

## Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Charging Commercial and Industrial (C&I) Buildings





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- Waste Reduction and Recycling Arrangements





## Overview of the MSW charging





Enhance waste reduction and recycling

Strive to reduce carbon emission and combat climate change

Help reduce carbon emissions

Relieve the burden on landfills

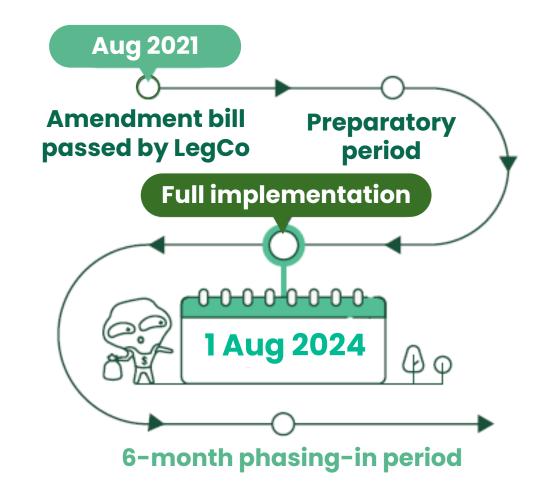
Create green job opportunities

Drive the sustainable development of recycling industries





- Commencement Date: 1 Aug 2024
- Starting from 1 Apr 2024, the
   Government will demonstrate the
   implementation of MSW charging in
   government departments and some
   other buildings
- 6-month phasing-in period : focus on publicity and education



















Construction waste, chemical waste and clinical waste are not subject to the MSW charging regime







### **Two Charging Modes**



OR



Applies to most residential buildings, C&I buildings, village houses, streetlevel shops, and institutional premises, etc. Applies to oversized waste or waste of irregular shape disposed of by C&I premises, and also some residential buildings



The applicable charging mode(s) depends on the waste collection services used by waste producers



## Overview of MSW charging – Charging Mechanism



#### **FEHD's Collection Services**

- FEHD's RCVs / RCPs
- mainly applicable to premises or their hired cleansing workers
- PWCs' collection services
  - **RCVs with rear compactors**
  - mainly applicable to general waste disposed of by C&I Buildings



Off-Street RCPs





**Bin Sites** 



Village-type RCPs PWC's RCVs with rear compactors



#### **PWCs' collection services**

- **RCVs without rear compactors**
- mainly applicable to oversized/irregularly shaped waste, and collected using a refuse skip from C&I buildings





PWC's RCVs without rear compactors



- ✓ FEHD Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
- RCVs Refuse Collection Vehicles

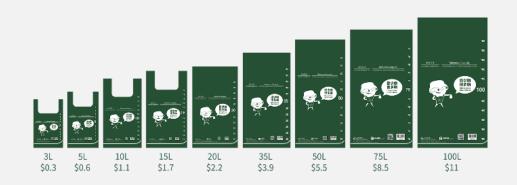
- RCPs Refuse Collection Point
- PWCs Private Waste Collectors



## Charging by Designated Bags/Labels

#### **General Waste**

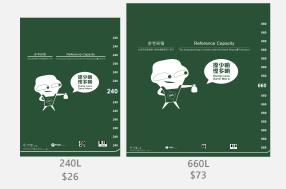
#### **Designated Bags**



9 sizes: from 3L to 100L, charged at \$0.11 per litre (ranged from \$0.3 to \$11 each)

Available at: retail outlets and EPD's on-line platform

Designated labelspriced at a uniform rate of \$11affix to each oversized waste



**2 sizes**: 240L and 660L, priced at \$26 and \$73 per bag, respectively.

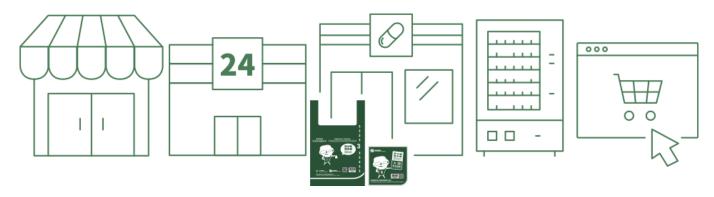
Only registered bulk purchaser can make procurement via EPD's on-line platform







### **Authorised Sales Points**



- DBs/DLs available for sale on authorised online platforms and at about 3000 retail outlets
  - Including supermarkets, convenience stores, pharmacies, etc.





Any company, organisation, or member of the public should only purchase DBs/DLs from sales points/online platforms authorized by the EPD to avoid purchasing counterfeit products.

