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Property Management Practitioners,

### Construction Waste Charging Scheme

The Government will start charging a fee for disposing construction waste from 20th January 2006 onwards. This charging scheme is also applicable to the property management sector. I write to provide you with main details of the charging mechanism and general advice to improve the management of construction waste generated from renovation activities of the property under your management.

Starting from 1 December 2005, main contractor who undertakes construction work under a contract with value of \$1 million or above is required to open a billing account solely for that contract. That account is used for paying disposal charges in respect of construction waste generated from construction work undertaken under that contract. 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 (and general construction waste disposal arrangement), such as minor construction or renovation work, any person such as the owner of the premises, his/her contractor or the property management company can open a billing account; the account can also be used for contracts each with value less than \$1 million. The premises owner concerned may also engage a contractor with a valid billing account to make arrangement for disposal of construction waste.

The fees for disposing construction ranges from \$27 to \$125 per tonne. In general, the cost of landfilling unsorted construction waste generated from renovation activities is \$125 per tonne.

As the charging scheme will affect most renovation activities in the properties under your management, we offer the following advice to assist you and your staff to improve the management of waste so generated :

- *Require all owners and occupiers to notify the management office when they intend to carry out renovation works;*
- *Keep a record of the renovation waste generated from the premises undergoing renovation works;*
- *Avoid the accumulation of renovation waste by requiring its removal once it is generated and if possible assign a dedicated area for their temporary storage while awaiting removal;*
- *Encourage the use of wheeled bins / trolley for the transport and storage of renovation waste. These bins may also be fitted with an tag to identify the owners/occupiers of the premises generating the renovation waste;*
- *Warn the suspected offenders and gather details on the origin of the renovation waste for potential flytipping incidents;*
- *Report to EPD of anyone seen dumping waste illegally ;*
- *Enhance patrol and access control at potential flytipping blackspots;*
- *Enhance awareness by publicity works (distributing construction waste charging scheme related leaflets to the renovation contractors and these leaflets can be obtained from EPD);*
- *Incorporate clear instruction on waste disposal in your guidance notes for the owner and contractor carrying out the renovation works; and/or*
- *Consider opening a billing account with EPD and offer a value-added disposal service for renovation waste by charging the responsible owner accordingly.*



More information about this charging scheme can be viewed from our website at <http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/misc/cdm/scheme.htm>. You may also call 28721838 to register to attend one of the open seminars offered by our colleagues (details attached).

I shall be pleased if you would kindly help to convey the above to your staff and business associates. An e-copy of this letter is also available at our property management partnership website at <http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/greenproperty/eng/index.htm>.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Fok', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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建築廢物處置收費計劃 - 帳戶申請講座  
Construction Waste Disposal Charging Scheme - Open Seminar on Account Application

請選擇以下的講座：

Please select seminar(s) below :

日期 Date	時間 Time	出席人數 No. of participant(s)	地點 Venue
15.11.2005 (Tue, 星期二)	14:30 - 16:30	<input type="checkbox"/> FULL	牛池灣文娛中心劇院 (地址:九龍清水灣道 11 號牛池灣市政大廈 3 樓) Theatre, Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre (Address: 3/F, Ngau Chi Wan Municipal Services Building, 11 Clear Water Bay Road, Kowloon)
18.11.2005 (Fri, 星期五)	14:30 - 16:30	<input type="checkbox"/> FULL	大埔文娛中心演奏廳 (地址:新界大埔安邦路 12 號) Auditorium, Tai Po Civic Centre (Address: 12 On Pong Road, Tai Po, N.T.)
08.12.2005 (Thur, 星期四)	14:30 - 16:30	<input type="checkbox"/>	牛池灣文娛中心劇院 (地址:九龍清水灣道 11 號牛池灣市政大廈 3 樓) Theatre, Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre (Address: 3/F, Ngau Chi Wan Municipal Services Building, 11 Clear Water Bay Road, Kowloon)
17.12.2005 (Sat, 星期六)	10:00 - 12:00	<input type="checkbox"/>	屯門文娛中心文娛廳 (地址:新界屯門屯喜路 3 號) Cultural Activities Hall, Tuen Mun Town Hall (Address: 3 Tuen Hi Road, Tuen Mun, N.T.)

請在適當的方格內劃上「✓」號及填上出席人數 Please tick (✓) the appropriate box and insert no. of participant(s)

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請將填妥的表格於二零零五年十一月一日或之前  
傳真至 **2591 0361**，本署將以傳真確認你的預留  
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Please fax the completed registration form to **2591 0361**  
**on or before 1 Nov 2005**. Your reservation will be  
confirmed by fax.

查詢電話: **2872 1838**

Enquiry: **2872 1838**

注意事項  
Remarks:

1. 講座以廣東話進行。  
Open Seminar will be conducted in Cantonese.
2. 不設泊車位。  
No parking space will be available.