

EPD launches Waste Reduction and Recycling Charter for private residential premises

â€œTo help residents of private residential premises foster a habit of source separation of waste and ensure proper handling of recyclables collected, the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) has launched the Waste Reduction and Recycling Charter (the Charter) and encourages property management companies/owners' corporations/residents of private residential premises to participate.

Private residential premises signing the Charter will commit to establishing and maintaining appropriate and convenient recycling facilities within the housing estates/buildings to enable residents to recycle paper, metals, plastics, glass containers, beverage cartons, food waste, etc; and handing over the recyclables to reliable recyclers for processing. At the same time, it is necessary to keep delivery records of various types of recyclables, arrange publicity and educational activities to encourage residents to practise waste reduction at source and clean recycling, and report the quarterly recycling data to the residents regularly to improve recyclables management performance. The EPD will publish online the list of housing estates/buildings that have signed the Charter, and issue Waste Reduction and Recycling Certificates and stickers as a recognition.

The Green Outreach of the EPD will provide the participating private residential premises with technical support on waste reduction and recycling, including application for free recycling bins, provision of relevant recycling bin suppliers, collection services for recyclables, promotional and educational information on clean recycling, co-organising waste reduction and recycling promotion activities, etc. Private residential premises successfully signing up on or before November 30, 2024, will receive free designated bags – 20 bags per household per month – for a period of six months. Residents are encouraged to reduce their quantity of waste disposed of by making good use of the recycling facilities and the limited number of bags.

A spokesman for the EPD said, "We will continue to expand waste reduction and recycling work to all levels of society. We will work together with chambers of commerce, groups from different sectors, schools and so on to strengthen publicity and education on waste reduction and recycling for all."

Details of the Charter have been uploaded to the EPD's Waste Reduction Website (www.wastereduction.gov.hk/zh-hk/residential-building).