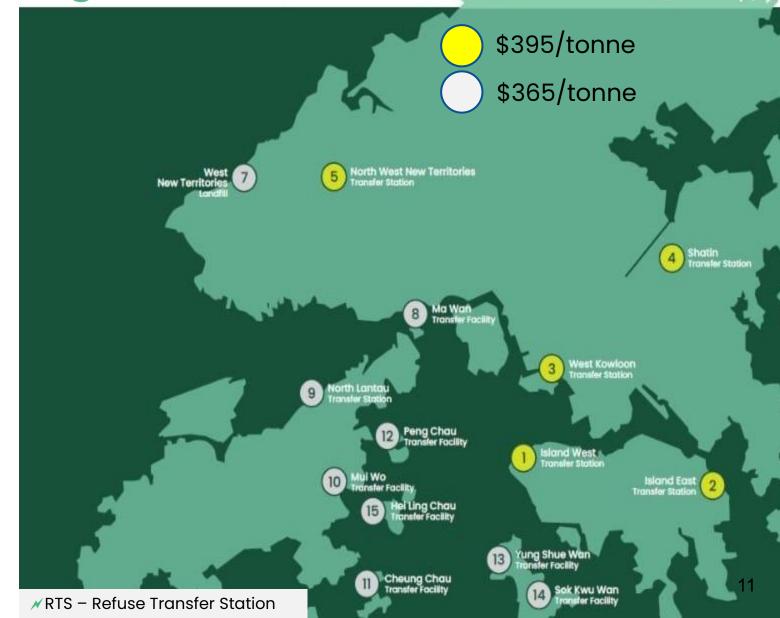




### **Charging by Weight**

North East New Territories Landfill

- DBs/DLs are NOT applicable
- According to the disposal location, the "gate fee" is charged at
  - > \$395/tonne
    - 4 urban RTS and the Northwest NT Transfer Station
  - > \$365/tonne
    - > other RTSs and landfills



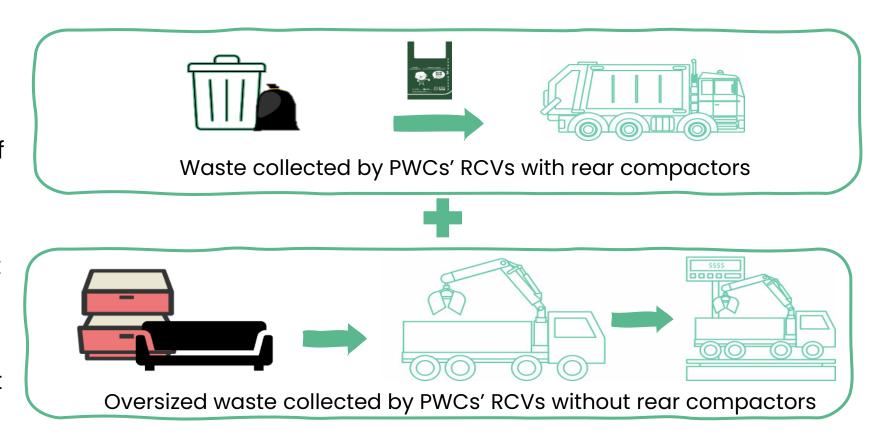
# Implementation of MSW Charging in C&I Buildings





### 1. More than one applicable MSW Charging modes

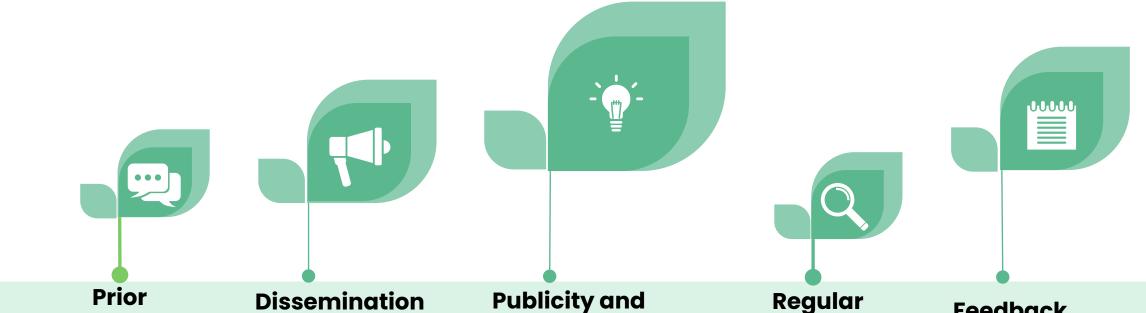
- There may be more than one applicable MSW charging modes depending on the existing waste collection modes of the premises
- PMCs should inform the tenants in advance about the collection arrangements and charging modes for different types of waste at the premises.







