

# Municipal Solid Waste Charging Trial Scheme



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## Support Waste Reduction and Recovery

Hong Kong has an imminent municipal solid waste (MSW) problem. Our landfills will be full in 5 to 9 years. We must, therefore, substantially reduce our waste generation and cut down the amount of waste we send to the landfills.

While we are implementing the territory-wide separation of domestic waste at source programme, we shall also consider the feasibility of introducing MSW charging as a direct economic incentive to encourage the public to avoid and minimize waste generation and to recover recyclable materials.





## Concerted Effort for a Better Future

The main objective of MSW charging scheme is to reduce waste and recover and recycle useful resources. In order to design a charging scheme that suits Hong Kong's unique living environment, we will launch a 3-month Trial Scheme in late 2006. We shall invite 20 housing estates to participate in the Trial Scheme, and we shall examine the logistical arrangements for waste recovery and disposal for implementing a variable rate charging scheme in different housing settings. With your full support, the Trial Scheme will be carried out in certain blocks of your estate.

Since the objective of the Trial Scheme is to study the logistical arrangements for waste recovery and disposal, the Trial Scheme will not incur any charges/fees and we will minimize the inconveniences caused to the daily lives of residents. During the Trial Scheme, participating residents will receive free "Designated Bags" for disposal of their non-recyclable domestic waste. Housing estates that participate in food waste separation will also receive "Food Waste Bags".



## Act now and Participate

During the Trial Scheme, participating residents can obtain “Designated Bags” (plus “Food Waste Bags” for selected estates) from the management office to dispose of their non-recyclable domestic waste. We will issue guidelines to residents to explain in detail the source separation of waste for recycling before disposal of the non-recyclable waste.

We will collect the relevant data during the Trial Scheme. And before we complete the Trial Scheme, we will conduct a questionnaire survey to collect your views.

We sincerely invite you to participate in the Trial Scheme. If you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact us.



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