

Administrative Resolution No. (34) of 2026
Issuing the
Implementing Bylaw of Law No. (18) of 2024
Regulating
Waste Management in the Emirate of Dubai¹

The Director General of the Dubai Municipality,

After perusal of:

Federal Law No. (12) of 2018 Concerning Integrated Waste Management, and its Implementing Bylaw, as amended;

Federal Law by Decree No. (20) of 2020 Concerning Specifications and Standards;

Law No. (13) of 2011 Regulating the Conduct of Economic Activities in the Emirate of Dubai, and its amendments;

Law No. (8) of 2015 Concerning the Community Development Authority in Dubai;

Law No. (5) of 2018 Regulating Volunteer Work in the Emirate of Dubai and its Implementing Bylaw;

Law No. (20) of 2021 Establishing the Department of Economy and Tourism in the Emirate of Dubai;

Law No. (11) of 2024 Establishing the Dubai Environment and Climate Change Authority;

Law No. (18) of 2024 Regulating Waste Management in the Emirate of Dubai;

Law No. (5) of 2025 Concerning Public Health in the Emirate of Dubai;

Decree No. (34) of 2022 Establishing the Agencies Affiliated to the Dubai Municipality and Determining their Functions;

Decree No. (13) of 2024 Establishing the Unified Digital Window for Establishing Companies in the Emirate of Dubai;

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¹Every effort has been made to produce an accurate and complete English version of this legislation. However, for the purpose of its interpretation and application, reference must be made to the original Arabic text. In case of conflict, the Arabic text will prevail.

Executive Council Resolution No. (58) of 2017 Approving the Fees and Fines for Waste Disposal in the Emirate of Dubai;

Executive Council Resolution No. (5) of 2024 Approving the Principles of Facilitating the Investor's Journey in the Emirate of Dubai;

Local Order No. (61) of 1991 Concerning Environment Protection Systems in the Emirate of Dubai;

Local Order No. (11) of 2003 Concerning Public Health and Community Safety in the Emirate of Dubai and its amendments;

Administrative Resolution No. (1316) of 1997 Issuing the Implementing Bylaw of Local Order No. (115) of 1997 Concerning Medical Waste Management in the Emirate of Dubai; and

The legislation establishing and regulating free zones in the Emirate of Dubai,

Does hereby issue this Resolution.

Definitions

Article (1)

The words and expressions mentioned in this Resolution will have the same meaning assigned to them in the above-mentioned Law No. (18) of 2024. For the purposes of this Resolution, the following words and expressions, wherever mentioned in this Resolution, will have the meaning indicated opposite each of them unless the context implies otherwise:

Law:	Law No. (18) of 2024 Regulating Waste Management in the Emirate of Dubai.
CDA:	The Community Development Authority in Dubai.
DECCA:	The Dubai Environment and Climate Change Authority.
Agency:	The Waste and Sewerage Agency of the DM.
CEO:	The chief executive officer of the Agency.
Licensing Authority:	An entity legally authorised to license the conduct of Economic Activities in the Emirate. This includes the Department of Economy and Tourism and the authorities supervising Special Development Zones and free zones, such as the Dubai International Financial Centre.

Waste-related Activities:	The activities related to Waste. This includes, but is not limited to, trading in Waste; the cleaning, collection, Segregation, Sorting, transportation, storage, import, export, handling, Reuse, Recycling, Treatment, and final Disposal of Waste; as well as after-care of Disposal Sites.
Permit:	A document issued by the Agency authorising an Establishment to conduct any of the Waste-related Activities in the Emirate after verifying that the Establishment meets all the requirements stipulated in this Resolution, and the relevant requirements and criteria adopted by the DM.
Technical Manuals:	The manuals approved under this Resolution and published on the DM's official website.
Unified Digital Window:	The unified digital platform developed under the above-mentioned Decree No. (13) of 2024, through which Permit applications are received, considered, and determined.

