

Special operational arrangements for GREEN@COMMUNITY facilities during Lunar New Year holidays

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (February 2) announced the special operational arrangements for the GREEN@COMMUNITY facilities during the Lunar New Year (LNY) holidays this year.

In order to enable the public to recycle the recyclables generated during the year-end clean-up, the EPD has specially arranged for all of the 36 Recycling Stores to extend their service hours by three hours (i.e. operating from 9am to 10pm) on February 7. The Recycling Stores will also be opened for six hours (from 11am to 5pm) from February 11 to 13 to provide self-service recycling for the public (no GREEN\$ services). All Recycling Stores will be closed on February 10.

As it is expected that the number of people visiting the Recycling Stores for recycling will increase as the LNY approaches, the department calls on members of the public to pay visits during non-peak hours to shorten the waiting time.

A spokesman for the EPD said, "Although people can still place recyclables into the self-service recycling cage trolleys/receptacles located outside the Recycling Stores (except for GREEN@KAI YIP, GREEN@ON TING and GREEN@TSING YI) beyond the operating hours, they should not leave the recyclables outside the stores or on streets when the recycling cage trolleys/receptacles are full, to avoid impact on the nearby residents and the environment."

As for the 11 Recycling Stations, six of them will be closed from February 10 to 13, while GREEN@EASTERN, GREEN@YUEN LONG, GREEN@SHAM SHUI PO, GREEN@KWAI TSING and GREEN@TAI PO will resume their operations on February 13. During the closure, people can place recyclables into the self-service recycling facilities inside the stations or outside the gates. They can also seek assistance from the security guards stationed at the facilities if needed.

Details of the special operational arrangements for GREEN@COMMUNITY during the LNY holidays are set out in the Annex. Information on the facilities can be found on the website www.wastereduction.gov.hk/en-hk/waste-reduction-programme/greencommunity, or the dedicated Facebook page of individual facilities.