

REPUBLIC ACT 9003

THE ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2000

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC)

PROPER SEGREGATION OF SOLID WASTE

Type of Wastes

Recyclables

What You Should Do

PAPER

- * Clean and dry paper such as folders, bond paper, newspaper, magazines, etc.
- * Corrugated boards, carton boxes of pizza, soap, toothpaste, shoes, etc.



- * Separate white paper from colored paper
- * Fold carton boxes to save space
- * Do not let garbage collectors gather paper wastes when it rains. Paper, once wet, becomes compostable.

PLASTIC

- * Softdrink PET bottles, bottles of mineral water, vinegar, soy sauce, cooking oil, noodles, shampoo, alcohol, etc.
- * Broken monoblock tables and chairs, basin, PVC pipes, and other hard plastics



- * Wash or soak your plastics, cans, bottles and broken glasses in water recycled from washings to clean and prevent insect infestation

- * Let the plastics dry before placing them in a recyclables container

STEEL

- * Aluminum containers like softdrinks-in-cans, ice cream and biscuit cans, etc.
- * G.I. Sheet (Yero), aluminum gutter, brass, copper, washer, stainless steel, scrap metal, etc.



- * Fold or cut the steel to save space

BOTTLES OR GLASSES

- * Bottles of beer, gin, softdrinks, juice, vinegar, soy sauce, catsup, peanut butter, coffee, etc.
- * Broken glasses and bottles



- * Place bottles/broken glasses in a sturdy container

One glass color per container

Compostables

- ##### GARDEN WASTE
- * Dried leaves and grass, plant stems, branches, and cut-offs
 - * Extracted plants
 - * Animal wastes



- * Compost or bury all garden wastes
- * If to be collected by authorized garbage collectors, place your garden wastes in tightly tied plastic bags

- ##### KITCHEN WASTE
- * Leftovers, fruit and vegetable seeds and peelings, etc.
 - * Seafood shells (crabs, lobsters, clams, etc.)
 - * Eggshell, fishbone, innards

- * Drain/dry leftovers
- * Do not place leftovers in plastic bags
- * Place leftovers in covered containers (like ice cream cans)
- * **PLASTIC AND PAPER BAGS ARE NOT KITCHEN WASTES**

***Cannot be sold**

Residuals

***Useless**

- * Separate residuals from kitchen wastes and recyclables
- * Place residuals in old plastic bags, NOT in sacks/cartons
- * Sharp, pointed objects should be placed and carefully tied in hard cardboards to prevent injuring garbage collectors

PROHIBITED ACTS

FINES AND PENALTIES

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| 1. Littering, throwing, and indiscriminate dumping of wastes in public places such as in roads, sidewalks, canals, esteros or parks | PhP300 to PhP1,000 or one (1) to 15-day community service, or both |
| 2. Open burning of solid wastes | PhP300 to PhP1,000 or a 15-day to six (6)-month imprisonment, or both |
| 3. Causing and permitting the collection of non-segregated or unsorted wastes | PhP1,000 to PhP3,000 or a 15-day to six (6)-month imprisonment, or both |
| 4. Open-dumping, burying of wastes in flood-prone areas | PhP1,000 to PhP3,000 or a 15-day to six (6)-month imprisonment, or both |
| 5. Unauthorized removal of recyclables intended for collection by authorized persons | PhP1,000 to PhP3,000 or a 15-day to six (6)-month imprisonment, or both |
| 6. Mixing of source-separated recyclable materials with other solid wastes | PhP500,000 + 5% to 10% of net annual income |

CITIZEN SUITS

- To effectively enforce the provisions of this Act, a citizen may file an appropriate Civil, Criminal, or Administrative action against any citizen, or any public officer, who violates or fails to comply with the implementing rules and regulations of RA-9003.
- Send a letter of complaint, including the name of the complainant, the time, date, and place of the offense, the violation committed, and proof/pictures, addressed to:
 1. EMB-NCR, 29 Hizon Bldg., Quezon Ave., Quezon City, Telephone: 781-0497 or 71
 2. National Solid Waste Management Commission Secretariat, EMB-DENR, 2nd Floor, HRDS Bldg., DENR Compound Visayas Ave., Quezon City Telephone: 920-2252/ 920-2279
 3. Integrated Bar of the Philippines, National Environmental Action Team, 15 Julia Vargas Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City Telephone: 631-3018/ 1158 Fax: 631-3013

IMPORTANT REMINDER: VIOLATION OF RA 9003 IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE. Any filed complaint may become a VALID COURT CASE. A WARRANT OF ARREST from the court establishes a complaint as a CRIMINAL ACT. A record at the NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION is a ground to DENY NBI CLEARANCE. If you want to get a job or travel abroad, YOU WILL HAVE A PROBLEM securing an NBI CLEARANCE.



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