Register of Waste Producers

Article (2)

- a. A Waste Producer must maintain a register, whether in electronic or paper format, in accordance with the provisions of the Law.
- b. The register referred to in paragraph (a) of this Article must contain the following information:
 1. the type of Waste (Hazardous Waste or Non-hazardous Waste);
 2. the quantity of the Waste handled daily;
 3. a description of the production, Segregation, Sorting, and Recycling processes; and
 4. details of the approved Waste Carriers and Disposal Sites.
- c. For the purpose of implementing the provisions of this Article, the following categories must maintain such a register:
 1. Hazardous Waste producers;

2. any Person having operational control over residential and commercial complexes, and hotel and industrial Establishments; and
3. any other category determined by a resolution issued by the CEO.

Obligations of Waste Producers

Article (3)

In addition to his obligations under the Law, a Waste Producer from the categories specified in paragraph (c) of Article (2) of this Resolution must transport the Waste generated from an Establishment or a Building daily to the Disposal Sites approved by the DM. This transportation may be carried out either by contracting with a licensed Waste Carrier or by using the Waste Producer's own vehicle authorised for Waste transportation, provided that the vehicle meets all the requirements and standards approved under this Resolution and the Technical Manuals.

Requirements for Issuing and Renewing Permits

Article (4)

A Permit will be issued or renewed subject to the following requirements:

1. The applicant must hold a commercial licence or an initial approval issued by the Licensing Authority.
2. The applicant must comply with the environmental and health requirements and standards specified in the applicable legislation, including submitting an environmental impact assessment study where required for the Waste-related Activity to be carried out.
3. The applicant must meet the standards, requirements, and technical specifications applicable to the Waste-related Activity to be conducted, as prescribed in the Technical Manuals.

Article (5)

In issuing or renewing a Permit, the following procedures apply:

1. The applicant will submit the Permit application to the Agency through the Unified Digital Window, based on the type of Waste-related Activity to be conducted.
2. The Agency will register the application and notify the applicant accordingly.

3. The Agency will consider the application from a technical perspective to verify that it meets all relevant conditions and requirements for issuing the Permit.
4. The Agency will issue its decision on the application for obtaining or renewing the Permit within the timeframe specified for each activity in the approved Technical Manuals.
5. Where the application is rejected, the Agency will notify the applicant of the reasons for rejection.
6. Where the Permit issuance or renewal application is approved, the Agency will require the applicant to pay the relevant prescribed fees.

Validity of Permits Article (6)

- a. A Permit will be valid for a period of one (1) year, renewable for the same period. A renewal application must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days from the date of its expiry, and the prescribed fees must be paid.
- b. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Article, the Agency may, upon the request of the Permit applicant and in accordance with the Technical Manuals, issue a Permit with a validity period of less than one (1) year for certain activities and businesses.

Volunteer Campaigns for Cleaning Public Places Article (7)

An approval for a volunteer campaign to clean Public Places will be issued subject to the following requirements:

1. The approval of the CDA for implementing the volunteer campaign must be obtained in accordance with the above-mentioned Law No. (5) of 2018.
2. The approval of the entity overseeing the site or area where the volunteer campaign will be conducted must be obtained.
3. The applicant for approval must submit a written undertaking to comply with the legislation in force in the Emirate, including environmental and health standards and requirements, as well as public safety requirements, and to avoid causing any damage or pollution during the implementation of the volunteer campaign.

4. A detailed plan outlining the implementation of the volunteer campaign must be submitted. This plan must contain the following information:
 - a. the purpose of the volunteer campaign;
 - b. the area targeted for implementing the volunteer campaign;
 - c. the expected number of participants in the volunteer campaign;
 - d. the equipment and materials to be used in carrying out the volunteer campaign;
 - e. the methods for Waste collection and transportation; and
 - f. the proposed timeline for the volunteer campaign.
5. The clothing or logos bearing the name of the volunteer campaign must be customised, with the approval of the CDA, to ensure the participants are easily identifiable.