## **Assisting Tenants in Getting Ready**



Education

- Communication
- **Formulate** work plans
- Disseminate information on MSW charging and waste

of Information

- Organise educational campaigns
- Conduct regular implementation reviews

review/report

Improve ancillary measures

#### **Feedback**

Collect opinions from tenants and other stakeholders







#### Management staff of PMCs and/or cleansing contractors

 Relevant legislative requirements

## Staff of Management Offices

- Communicate
   with tenants
   (proper handling
   of waste &
   apportionment
   of charging fee)
- Handle noncompliant cases

## Frontline security guards

 Handle noncompliant cases

### Cleansing workers

- Waste collection arrangements
- Handle recyclables
- Handle noncompliant waste
- Record and report on non-compliant cases

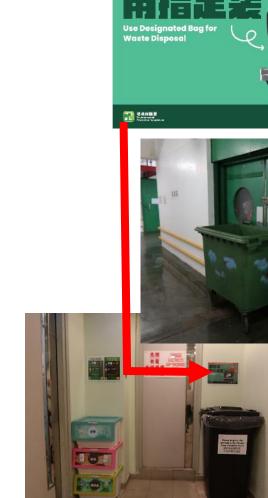




### 2. Implementation "Charging by DBs"

## Clear Delineation on Communal Waste Reception Areas

- > The PMCs should work with the cleansing contractors to delineate the communal waste reception areas.
  - (e.g., staircase landings, refuse rooms on individual floors/ground floor, central refuse collection points, and oversized waste reception areas)
- > Display signages at prominent locations







## Charging by Designated Bags: For tenants using the waste collection services provided by the premises

- All general C&I waste is required -
  - ✓ to be wrapped in designated bags and
  - each piece of oversized waste to be affixed with a designated label
  - ✓ dispose at the communal waste reception areas (enforcement points), e.g, refuse rooms on individual floors, staircase landings, oversized waste reception areas, etc.,
- otherwise, it constitutes an offence.

## Communal waste reception areas



Waste collection bin at the staircase landing



The inlet of the refuse chute on individual floor



Refuse rooms on individual floor



Central refuse collection points





## Waste collection arrangement – cleansing workers

Source of the waste

#### **Actions**

When cleansing workers are collecting general waste/oversized waste disposed of by tenants from the communal waste reception areas:



- Cleansing workers should check whether the waste has been properly wrapped in designated bags, and wrapped noncompliant waste in designated bags before handing it over to PWCs' RCVs with rear compactors.
- Cleansing workers are not advised to line the large waste collection bins at the communal waste reception areas with large designated bags, as it will lead to double payment.









### Waste collection arrangement - PMC

Source of the waste

#### **Actions**

#### Individual tenants

- If PMCs provide door-to-door waste collection for individual tenants, cleansing workers could:
  - Either require tenants wrapped the waste in designated bags, or
  - Use large designated bags to collect waste from tenants, and
  - Record the information of the relevant tenants to facilitate PMCs/cleansing contractors to recover the relevant fees.







### Waste collection arrangement - common areas

## Source of the waste

#### **Actions**

Small-sized waste disposed of by visitors in small litter containers placed in common areas is NOT required to be wrapped in designated bags.

#### Common areas (e.g., lift lobbies, podium gardens, etc.)

areas (e.g., lift > Small litter containers may or may not be lobbies, lined with designated bags.

Cleansing workers are required to ensure all waste collected from litter containers is properly wrapped in designated bags before handing it over to PWCs' RCVs with rear compactors.







### Charging by Weight - Gate-fee System

#### Type A Account



 companies or individuals (e.g., PWCs) with RCVs registered in their names

#### Type B Account



 large scale waste producers (e.g., large-scale facilities, factories, shopping malls, etc.

