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Title : BMC promises more trucks for dry waste

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To encourage segregation of waste at source, the BMC says will provide extra trucks exclusively for the collection of dry waste if approached by housing societies.


As part of the segregation effort, currently two trucks are sent to each of the 24 administrative wards exclusively for dry waste.

Officials said that before fining people for not separating dry and wet waste, they wanted to provide adequate facilities.

“We are ready to supply extra trucks to collect dry garbage if residents in housing societies are segregating waste,” additional municipal commissioner Vikas Kharge, in charge of solid waste management, said. “They can approach the ward office for it.”

He said he was aiming at reducing the waste sent to dumping grounds. There are also 36 NGO-operated centres where ragpickers separate recyclable matter.

Recently BJP leader in the BMC Manoj Kotak alleged that the municipal corporation was sending notices to residents for not segregating waste but was itself disposing of all waste at the same dumping yard, resulting in segregated refuse getting mixed again.

| SEGREGATION OF HOUSEHOLD REFUSE | |
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| DRY Air-tight pack, plastic, paper, glass, aluminium foil, metal |  WARDS HIGH ON SEGREGATION A, H-West, P-North, M-West and G-North |
| WET (BIODEGRADABLE) Flowers, wood, pencil shavings, kitchen refuse | HELPLINE NUMBERS 1916 (residents may also call their ward office) |

ICPE has been working in the area of Segregation of Dry Waste at Source with NGO's (Shree Mukti Sanghathana and FORCE) and assisted by BMC in Select Wards of Mumbai since 2002. Total Dry Waste Collection in these Select Wards in 2013 was more than 2000 MTS by about 100 Waste Pickers and the revenue earning by the Waste Pickers was Rs. 1.1 Crores (Rs. 9000/- PM per Waste Picker family). Dry Waste Collection Vans and Segregation area are provided by BMC.

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