

What are the responsibilities of the Waste Generator?

As defined in section 3(y) of the Plastic Waste Management rules of 2016/2018, a 'Waste generator' means and includes every person or group of persons or institution, residential and commercial establishments including Indian Railways, Airport, port and harbour and defence establishments which generate plastic wastes.

Post-consumer plastic packaging waste means plastic packaging waste generated by the end use consumer after the intended use of packaging is completed and is no longer being used for its intended purpose. (Rule 2, q. c. of PWM rules as amended 2022).

Rule 8 of the PWM rules 2016/18 provides for the responsibilities of waste generator. All waste generators are required to store the waste generated by them so as to comply with the Municipal solid waste (Management and Handling) rules 2000 as amended and handover segregated waste to authorised waste processing or disposal facilities or deposition centre either on its own or through the authorised waste collection agency.

All institutional waste generators have also to ensure segregation at source as per the solid waste handling rules and to hand over segregated wastes to authorised waste processing or disposal facilities or deposition centres as prescribed.

All waste generators shall pay such user fee or charge as may be specified in the bye-laws of the local bodies for plastic waste management.

All persons organising an event in open space shall segregate and manage the waste generated during such events in accordance to the municipal solid waste (Management and Handling) Rules 2000 as amended.