooked and uncooked food, waste from fruits and flowers, fallen leaves, dust from sweeping and other similar things.

**Dry waste** includes cloth rags, glass, leather, metals, paper, plastic, rubber, wire and related things etc

## **Waste Segregation**

Segregation at source level is the need of the hour as the waste being produced in the present day has negative impact on environment. It is the first step towards proper disposal of all categories of waste. Bits of



plasticare dry waste components which if not disposed properly can become an environmental hazard. Better to keep one more bin for toxic wastes such as medicines, batteries, dried paint, old bulbs, and dried shoe polish. Segregation of waste is basic need for channelizing the waste to wealth by reduce, reuse recycle and recover.

### Keep following points in your mind

- Keep separate dustbins for dry, wet and toxic waste
- Before throwing any food waste in the bin remove any packaging it has
- Keep two bags for dry waste collection paper, plastic and other items which are recyclable, for the rest of the household waste
- Keep plastic from the kitchen clean and dry and drop into the dry waste bin.
- Keep glass /plastic containers rinsed of food matter
- Send wet waste out of the home daily
- Store and send dry waste out of the home, once a week
- Keep a paper bag for throwing the sanitary waste



#### Steps for waste management in the apartment complex

- Form a group of like-minded people
- Explain importance of waste segregation to your family / neighbours in your apartment building
- Get the staff in the apartment building to also understand
- Get separate storage drums for storing the dry waste and wet waste. Green for wet and Blue for dry
- Have the dry waste picked up by the Dry waste collection centre or your local scrap dealer

#### **Our Duties**

Every waste generator shall segregate and store the waste generated by them in 3 separate streams namely - bio-degradable, non-bio- degradable and domestic hazardous wastes in suitable bins and hand-over segregated wastes to authorized rag-pickers or waste collectors .

### Solid Waste Management Rules (SWM), 2016

According to Solid Waste Management Rules (SWM), 2016, you're required to segregate your household waste into three categories:

Biodegradable Wastes	Non-Biodegradable Wastes	
Organic waste	Recyclable waste	Others (Domestic Hazardous Waste)
Tea leaves	Paper	Old Medicines
Egg shells	Shampoo Bottles	Paints
Kitchen Waste	Glass	Fluorescent tubes
Fruits/vegetables peels	Metal Objects	Spray Cans
Meat	Wires	Fertilisers and pesticide containers
Bones	Plastics	Batteries
Flowers/Leaves	Metals	Shoe Polish
House dust after cleaning	Rags	Hospital Waste
	Leather	
	Rexine	
	Rubbers	

As per SWM Rules, 2016, dustbins for storage of biodegradable wastes shall be painted Green, for storage of recyclable wastes shall be printed White and those for storage of other wastes shall be printed Black.