**Procedures for Issuing Approvals for Volunteer Campaigns for
Cleaning Public Places
Article (8)**

In issuing approval for a volunteer campaign to clean Public Places, the following procedures will be followed:

1. The approval application will be submitted to the Agency, together with the required supporting documents, through the channels and on the forms prescribed by the Agency for this purpose.
2. The Agency will register the application and notify the applicant accordingly.
3. The Agency will consider the application to verify that it meets all the conditions and requirements prescribed for the issuance of the approval.
4. The Agency will, within ten (10) working days from the date of notifying the applicant of the registration of his application, determine the application once all the relevant conditions and documents prescribed for the issuance of the approval have been met and submitted. The applicant will be notified of the approval via email.
5. Where the application is rejected, the Agency will notify the applicant of the reasons for rejection.

Hazardous Waste Container Specifications

Article (9)

Waste Containers designated for Hazardous Waste must meet the following specifications:

1. Exterior Specifications:
 - a. The Waste Container must be fitted with a leak-proof and tightly sealed cover.
 - b. The Waste Container must be colour-coded depending on the type of Waste it is designated for, in accordance with the relevant standards approved by the Agency.
2. Interior Specifications:
 - a. The Waste Container must be resistant to chemicals and corrosive or toxic liquids.
 - b. The Waste Container must be constructed of materials that are resistant to corrosion and leakage to prevent adverse reactions with Hazardous Waste.
 - c. The Waste Container must have thick, sturdy walls.
3. Security and Safety Requirements:
 - a. The Waste Container design must conform to the standards adopted in the UAE and must be appropriate for the type of Waste it is intended to hold.
 - b. The material from which the Waste Container is made must be capable of preventing reactions with the hazardous materials contained therein.
 - c. The Waste Container must be resistant to prevailing weather conditions and capable of withstanding high temperature variations.
4. The Waste Container must meet any other technical specifications specified in the Technical Manuals.

Waste Label Details

Article (10)

A Waste Label must include the following information:

1. the type of Hazardous Waste;
2. the components and composition of the Hazardous Waste;
3. applicable warning codes;

4. instructions for Disposal of Hazardous Waste; and
5. any other information or instructions specified in the Technical Manuals.

Technical Specifications for Waste Collection and Transportation Vehicles Article (11)

Vehicles designated for the collection and transportation of solid and liquid Waste must comply with the requirements, standards, and technical specifications prescribed in the Technical Manuals.

Disposal Sites Article (12)

- a. Without prejudice to the planning and construction conditions and requirements prescribed by legislation applicable to the DM, the Agency will authorise a Person to establish, manage, and operate Disposal Sites subject to fulfilment of the requirements and specifications set out in paragraph (b) of this Article.
- b. In addition to the requirements and specifications set out in the Technical Manuals, the following requirements and specifications must be met for a Permit to be issued to establish, manage, and operate the Disposal Site:

I. Requirements for Selecting Waste Disposal Sites:

1. The minimum distances between a Disposal Site and surrounding areas and facilities, as specified in the Technical Manuals, must be complied with.
2. A paved and safe access road connecting the proposed Disposal Site to public roads must be provided to enable heavy Waste transportation vehicles to access that site.
3. Controlled entry and exit points must be provided to ensure safe and efficient traffic flow from and to the proposed Disposal Site.
4. Approval from the competent entity supervising the area where the proposed Disposal Site is located must be obtained to ensure that it conforms with the approved urban plan for that area.
5. Geological and hydrogeological studies must be submitted to ensure soil stability and suitability for establishing an infrastructure designed to prevent the leakage of pollutants.

6. Evidence must be provided that the proposed Disposal Site is not prone to landslide or ground fissure hazards.

II. Environmental and Health Requirements:

1. An environmental impact assessment study for the proposed Disposal Site must be submitted, containing a clear plan of the preventive measures to be taken to protect the Environment, reduce odour emissions, and the mechanisms for managing environmental emergencies. Furthermore, an environmental authorisation from the DECCA must be obtained in accordance with its applicable legislation and guidelines, while adhering to all environmental requirements specified by the DECCA in this regard.
2. Personal protective equipment must be provided to all workers at the Disposal Site to ensure their safety while handling Waste.
3. Secure and controlled isolation areas for Hazardous Waste, equipped with appropriate safety systems to reduce environmental risks, must be designated.
4. Dedicated facilities for receiving and Sorting Waste before landfilling or Treatment must be provided.
5. Waste Treatment facilities must be established within the Disposal Site using environmentally friendly technologies approved by the Agency.
6. Rainwater drainage systems must be installed to prevent the accumulation or mixing of rainwater with Waste, in order to preserve the safety of the Disposal Site and the surrounding Environment.

