

WASTE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

The National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), is established under the Environmental Management and Co-ordination Act (EMCA) No. 8 of 1999 to exercise general supervision and coordination over all matters relating to the environment and to be the principal instrument of the Government of Kenya in the implementation of all policies relating to the environment.

The Government of Kenya (through the Cabinet Secretary - Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Climate Change) vide Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 197 (Legislative Supplement No. 86) and Legal Notice No. 178 dated 4th November, 2024; promulgated the Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Waste Management) Regulations, 2024.

The Waste Management Regulations, 2024 replaces the Waste Management Regulations, 2006 (which have been in effect for the past eighteen years).

The highlights of the new Regulations include:

- 1) Specific non-hazardous wastes exempted from transport licensing requirements.
- 2) Introduction of a National Colour Coding System for waste.
- 3) Introduction of a National Waste Information System.
- 4) Revised waste licensing fees.
- 5) Suspension of waste licenses for non-compliance with set license conditions.

Applications for licenses (to transport waste, to own/operate waste disposal sites and plants, and to export waste) shall continue to be processed online through the NEMA Licensing Portal accessible at <u>www.nema.go.ke</u>. For any enquiries, please contact NEMA on the indicated telephone numbers or via email on <u>info@nema.go.ke</u>.

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