

The Environment Bureau has recently announced the Municipal Solid Waste Charging Scheme. The Scheme will come into effect in the second half of 2019 at the earliest. Let's learn more about the Scheme and explore what we can achieve by reducing waste!

## Solid Waste Charging in Hong Kong



Two charging modes will be adopted. One mode requires the households to purchase the designated plastic bags (9 types of bags ranging from 3 to 100 litres in volume) to throw rubbish. This mode applies to most residential buildings.

Some examples on the charges and their relationship with the bags:

- \$1.1 for 10L bag
- \$1.7 for 15L bag
- \$2.2 for 20L bag

roughly the same size as



## Example

**Current Disposal Rate of Domestic Waste in HK:**

**0.88** kg/person/day<sup>1</sup>

Assuming that a 3-person family uses one 15L bag daily, it will cost the family

**HK\$620**

a year to dispose of waste.



If the family members can reduce their waste by half, they can save

**HK\$310**

which they can use to buy



## Save Money By Reducing Waste

### Go Exchange

Information of any unwanted but reusable items can be posted on the second-hand exchange platforms for donation or for sale at a nominal charge.

For example:

- <http://wasteexchange.wastereduction.gov.hk/>



香港二手物品交易平台  
HONG KONG SECOND HAND EXCHANGE

### Go Recycling

Use mobile app and webpage to check information of recyclable collection points:

- Accessories
- Computer products
- Fluorescent lamp
- Rechargeable batteries
- BBQ forks
- Education toys
- Food
- Stationery
- Books
- Electrical & electronic equipment (WEEE)
- Furniture
- Waste plastics
- Clothes
- Glass bottles
- Others



iOS



Android



Web



At PolyU, you can find the recyclable collection points via Green Map!

### Reduce Food Waste



The 'Waste No Food Recipe Book' collects creative recipes contributed by local famous chefs and foodies to share their cooking recipes on how to fully utilize heads and tails of ingredients and leftovers when cooking.

- [http://foodwaste.foe.org.hk/html/eng/c\\_cookbook.php](http://foodwaste.foe.org.hk/html/eng/c_cookbook.php)

At PolyU, you can put your food waste in the food waste buckets at most pantries in LKST and Block Z.

## READ MORE

- Waste charging details announced, 2017 from news.gov.hk website: <https://goo.gl/96hwym>
- EPD. Hong Kong Waste Reduction Website: <https://goo.gl/9dbpa9>
- Greenpeace. 好心做壞事? 十件不應回收的物品, 2016: <https://goo.gl/ANZKPQ>



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<sup>1</sup> Monitoring of Solid Waste in Hong Kong: Waste Statistics for 2015, Environmental Protection Department (EPD), <https://goo.gl/IT92T8>