

Waste Segregation Guide



Introduction

Dubai Municipality, in its goal to provide the residents of the Emirate of Dubai a more sustainable environment to live in, has developed **the Dubai Integrated Waste Strategy 2041**. The strategy emphasizes that the implementation of source segregation programs will contribute significantly to the waste diversion and recycling goals of the Emirate of Dubai.

This guide has been prepared to assist Commercial, Residential, Industrial and Institutional sector in understanding the standard and level of service that are required in order to comply with the regulation. Careful assessment of existing practices locally and best practices worldwide was considered in the preparation of this guide.

What is the purpose of the guideline?

O1

To enforce recycling related practices and procedures to all waste generators, waste management companies.

O4

To ensure sustainable waste management practices among Commercial, Residential, Industrial and Institutional Waste Generators in the Emirate of Dubai.

O2

To comply with the Dubai Integrated Waste Strategy 2041.

O5

To increase the quantity of waste diverted from landfill.

O3

To establish waste segregation standards and requirements.

Application

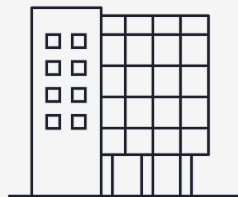
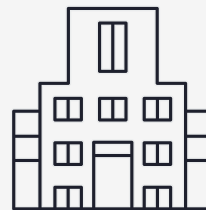


Commercial Sector

Shopping Malls Groceries
Hypermarkets Hotels
Shops

Institutional Sector

Government Schools
Offices Hospitals



Industrial Sector

Manufacturing Facilities
Fabrication Facilities
Processing Facilities

Residential Sector

Villas Residential
Residential Buildings Complexes



Construction Sector

Construction and Demolition Sites

01



Recyclable & Non-recyclable Materials

O1 Paper

Recyclable 	Non-Recyclable 
Office Paper:	Used paper towels
· Printer paper · Computer paper · Colored Paper	Tissue paper
Newspaper	Sticky Papers
Magazines, brochures and catalogues	Double Laminated Paper
Envelopes: Envelopes made from paper can be recycled, including those with plastic windows.	Wax or Parchment Paper
Sticky notes	Wallpaper/decoration paper such as giftwrap laminated with plastic film or embellished with metallics, glitter, velvet, etc
Cardboard Files	Box files (Metal clips can be recycled)
Kraft Paper	Soiled and Oily Papers
Notebooks	Kitchen Tissues
Religious Books	Paper cups
Books	Paper Plates
Shredded paper and paper end cuttings	
Brown/white/colored Paper Bags	

Important notes: Please remove any staples, plastic wrapping or covering from magazines, newspapers, books etc.

Recyclable Paper



Office Paper



Newspaper, Magazines, brochures



Envelopes



Shredded paper & Paper end cutting



Sticky notes



Brown/white/colored Paper Bags



Cardboard Files



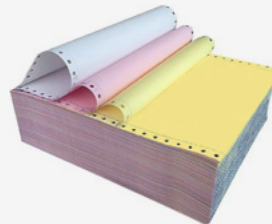
Kraft Paper



Notebooks



Books

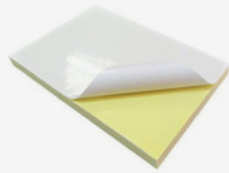


Computer paper

Non-Recyclable Paper



Used paper towels, Kitchen Tissues, Tissue paper



Sticky Papers



Double Laminated Paper



Wax or Parchment Paper



Wallpaper/decoration paper



Soiled & Oily Papers



Paper Cups, Paper Plates



Box files

O2 Cardboard

Recyclable



Corrugated cardboard: Used to make boxes for shipping and packaging

Paperboard (Cardboard Boxes): This includes cereal boxes, cracker boxes, and other types of food packaging.

Brown Paper

Core Pipes

Egg Trays

Corrugated cardboard pallets

Cardboard Pallets/Mat Boards

Non-Recyclable



Contaminated and plastic coated cardboard boxes such as take-away containers

Contaminated Boards / Cartons

Important notes: Remove all contaminants such as food items in the boxes.

