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# 1.2K socs get notices for not segregating waste

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Mumbai: The civic body has issued notices to 1,200 societies in the eastern suburbs for not segregating garbage recently.

Currently, the BMC is under pressure to meet its March 15 deadline of achieving 100% house-to-house collection. If it fails to meet the target, then it will be ineligible for funds under the Jawaharalal Nehru National Renewal Mission. The first notice regarding guidelines on methods to segregate waste were issued in September 2013 to 1,200 housing societies in Chembur, Govandi, Deonar and Mankhurd in M East ward. The second warning notice under Section 368 of the Mumbai Municipal Corporation (MMC) Act, 1888, was issued last week.

Failure to comply with the notice within seven days will make the society liable for prosecution under Section 477 of the MMC Act. The BMC may even stop collecting waste from the society. The notice specifies that wet garbage should be put in coloured plastic bags and dry waste in white ones. "We will give the societies more than seven days to comply with the notices," said Kiran Dighavkar, assistant municipal commissioner of M East ward.

"Earlier, housing societies had an excuse that the BMC didn't have separate vans and processing units for dry and wet waste and issuing notices didn't serve the purpose. But we have two vans each for collecting the waste separately. We have purchased additional compactors and upgraded segregation centres," he added.

The first floor of Shatabdi Hospital in Govandi has been allotted to NGO Stree Mukti Sangathan for treating dry and wet garbage.

Rajkumar Sharma, a activist from Chembur, said that the BMC is still not equipped to collect segregated waste.

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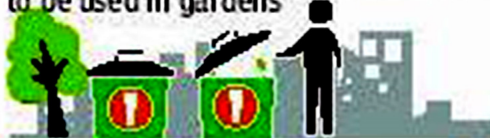


**➤ Biodegradable (wet) waste** | Vegetables, fruits, flowers, wood, pencil shavings and kitchen refuse

**➤ Dry waste** | Plastic, paper, glass, metals, aluminium foil.



**➤ Disposal** | The civic body earlier had one dumping ground in Deonar where both dry and wet waste would be discarded. Now wet waste / dry garbage is treated and electricity is generated through a biogas plant or manure is generated to be used in gardens



### RULES

**➤ Municipal solid waste management byelaws of 2006 mandate for waste segregation at source by residential societies**

**➤ Section 368 of the MMC Act states that it is the duty of owners and occupants to have separate bins for wet and dry waste**

### PENALTY

**➤ Fines range between ₹2,500 and ₹10,000. Assistant commissioner decides on the quantum of fines**

**➤ There is no rule of thumb on the amount of penalty to be levied, if the society has many occupants**

"The BMC has a tempo which can take the load of one tonne. Without creating proper infrastructure, the BMC is putting pressure to segregate," said Sharma.