

News Release

DENR reminds local chief execs to implement waste segregation at source

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources seeks the support of local chief executives to strictly implement “No Segregation, No Collection” policy of cities and municipalities to address the mounting garbage problem.

DENR Undersecretary for Enforcement, Solid Waste Management, Local Government Units Concerns and Attached Agencies, Benny de Leon, urged local government units (LGUs) to strictly implement Section 24 of RA 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act which states the requirements for the transport of solid waste.

“We noted that some residents are practicing waste segregation at source in their homes, but the segregated wastes are mixed by the waste collection crew in dump trucks. This is a clear violation of RA 9003,” de Leon said.

According to EMB Director and concurrent Executive Director of the National Solid Waste Management Commission, Engr. William P. Cunado, while many LGUs are implementing best practices on ecological solid waste management (ESWM), it is still observed during the inspections conducted by the EMB Regional Offices that some of the local solid waste collectors and private haulers collect mixed waste.

To address this, Cunado reminds local officials to provide a separate truck for the collection of all recyclables, biodegradable, residual, and hazardous wastes to prevent contamination.

Local governments are also urged to observe the color coding of waste bags. Green for biodegradable wastes; Blue for recyclables; Black for non-recyclables; Red for household hazardous wastes or special wastes; and Yellow for household infectious/Covid 19 wastes.

“You are also advised to notify your residents and establishments that no collection will be done if solid wastes are not properly segregated at source. You may assign your City/Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officers to ensure LGU compliance with this provision,” Cunado added.

Local government officials and officials of government agencies concerned who fail to comply with and enforce rules and regulations shall be charged administratively as stated in Section 50 of RA 9003.

All EMB Regional Directors will issue Notices of Violation to the erring LGU. Cases will be filed with the Department of Interior and Local Government and the Ombudsman if the LGU fails to comply with the provisions of the law.###