

13 September 2022

Dear **Sir / Madam**

NOTIFICATION ON MANDATORY FOOD WASTE SEGREGATION FOR TREATMENT AND REPORTING BY LARGE COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

We are writing to you in your capacity as the owner/building manager/occupier of a commercial building identified to be mandated under Part 5: Food Waste of the Resource Sustainability Act.

Requirements on Food Waste Segregation for Treatment

- Under the Resource Sustainability Act (RSA), owners/building managers and occupiers of large commercial and industrial premises that generates large amounts of food waste are required to segregate food waste for treatment. Please refer to [Annex A](#) for the thresholds of building covered by the mandate.

For New Buildings

- From 1 January 2021, developers of **new** large commercial and industrial buildings¹ must allocate space for on-site food waste treatment systems in their design plans.
- From 1 January 2024, it is mandatory for building managers and occupiers of these buildings to:
 - i. segregate all food waste generated within their premises for on-site treatment; and
 - ii. measure and report the amount of food waste segregated for treatment annually.

For Existing Buildings

- From the second half of 2025, it is mandatory for building managers and occupiers of **existing** large commercial and industrial buildings to segregate all food waste generated within their premises for treatment. This is to tie in with the expected operational “Go-Live” schedule of the food waste treatment facility at the Tuas Nexus. The food waste can be either treated on-site or sent off-site to Tuas Nexus or an NEA licensed waste disposal facility.
- Upon commencement of food waste segregation, building managers must measure and report the amount of food waste segregated for treatment annually.

¹ New buildings refer to developments with development applications submitted on or after 1 Jan 2021, as stipulated in the Code of Practice on Environmental Health (COPEH).

- From **1 October 2025** onwards, it is mandatory for building managers and occupiers of mandated buildings to commence food waste segregation for treatment. Note: The start date indicated above is subject to the operational Go-Live status of the Tuas Nexus Food Waste Treatment Facility (FWTF) and updates would be provided if there are changes. Please refer to [Annex B](#) for the detailed requirements on food waste segregation for treatment.
- More details on the segregation and reporting requirements will be made available nearer to the commencement dates.
- Please scan the QR code (below) to provide us with your contact details, so that we can update you on the food waste segregation and reporting requirements in the future.



<https://go.gov.sg/contact-info-for-rsa-food-waste-requirements>

Requirements on Food Waste Reporting

2 Building managers and occupiers of mandated buildings must commence the measurement of food waste for reporting purposes **in tandem with the commencement of food waste segregation activities.**

3 The responsibilities of the following parties are explained below:

Requirements on Food Waste Reporting	
Building Managers (Owner, sole occupier, or managing agent)	
a)	To submit food waste report(s) for each calendar year on information related to food waste segregated for treatment by the building occupiers. The report should include data on food waste from the premises that are tenanted out. Tenants may engage their own NEA licensed waste collector to send food waste to licensed treatment facilities. In such instance(s), building managers are encouraged to work closely with tenants to fulfil the collective reporting requirements.
b)	For existing buildings, to submit the first report by 31 March 2026 , for which the period of coverage would start on the date of commencement of food waste segregation at the premises in 2025 and end on 31 December 2025. For example, 1 October 2025 to 31 December 2025. Thereafter, the reporting year will be every subsequent year thereafter, with the submission deadline being 31 March of the following year. Please refer to Annex C for the minimum

content to be included using the first report for existing buildings as an example.

- c) The data can be collated through on-site weighing systems, an in-built weighing system within the food waste treatment system used, information from the NEA licensed waste collector(s) engaged, on-board weighing systems (of collection vehicles, etc.), or any other means that accurately measure the amount of food waste at the building level.

Occupiers (other than the building manager)

- a) For tenants who are managing their own food waste separately from the building manager for the premises, they will be required to share the food waste data with their building managers for compiling the annual food waste reports for the premises.
- b) No action is required for tenants who use the facilities provided by the building manager for food waste segregation and/or measurement.

4 Should you have any queries about the above-mentioned, please contact us at food_waste@nea.gov.sg.

5 Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex A – Thresholds of affected commercial buildings

Types of Buildings	Applicable Threshold		Exemptions
Shopping Malls	F&B Area (See Para 2)	More than 3,000 sqm	-
Hotels	F&B and Function Area (See Para 2 and 3)	More than 3,000 sqm	-

2 “**F&B Area**” for malls and hotels includes but is not limited to all retail areas intended for food retail sales, food storage, and consumption of food, such as food shops for dine-in or takeaway, food courts, food halls, supermarkets, dining areas, staff canteens.

3 “**Function Area**” for hotels includes but is not limited to all areas intended for events or functions where food may be consumed, such as ballrooms, meeting and conference rooms, buffet service outside of restaurants.

Annex B – Requirements on Food Waste Segregation for Treatment

Building Managers (Owner, sole occupier or managing agent)

- a) To provide facilities needed for disposal of food waste separately from other types of general waste (e.g. centralised food waste bins).
- b) To ensure that the food waste is treated in the following manner:
 - Engage an NEA licensed waste collector to send food waste to the food waste treatment facility (FWTF) at Tuas Nexus or to an NEA licensed waste disposal facility; or,
 - Use a prescribed food waste treatment system² sited within your premises. (The list of prescribed on-site food waste treatment processes /systems will be confirmed at a later date.)
- c) To ensure that occupiers comply with the food waste segregation and reporting requirements.

Occupiers (other than the building manager)

- a) Segregate and dispose of food waste separately from other types of general waste.
- b) To use the facilities provided for by the building manager or engage their own NEA licensed waste collector to treat food waste at an NEA licensed waste disposal facility.

Annex C – Sample of report content required

Reporting Year	Submission Deadline	Contents of Report	Period of Coverage
2026 (First report)	31 March 2026 (Submissions may be made anytime between 1 January 2026 and 31 March 2026, both dates inclusive)	<p>In relation to food waste generated within your premises:</p> <p>(a) The total weight of food waste segregated for treatment (in tonnes); and</p> <p>(b) The type(s) of food waste treatment method(s) used to treat the segregated food waste, either on-site or off-site</p> <p>(c) The licensed waste collector(s) engaged to collect food waste, if offsite treatment is adopted</p> <p>(d) The destination(s) and type(s) of end product(s) produced (if any)</p>	Date of commencement of food waste segregation activities in 2025 to 31 December 2025

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