

4 Refuse Chute (RCT)

What it is:

A refuse chute is an inclined channel in which refuse can be passed down from the opening of each floor to the central refuse room on the ground floor of a building (called a Refuse Storage Chamber in buildings built before November 1, 2000, and a Refuse Storage and Material Recovery Chamber in those built later).



OPTIONS for waste recovery:

A Bring one type of recyclable at specific times:

Residents dump different types of recyclables at specific times on specific days into the refuse chute. For example, 9pm-10pm could be designated for recyclables collection, with waste paper collected on Mondays and Wednesdays, metals on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and plastics on Fridays. During this time slot no other waste is allowed in the refuse chute (to prevent recyclables from being mixed with refuse). Cleaners do not have to sort the recyclables collected in the refuse storage chamber.

B Bring any type of recyclables at specific times: Residents deposit any recyclables into the refuse chute at a specified time slot every day or on specified day(s) of the week. For example, 9pm-10pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays could be designated for recyclables collection. During this period, no other waste is allowed down the refuse chute (to prevent recyclables from being mixed with refuse). Cleaners have to sort the recyclables in the refuse storage chamber into waste paper, plastics and metals.

RCT and Gross Floor Area

The area of refuse chutes may, under the Building (Planning) Regulations (Cap. 123F) section 23(3)(b), be excluded from measurement in gross floor area calculations.

C Bring pre-sorted recyclables at any time:

Residents separate recyclables into individual, tied bags at home and deposit them down the refuse chute at any time of day. They can put different types of recyclables in different bags (e.g. one bag for waste paper, another for plastics, etc). Or they can place all recyclables into one bag. Cleaners sort the mixed recyclables into waste paper, plastics and metals in the refuse storage chamber.



For further information, refer to Appendix B: Summary of Important Considerations for Each of the Eight Waste Separation Locations; and Appendix C: Relevant Legislations and Codes of Practice