

**Salient Features  
of  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES, 2016**

The Government has revamped the Municipal Solid Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules 2000 and notified the new Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 on April 8, 2016. The salient features of the SWM Rules, 2016 are as under;

**1. Areas Cover:** These rules are applicable to;

- (i) Every urban local body (Mega city to Panchayat level),
- (ii) outgrowths in urban agglomerations,
- (iii) census towns as declared by the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India,
- (iv) notified areas,
- (v) notified industrial townships,
- (vi) areas under the control of Indian Railways,
- (vii) airports/ airbases,
- (viii) Ports and harbours,
- (ix) defence establishments,
- (x) special economic zones,
- (xi) State and Central government organisations,
- (xii) places of pilgrims,
- (xiii) religious and historical importance as may be notified by respective State government from time to time and
- (xiv) every domestic, institutional, commercial and any other non residential solid waste generator situated in the areas.

**2. The Waste Generators**

- Every household
- Event organizers
- Street Vendors
- RWAs & Market Associations
- Gated Community having more than area 5000 sq.m.
- Hotels & restaurants, etc.

**3. Duties of Waste generators and Authorities:**

- (i) Every **Waste Generators** shall segregate waste and store separately and hand over to Municipal workers or authorized waste pickers.
- (ii) **Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change** shall constitute 'Central Monitoring Committee' to monitor and review every year.

- (iii) **MoUD** shall frame National Policy on SWM and coordinate with States/UTs, provide technical guidelines, financial support, training to local bodies, etc.
- (iv) **Departments of Fertilizers & Chemicals** shall assist in market development for city compost and make available to companies (3/4 bags compost: 6/7 bags Fertilizers).
- (v) **Ministry of Agriculture** shall make flexible Fertilizer Control Order, promote utilization of compost, testing facility for compost and issue guidelines.
- (vi) **Ministry of Power** shall fix tariff of power generation from W-T-E project and ensure distribution through companies.
- (vii) **MNRE** shall facilitate infrastructure for waste-to-Energy plants and provide subsidy.
- (viii) **Secy- Incharge, UD** (state/UT) shall prepare State Policy/Strategy, adopt 3-Rs, coordinate for state planning, identification of common/regional landfills, notify guidelines of buffer zones.
- (ix) **District Collector/Magistrate** shall facilitate identification of landfill site, quarterly review the performance of local bodies.
- (x) **Secretary, Panchayats:** same as Secy. UD at Panchayat level.
- (xi) **CPCB** shall coordinate with SPCBs/PCCs for monitoring and Annual Reports, formulation of standards, review new technologies, prepare guidelines for buffer zones restricting from residential, commercial and construction activities areas; and inter-state movement of waste.
- (xii) **Local Authority/Panchayats** shall prepare SWM plan with time line and its implementation, segregate, adopt 3-Rs, material recovery, processing/ disposal of Waste, user fee and levy spot fine.
- (xiii) **SPCBs/PCCs** shall monitor, issue authorization and regulate.
- (xiv) **Manufacturers/Brand owners** shall facilitate collect back wastes of their products and provide pouch for packaging sanitary wastes, etc.
- (xv) **Industry** (cement, power plant, etc.) shall use RDF within 100 km.
- (xvi) **Operator** of facilities shall follow guidelines/standards

**4. Criteria for Hilly Region:** Avoid landfill, make waste transfer stations, strict action for littering and construct landfill at plain areas.

**5. Waste to Energy plant** for waste with 1500 Kcal/kg and above for co-incineration in cement and power plants.

**6. Time Frame** for Implementation of SWM Rules:

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| (a) Landfill Identification                    | : 1 year  |
| (b) Procurement of waste processing facilities | : 2 years |
| (c) Ensure segregation of waste                | : 2 years |
| (d) Cities up to 1 million population          | : 2 Years |
| (e) Million plus cities                        | : 3 years |
| (f) Setting up sanitary landfills              | : 3 years |
| (g) Bioremediation/capping of old landfills    | : 5 years |

**7. Review** of implementation of rules at Various levels;

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| (a) MoEF&CC, Central Monitoring Committee                      | : Every year  |
| (b) District Collector review performance of Local authorities | : Quarterly   |
| (c) SPCBs/PCCs review implementation of Rules with DMA         | : half yearly |
| (d) Secretary Incharge, UD- State level Advisory Committee     | : half yearly |