



NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

WASTE SEGREGATION AT EXISTING DESIGNATED DUMPSITES

The **Sustainable Waste Management Act (SWMA)** is anchored on the principle of waste reduction and recovery. All waste generators are required to segregate waste at source, while transporters are expected to transport waste in its segregated form. County Governments are mandated to provide the necessary infrastructure to promote waste segregation.

The **Waste Management Regulations, 2024** require waste generators to store waste in color-coded bins namely:

- i. **Green** – Organic waste
- ii. **Black** – General waste
- iii. **Blue** – Recyclables

Transporters of waste are expected to carry only segregated waste in line with these requirements. These efforts contribute to building a circular economy, where waste is treated as a resource and recovery of valuables is prioritized.

On **19th December 2024**, and again on the **18th June 2025**, NEMA issued a directive to all County Secretaries to **reorganize existing dumpsites** and set aside separate reception areas for:

- Organic waste
- General waste
- Residual waste from Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs)
- Landfill for unrecoverable waste

TAKE NOTICE that all County Governments are REQUIRED and are hereby DIRECTED to **within the next 21 days**, accelerate the transition towards a circular economy in waste management by facilitating segregation of waste at source and in transit by reorganizing dumpsites accordingly and by giving effect to sections 9,12,16,17 and 21 of the SWMA.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Authority remains at liberty to invoke the provisions of section 27 of the SWMA on compliance and enforcement.

The Authority remains fully committed to working with all stakeholders to ensure a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment for present and future generations

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