



Explanatory Notes

**on Local Order No. (7) for year 2002
on Management of Waste Disposal Sites in the Emirate of Dubai**

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1.0 Introduction:

- 1.1 Handling and final disposal of waste generated in Dubai has always been a major responsibility of Dubai Municipality (DM). During the many years of handling the waste collection activities and operating waste disposal sites, and despite all efforts made by DM to minimize waste generation in Dubai per capita, waste generation continued to increase year after year, putting more and more pressure on disposal sites to keep acquire with this increment. Duly, it became necessary to regulate waste disposal activities and control of waste disposal sites.
- 1.2 This information bulletin is issued introducing the new **Local Order No. 7 of 2002 on Management of Waste Disposal Sites in the Emirate of Dubai**, which emphasis on control of waste disposal activities in Dubai. This document is intended to any person generating, transporting or treating waste in the Emirate of Dubai. Should the reader require further details, it is advised to refer to the full text of the Local Order.
- 1.3 The Environment Department will seek to issue Technical Guidelines to cover the fine details of this Local Order, and to develop work procedures to effectively implement its acts.

2.0 Definitions:

Environment Department (ED) is the Competent Department of Dubai Municipality (DM) responsible for the enforcement of this Local Order in the Emirate of Dubai.

Disposal site is the site with approved area and boundaries, designated by the Dubai Municipality for depository of waste. It includes landfills and treatment facilities.

Person means any man, company, establishment or other party, public or private.

Waste means any material disposed of because it is no longer needed. It includes general waste, hazardous waste, difficult waste and any other waste as classified so by ED.



General Waste is the Solid non-Hazardous waste generated due to domestic, trade, horticulture and industrial activities, and the inert solid waste (such as Construction and Demolition waste) that can be disposed of in the General Waste Landfills, and any other waste classified so by the ED.

Hazardous Waste is the waste unsuitable for direct disposal into the Environment or sewer system or by traditional landfill, and any waste deemed by the Municipality to pose risk on the Environment or Public Health due to the Production Operation, the existence of hazardous components or Chemical or physical properties.

Difficult Waste is the non-hazardous waste which requires special handling to avoid any unacceptable annoyance or Environmental impact.

Unwanted material is any non-hazardous material/ goods declared by its owner to be unwanted and requires disposal, or of which a decision for its destruction/ disposal is issued by a competent authority, or that its proper disposal requires a special care.

Waste Generator or WG is the person who owns waste material and/or the occupier or owner of the premises from where the waste is produced due to his private or trade activities.

3.0 Key Policies:

- 3.1 Dubai Municipality is the only competent authority in Dubai to interpret the articles of this Local Order in order to cover daily and future issues not covered by the context hereunder. This includes deciding specific conditions in its contracts or permits that are different than those specified by the Local Order.
- 3.2 ED is the only authority in Dubai to determine Waste Acceptance Policy. It will decide what material can be disposed of in disposal sites, and will issue all waste disposal permits/ approvals necessary for disposal of these wastes. ED shall hold the overall control of how the waste should be dealt with, taking into account the public safety and protection of the environment.
- 3.3 Dubai Municipality is the sole Authority to designate or approve sites for waste disposal in Dubai.
- 3.4 Waste generators must dispose of their waste only at the disposal site designated by ED and after payment of any fees specified in the Schedule of Fees.
- 3.5 ED will hold control of operations and supervision of the disposal sites in Dubai. However, when the environment protection necessities demand, ED



can permit any person to construct, manage and/or operate a waste disposal site in Dubai under specific conditions and standards laid down for that purpose.

4.0 Prohibitions

The following acts are considered prohibited under this new Local Order:

4.2 Prohibition I – Import, Export and Disposal of Waste

4.2.1 Disposal of waste into sites other than the sites designated by ED for that type of waste.

4.2.2 Import of any waste into the Emirate of Dubai for final disposal.

Exemption: ED can permit the import of General waste for reuse, recycle or treatment purposes. This shall be done under specific conditions and standards laid down for that purpose by ED.

4.2.3 Export of any type of waste to outside the Emirate of Dubai without a prior written permit from ED.

4.3 Prohibitions II – Acts and Observance of Rules at Disposal Site:

4.3.1 Unauthorized entry or entering the site without a valid permit from the ED.

4.3.2 Bringing in or out of any waste without a valid permit from the ED.

4.3.3 Tampering with devices, equipment, records or documents of the site.

4.3.4 Acts of aggression against the employees, authorized guests or workers inside.

4.3.5 Breach of site instructions and operating procedures, including the site entry/exit and waste disposal protocols.

4.3.6 Commission of any act that can lead to work restriction or spread of infectious & harmful agents or that which affect the safety of site personnel, public health or environment.

5.0 Penalties:

5.1 Depending on the seriousness of the offense, any person who violates the provisions of the Local Order shall pay a fine of not less than (AED 1000/=) one thousand Dirhams but not more than (AED100,000) one hundred thousand



Dirhams, in addition to the compensation for the damages incurred due to the violation.

6.0 Fees:

- 6.1 For each load of general waste delivered to the disposal site: AED 10/=
- 6.2 Issuance of "Waste Disposal Certificate" for disposed waste or unwanted products: AED 250/=
- 6.3 Any person performing hazardous waste treatment activity in Dubai will be charged an AED 5/= for each ton of hazardous waste received at his facility.

Note: Whenever found appropriate by ED, any of the above-mentioned fees can be over-redden by an agreement contract.

- 6.4 Disposal fees for each unit quantity of wastes under each respective class are given in the Tables (1) and (2) below. This new schedule of fees shall supersede the fees being enforced before the issuance of this Local Order

Table (1)
Fees for disposal of unwanted material into waste disposal sites

Details		Fees	
1	Electric and electronic equipment	50	Dh/ ton
2	Paper, documents, tapes, CDs, etc.	150	Dh/ ton
3	Tobacco and cigarettes	100	Dh/ ton
4	Alcoholic drinks	300	Dh/ ton
5	Food material unfit for consumption	100	Dh/ ton
6	Cosmetics and health care formulations	5	Dh/ Kg

Table (2)
Fees for disposal of Hazardous Waste into waste disposal sites

Details		Fees	
1	Disposal of solid difficult waste in ordinary landfills	50	Dh/ ton
2	Disposal of liquid or sludge difficult waste	10	Dh/ 1000 Gal
3	Evaporation of industrial liquid waste	100	Dh/ ton
4	Chemical or physical treatment or closed incineration of waste	150	Dh/ ton
5	Landfill of bulk waste in single-lined landfill	150	Dh/ ton
6	Landfill of bulk waste in double-lined landfill	200	Dh/ ton
7	Landfill of waste in drums into the single-lined landfill	200	Dh/ ton
8	Landfill of waste in drums into the double-lined landfill	250	Dh/ ton
9	Disposal of empty drums or contaminated containers	150	Dh/ ton
10	Disposal of empty bags contaminated with harmful agents	100	Dh/ m3
11	Disposal of pressurized gas or aerosols cans	400	Dh/ ton
12	Storage of waste contained in drums	100	Dh/ Drum

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