Recyclable Cardboard



Corrugated Cardboard



Cardboard Boxes



Egg Trays



Cardboard Pallets/
Mat Boards



Brown Paper



Core Pipes

Non-Recyclable Cardboard



Plastic Coated
Cardboard Boxes



Contaminated
carton

O3 Food and Drink Cartons

Recyclable



Drink cartons (juices, milk etc)

Food cartons (sauces, soups etc)

Tetra Pak packaging items

Non-Recyclable



Laminated plastic food/drink pouches

Important notes: Empty and rinse drink and food cartons (if possible) before placing them in the container

Recyclable Food and Drink Cartons



Drink Cartons



Food Cartons



Tetra Pak Packaging

Non-Recyclable Food and Drink Cartons



Laminated plastic food/drink pouches

O4 Plastics

Recyclable 	Non-Recyclable 
Water bottles	Plastic bottles containing chemicals
Soda/soft drink bottles	Chips and sweet packets/wrappers
Milk bottles/jugs	Plastic container lids
Detergent and soap bottles	Laminated pouches (e.g. cat food/ coffee pouches that spring back when you try and scrunch them. Pouches are currently not recyclable).
Cleaning products bottles	Plastic toys (these are currently not recyclable)
Shampoo/shower gel bottles	Medicine strips (e.g. headache pills, etc.)
Pots (yogurt, soup)	Toothpaste tubes
Trays/punnets (e.g. raw meat trays; take-away trays; fruit /veg trays)	
Plastic films: · All plastic bags · Shrink wrap · Breakfast cereal liner · Bread bags · Bags for vegetable and fruit · Magazine wrappers · Toilet roll wrappers · Frozen food wrap	
Plastic Folders	
Polystyrene Cups and Plates	
Bubble Wrap	
Packing foam	

O4 Plastics

Recyclable 	Non-Recyclable 
Plastic road barriers, Cones, Pipes	Expanded polystyrene e.g. packaging inserts
PVC Pipes and fittings	Styrofoam cups and plates
Ice trays	Paint / Chemical / Oil Drums
BOPP rolls (Reused)	ABS plastic (egs. Vehicle components)
Waste Bins (HDPE)	BOPP cuttings
Garbage Bags	IBC Tanks
Vegetable Baskets	
Jumbo / Tarpaulin / Sugar Bags (PP)	
HDPE Pipes	
Nylon Ropes	
Plastic Pallets	
Plastic Laundry racks	
HD water tanks	

Important notes: Empty and rinse, crush (if possible) items and replace lids/ tops before placing them in the container.

Recyclable Plastics



Water/soft drink/
milk bottles



Vegetable
Baskets



Cleaning products/
shampoo bottles



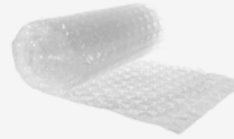
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Trays/punnets



Plastic films



Bubble Wrap



Waste Bins



Ice trays



Plastic road barriers,
Cones, Pipes



Garbage Bags



HDPE Pipes

Non-Recyclable Plastics



Polystyrene cups
and plates



Plastic container
lids



Chips and sweet
packets/wrappers



IBC Tanks



Plastic toys



Medicine strips



Toothpaste tubes



ABS plastic

O5 Metal Materials

Recyclable 	Non-Recyclable 
Drink cans	Aerosol cans (may need special handling and depressurization)
Tin cans (food tins)	Metal containers for chemicals (i.e. white spirits, paints, etc.) or engine oils
Aluminum foil trays	Any other metal items e.g. kettles, irons, pipes, white goods
Biscuit/chocolate tins and their lids	Fire extinguishers / Freon Cylinders / LPG Cylinders / Oxygen / DA / Helium / Neon cylinders
Copper/brass/ Aluminum /stainless steel Utensils	Oil and air filters of the vehicles
Tools and Equipment	
GI & Metal pipes and fittings	
Chrome Plated bath fittings & fixtures	
Stainless steel/copper bath fittings and fixtures	
Copper / Aluminum Cables and ropes	
Light Household Appliances (Fridge, Washing Machine, Cooking ranges, dish washer etc)	
Water Geysers	
Outdoor furniture	
Metal Smoke tray	
Dust Bins	
Metals vehicle spare parts	
Electrical Motors and pumps	
Old damage structures of shed, Parking sheds	
General kitchenware e.g., cutlery, pots and pans	

Important notes: Empty and rinse items before placing them in the container.

Recyclable Metal Packaging



Drink cans



Aluminum foil trays



Stainless steel Utensils



Tools and Equipment



GI & Metal pipes



Aluminum Cables
& ropes



Household Appliances



Metal Smoke
tray



Electrical Motors
& pumps



Water Geysers

Non-Recyclable Metal Packaging



Aerosol cans



Metal containers
for chemical



Metal items like kettles,
irons or pipes



Fire extinguishers



Air filters for vehicles

O6 Glass materials

Recyclable 	Non-Recyclable 
Bottles of any colour	Glass cookware (e.g. Pyrex)
Jars (e.g. sauces, jam, baby food)	Drinking glasses
Non-food bottles (e.g. perfume, aftershave, face creams)	Vases
	Ceramics (e.g. crockery or earthenware)
	Nail varnish bottles
	Microwave plates
	Fiber / GRP Glass

Important notes: Empty and rinse items before placing them in the container.

