

## DENR campaigns for a #WasteLessUndas2015



The Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) is putting out public advisories to encourage people who will troop the cemeteries this coming weekend to observe a “waste less Undas”.

Dubbed as “*Araw-araw ay Tamang Panahon para sa Tamang Pagtatapon*” campaign, the EMB and the Solid Waste Management Division will be posting advisories and friendly reminders on waste management with these hashtags: #WasteLessUndas2015, #TamangPagtatapon and #CLAYGO (Clean as You Go). These Undas 2015 advisories will be posted on the DENR-EMB’s website and social media accounts.

“We remind everyone to maintain cleanliness and use materials that are reusable or recyclable so that we generate less solid waste,” DENR Assistant Secretary and concurrent EMB Director Juan Miguel T. Cuna said.

Citing a 2014 National Solid Waste Management Commission report, Atty. Cuna said that two hundred truckloads of garbage were collected from various cemeteries in the nation’s capital region alone.

Atty. Cuna also encouraged cemetery administrators to set up enough strategically-located receptacles for different types of wastes, and to strictly implement waste-related local ordinances like regulating the use of plastic bags.

“It is no longer necessary to enumerate the adverse impact of garbage not only on our health but also on the environment. We should all start actively participating in the proper management of our wastes,” he added.

He also provided the following tips for all cemetery goers this Undas:

- Use recyclable containers to pack your food--from sandwiches to meals and drinks.
- Use fresh flowers or potted plants without plastic wrapping.
- Reduce wastage by bringing only a sufficient amount of food.
- Do not leave your trash behind. Clean as you go.
- Take time to throw trash in bins coded to segregate these accordingly.
- Do not burn your wastes in the cemetery.

The DENR-EMB wishes everyone a soulful and waste-free Undas.###