

Segregate
Today for a
Cleaner
Tomorrow

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES, 2026

MANDATE FOUR-STREAM SOURCE SEGREGATION

From 1 April 2026, four-way segregation of waste at source is compulsory under the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026.



1. WET WASTE

Biodegradable waste from our homes and kitchens.



Examples



Compost it.
Return it to nature.

2. DRY WASTE

Recyclable and non-biodegradable waste.



Examples



Reduce. Reuse.
Recycle.

3. SANITARY WASTE

Used hygiene and personal care products.



Examples



Keep it separate.
Keep it safe.

4. SPECIAL-CARE WASTE

Hazardous and high-risk waste requiring special handling.



Examples



Handle with care.
Protect health and the environment.



IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER



- Four-stream segregation at source is mandatory under SWM Rules, 2026.
- The Rules came into effect on 1 April 2026.
- This is for general solid waste (households, institutions, offices, etc.).



PLEASE NOTE

Special-care waste under SWM Rules is NOT the same as biomedical waste.

Biomedical waste generated from healthcare activities continues to be governed separately under the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016.



(Under BMW Rules, 2016)



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