Recyclable Glass Packaging



Glass Bottles



Jars



Non-food bottles

Non-Recyclable Glass Packaging



Glass cookware



Drinking glasses



Vases



Ceramics



Nail varnish bottles



Microwave plates



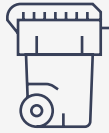
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Waste and Recyclable Storage Instructions

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01

The minimum container provision requirement outlined in this guide is a system of "three bins":

- Green container for the storage of recyclable dry mixed materials
- Black container for the remaining non-recyclable general waste
- Brown container for storing organic waste

02

The waste producer may choose to increase the number of containers to store different type of materials in condition to comply with approved material colors for each type of material provided in this guideline

03

If bags are used to store waste or recyclable materials, a minimum of two bags must be used: a black bag designated for storing general waste and a clear bag for keeping recyclable materials

04

All waste generators should provide enough containers to accommodate recyclable materials, non-recyclable materials and other types of waste produced in the premises

05

All containers should be properly colored and labeled with appropriate instructions of the kind of materials should be placed in it

06

The signage and instructions should be written in Arabic and English

07

The container and its signages should be designed to make the people think about recycling, a motivational message that encourages involvement in the recycling initiative is recommended

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The signages should be large and easy enough to read. It is recommended to use signages that are bright and has catchy colors to make the bin stand out

03



Bin Color Codes

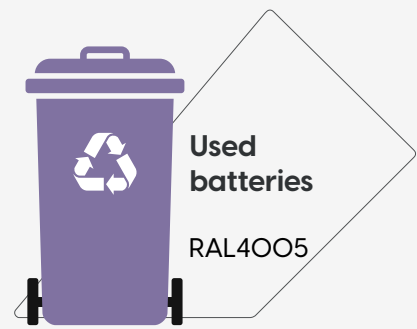
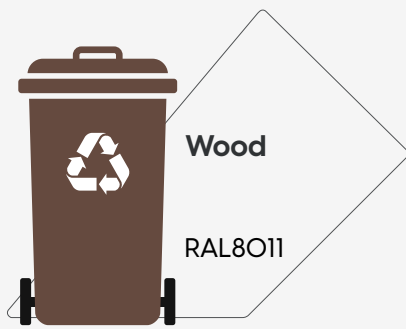
Material Color Codes **3 Bin System**



Material Color Codes **4 or more Bin System**



*For future implementation



Color Codes for Construction and Demolishing Sites



Laws and Legislations

- Local Order No. (11) of 2003 Concerning Public Health and Safety of the Society and its amendments in the Emirate of Dubai.
- Executive Council Resolution No. (58) of 2017 Approving the Fees and Fines for Waste Disposal in the Emirate of Dubai.
- And any other related laws.

Fines for Non-Compliance of Waste Segregation Guideline

Failure of private organizations and institutions, commercial, residential, and industrial complexes, and hotel establishments to provide waste, recyclable and miscellaneous material storage containers in compliance with the rules, conditions, and standards set by the relevant agency.	5,000 AED
Noncompliance with the directions of the competent department to replace trash containers if the volume of waste arising from these entities operations exceeds the volume of the available containers or if the waste has become a threat to public health.	1,000 AED
Failure to design and implement a plan to reduce or recycle waste if it appears to the competent department that the establishment activity generates excessive waste.	1,000 AED

Important notes: These fines are not the only ones concerning the noncompliance.

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Management of other types of Materials

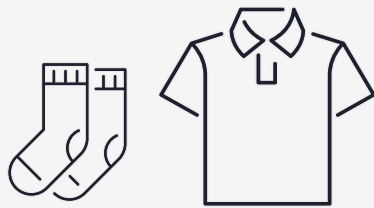


Electronic Waste

Material can be placed in Dubai Municipality Smart Sustainability Oasis, alternatively the household/individual may contact any approved E-waste processing company

Furniture/ White Goods

Items can be managed through Dubai Municipality Bulky Waste Collection Program.
Hotline No. 800-900



Clothing

Material can be placed in Dubai Municipality Smart Sustainability Oasis, alternatively the household/individual may contact any approved organizations and companies

Batteries/lamps

Material can be placed in Dubai Municipality Smart Sustainability Oasis, alternatively the household/individual may contact any approved E-waste processing company



Paint/Pesticides Containers

The household/individual may contact any approved hazardous waste collection processing company

Management of other types of Materials



Hazardous waste transport companies

Scan QR code for more details



Used oil collection companies

Scan QR code for more details



Waste treatment facilities

Scan QR code for more details



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Smart Sustainability Oasis Centers



Smart Sustainability Oasis Centers

Location	Makani Number
Smart Sustainability Oasis - Al Twar Center	3733595088
Smart Sustainability Oasis - Quranic Garden in Al Khawaneej	4593892020
Smart Sustainability Oasis - Mirdif Park	4074190172
Smart Sustainability Oasis - Nadd Al Hamar Park	3686588189

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