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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB  
**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM, LAHORE  
Dated:25.11.2025



Subject:- **ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARDS FOR MANDATORY PLACEMENT OF WASTE BINS AT COMMERCIAL CENTERS, SHOPPING MALLS, PLAZAS, BAZARS, OFFICE BUILDINGS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Punjab is mandated to provide for the protection, conservation, rehabilitation, and improvement of the environment, prevention and control of pollution, and promotion of sustainable development;

2. **AND WHEREAS**, unsegregated solid waste is adding additional load on waste management and disposal facilities which can otherwise be reduced through at source segregation and subsequent efficient disposal of the generated waste;

3. **AND WHEREAS**, waste recycling process directly contributes towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDG 13 (Climate Action);

4. **AND WHEREAS**, the Climate Resilient Punjab Vision and Action Plan 2024, under Clause 5.14, underscores the importance of introducing segregation of waste at source, recycling, and institutional capacity-building as a critical measure to reduce environmental stress and build resilience;

5. **AND WHEREAS**, Section 6(1)(n) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997 empowers the Environmental Protection Agency to establish standard for proper disposal of wastes and to assist the local councils, local authorities, Government Agencies and other persons to implement schemes so as to ensure compliance with the said standards;

6. **AND WHEREAS**, Section 6(1)(t) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997 empowers the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Punjab to take or cause to be taken all necessary measure for the protection, conservation, rehabilitation and improvement of the environment, prevention and control of pollution and promotion of sustainable development;

7. **NOW, THEREFORE**, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Section 6(1)(n) read with Section 5(4) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, I, Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh (PAS), Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab, do hereby establish the following standards for classification and color coding of waste bins to be placed at Commercial centers, Shopping malls, Plazas, Bazars, Office buildings and Educational institutions, for at source segregation:

- a) **Yellow Bin – Paper waste** (paper, cartons, office paper, packaging material)
- b) **Green Bin – Glass waste** (bottles, jars, broken glass items, laboratory glassware)
- c) **Grey Bin – Organic / Biodegradable waste** (food scraps, fruit peels, leaves, garden waste)
- d) **Red Bin – Metal waste** (aluminum cans, tins, foils, small scrap)
- e) **Orange Bin – Plastic waste** (wrappers, bottles, disposable cutlery, bags)

8. In addition, under Section 6(1)(t) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, it is hereby ordered that the concerned managements of Commercial centers, Shopping malls, Plazas, Bazars, Office buildings and Educational institutions shall ensure the placement of waste bins with the said classification and color coding in their respective establishments at conspicuous places.

9. Any contravention to this order shall be dealt with as per relevant legal framework.

10. This order comes into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force until modified or withdrawn.

Issued under my hand and seal on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.



**DR. IMRAN HAMID SHEIKH (PAS)**  
**DIRECTOR GENERAL**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
**PUNJAB**

**Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to:**

1. The Secretary Environment Protection and Climate Change Department Punjab
2. All the Commissioners of Punjab
3. All the Deputy Commissioners of Punjab

4. The DG Public Relations (DGPR) with a request to ensure wide publicity.
5. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
6. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore.
7. The Additional Secretary (Coordination), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.
8. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore.
9. The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp), EPA Punjab
10. The Director EDH, EPA Punjab **with the direction to supervise the implementation of this order.**
11. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D Board, Punjab.
12. All the District In-charges (DDs/ADs), EPA Punjab **with the direction to coordinate with their concerned Deputy Commissioners, engage concerned management bodies and for wide publicity of this order and effective compliance.**
13. The In charge Strategy and Analysis wing EPA, Punjab
14. The In charge social media team, EPA Punjab
15. PA to Director General, EPA