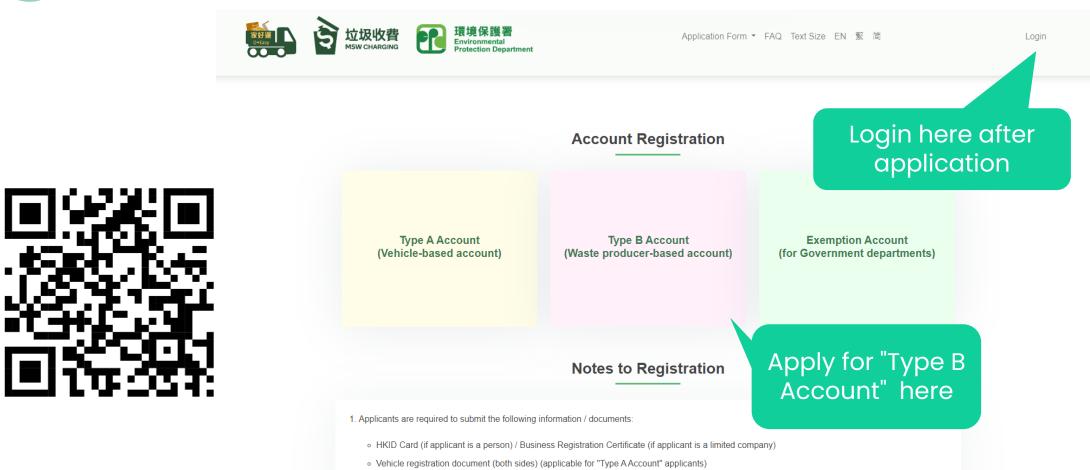
#### PMCs and cleansing contractors

- may engage PWCs with "Type A Account" directly to collect and dispose of waste on their behalf.
- should discuss the arrangements for waste collection services and list the relevant arrangements and calculation methods in the contract, to protect the interests of both parties.
- may apply for "Type B Account" direct and hire vehicles registered under "Type A Accounts" to dispose of waste at the waste disposal facilities and pay the relevant fees directly to the EPD.





### 3. Charging by Weight - Account Registration



Link: https://mswras.epd.gov.hk/MSWRASPublic/AppForm/FormMainPage









#### **Registration Form for Type B Account**

(Applicable to major waste producers)

Complete the application by filling out the required

Particulars of Applicant

\*Title

Out of Applicant

\*Title

Title	
$\bigcirc$ Mr $\bigcirc$ Mrs $\bigcirc$ Ms $\bigcirc$ Company $\bigcirc$ Other	
*Name in English (Surname First)	Name in Chinese
*H.K. Identity Card No.	
e.g. A123456(3)	
*Residential Address	



information

Confirmation



## 4. Charge by Weight -Waste collection arrangements

Source of the waste

#### **Actions**

## Individual tenants' waste

#### PMCs:

- > NOT required to check whether the waste is wrapped properly in designated bags.
- Can provide cleansing workers with ordinary garbage bags to collect and dispose of the wastes.
- > Could record or conduct survey on the amount of garbage disposed of by individual tenants to apportion the "gate fee".



Cleansing workers may use ordinary garbage bags to collect all waste from C&I buildings (including waste from unknown sources) and hand it over to PWCs' RCVs without rear compactors.







## Arrangement for "Gate-fee " - Apportionment Mechanism

PMCs could prepare **relevant guidelines or tenant rules** when devising the "gate-fee" apportionment mechanism, such as



Apportionment of fees proportional to the usage of garbage bags





Apportionment of fees based on the weight of waste



Specifying the **fee levels for common oversized waste** 



# Waste Reduction and Recycling Measures





### Reducing MSW charges through clean recycling

- MSW charge is NOT required for recyclables (e.g. waste paper / plastic bottles / aluminium cans / glass bottles) that is properly recycled
- Can reduce the usage and use smaller DBs for waste disposal
- Should not deposit waste into recycling bins





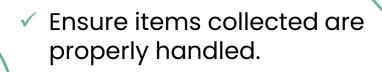


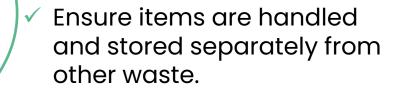






### Review of Recyclables Collection Arrangements





Ensure the recyclables are delivered to reliable recyclers downstream for subsequent handling and recycling.











## Enhancement of Awareness of Waste Reduction and Recycling



- Implement education and promotion on waste reduction
- ✓ Organise green activities
- Educate tenants to correctly sort and identify recyclables/nonrecyclables











### **Environmental Protection Department's Support**

#### ✓ Source Separation of C&I Waste



Encourage the PMCs to set up arrangements in C&I premises to facilitate their tenants/occupants to practice clean recycling





Free application for recycling bins











## General Waste Reduction and Recycling Information

 Hong Kong Waste Reduction Website (C&I Building)



 Green Office and Property Management Guide





GlassManagementContractors (GMC)





## C&I Premises Best Practice Guide





## Thank you!



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Q&A

