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備註：建築廢物處理收費計劃根據《廢物處理（建築廢物處理收費）規則》（第354N章）制定。
Remark: The Construction Waste Disposal Charging Scheme is made under WASTE DISPOSAL (CHARGES FOR DISPOSAL OF CONSTRUCTION WASTE) REGULATION, (Cap. 354N)
The Charging Scheme

- The legislations for the Construction Waste Disposal Charging Scheme (Charging Scheme) have been passed by the Legislative Council. The Charging Scheme will commence in the latter half of 2005.
- Construction waste means any substance, matter or thing that is generated from construction work and abandoned, whether or not it has been processed or stockpiled before being abandoned, but does not include any sludge, screenings or matter removed in or generated from any desludging, desilting or dredging works.
- Construction waste producers, such as construction contractors, renovation contractors or premises owners, prior to using government waste disposal facilities, need to open a billing account with the Environmental Protection Department and pay for the construction waste disposal charge.
- Through the Charging Scheme, construction waste producers are encouraged to reduce, sort and recycle construction waste so that their disposal costs can be minimised and our valuable landfill space can be preserved.

Government Waste Disposal Facilities for Construction Waste

The following government waste disposal facilities accept different types of construction waste:

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** Inert construction waste means rock, rubble, boulder, earth, soil, sand, concrete, asphalt, brick, tile, masonry or used bentonite.

If a load of waste contains construction waste and other waste, that load will be regarded as consisting entirely of construction waste for the purpose of calculating the applicable charge.

Open a billing account to pay charges

- After the commencement of the Charging Scheme, main contractor who undertakes construction work under a contract with value of $1 million or above shall open a billing account solely for the contract and pay the charges through the account. Application shall be made within 21 days after the contract is awarded. Failing this will be an offence under the law.
- For construction work under a contract with value less than $1 million, such as minor construction or renovation works, any person such as the owner of the premises where the construction works take place or his/her contractor can open a billing account and pay the charge through the account. The premises owner concerned may also engage a contractor with a valid billing account to make arrangement for disposal of construction waste.

Remainder: For construction works contracts awarded or tenders of which closed before the relevant legislations come into operation, application for exemption from charges can be made within 21 days after the legislations have been effected.

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