III. Operational and Administrative Requirements:

1. A detailed operational plan must be submitted specifying the procedures for Waste Collection, Segregation, Treatment, and landfilling, including the preventive measures to be taken to protect the Environment and deal with environmental emergencies.
2. Working hours must be determined and necessary measures must be implemented to minimise noise and emissions.
3. A camera surveillance system must be installed to secure the Disposal Site and monitor the operations taking place therein, in accordance with the relevant specifications approved by the Security Industry Regulatory Agency in the Emirate.

4. Clear warning signage must be placed at the entrances to the Disposal Site and in the Waste storage areas.
5. An electronic system must be maintained to record all Waste Disposal operations, and the relevant reports must be submitted to the Agency periodically.
6. A periodic training plan for workers at the Disposal Site on safety procedures and Waste Management practices must be prepared.

Use of Recycled Materials Percentages Article (13)

- a. The minimum percentages for the use of recycled materials, and the projects and activities in which recycled materials must be used, will be determined by a resolution issued by the Director General. In determining these percentages, the following must be taken into consideration:
 1. the availability of recycled materials in local markets, and the capacity of those markets to meet the needs of the projects in which those materials must be used, in a timely manner and at the relevant stages of implementation;
 2. the quality of materials, and their conformity with the approved technical specifications and standards;
 3. the feasibility of transporting materials from their production sites to project sites at reasonable cost; and
 4. the variation in the required percentages according to the type of project or the nature of the recycled materials.
- b. The Agency will review the specified percentages for the use of recycled materials annually, or where necessary, based on the periodic reports issued by the Agency, or by the concerned Government Entities or private sector entities.
- c. In the event of a substantial shortage of recycled materials or an unjustified increase in their cost, the Director General may grant a partial or full exemption from the obligation to adhere to the specified percentages for the use of recycled materials, provided that the exemption is justified and temporary until the grounds for the exemption no longer exist.

Requirements and Specifications for the Use of Recycled Materials
Article (14)

Materials resulting from Waste Treatment and Recycling processes that are intended for use must meet the requirements and technical specifications prescribed in the Technical Manuals.

Approval of Technical Manuals
Article (15)

- a. The following Technical Manuals are hereby approved:
 1. Technical Manuals for Waste Management Activities;
 2. Technical Manuals for Waste Producers;
 3. Technical Manuals for the Use of Recycled Materials Resulting from Waste Treatment; and
 4. any other Technical Manuals that may become required in the implementation of the provisions of the Law and this Resolution.
- b. The Technical Manuals, including the technical requirements, conditions, and standards set out therein, as well as any subsequent updates or amendments thereto, will be published on the DM's official website.
- c. The CEO is hereby vested with the authority to review, update, and amend the Technical Manuals periodically, and to publish them on the DM's official website.

Compliance with this Resolution
Article (16)

All Persons to whom this Resolution applies must comply with its provisions within a period of six (6) months from its effective date. The CEO may, where necessary, extend this period once for the same period.

Issuing Implementing Instructions
Article (17)

The CEO will issue the instructions required for the implementation of this Resolution. These instructions will be published on the DM's official website.

**Repeals
Article (18)**

The above-mentioned Administrative Resolution No. (1316) of 1997 is hereby repealed. Any provision in any other administrative resolution is also hereby repealed to the extent that it contradicts the provisions of this Resolution.

**Publication and Commencement
Article (19)**

This Resolution will be published in the Official Gazette and will come into force thirty (30) days after the day on which it is published.

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