

Let's Manage Our Waste

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SYSTEMATIC WASTE MANAGEMENT is becoming a dire necessity. It is estimated that India will need an area the size of Delhi by 2045 to dispose of waste! Yet waste management as a concept is not new to us. India has a long tradition of recycling and in the process segregating waste. In Sarvodaya too, segregation and recycling are being done daily, though most of us probably don't give it much thought.



Meet one of the garbage collectors of Sarvodaya—Govinda. Govinda and his two assistants collect garbage from each home for a measly Rs 50-100 per household—which works out to a maximum of Rs 3 a day! Despite the altercations that we may have had with him, Govinda and team do a wonderful job of reducing our carbon footprint they segregate the waste. All that can be recycled is put aside and further segregated into metal, plastic and cloth and then sold to the wholesale kabbadis, who in turn pass it on for reuse in different industries. Though they do this to the best of their ability and for their best returns, it is not systematic and a lot of thin plastic, foil and metal go in with kitchen waste into the dhalaos. They are also exposed to unhealthy fumes and substances.

It would be a small step, if we could all begin by segregating our waste into different bags. But one step at a time... Let's begin with segregating dry and wet waste for collection by the garbage collectors. And those of us interested in composting, we could set up a group, learn from those who practice it successfully and make and beautify our gardens!

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CLEANLINESS HAS BEEN identified as a key focus area by the Managing Committee of the new RWA. Our cleaning committee comprises of Manjeet Singh, Niti Khurana, and Toto Narayan. The committee has had 2 townhall sessions, with residents, soon after elections and identified 4 focus areas along with the residents.

- 1 Reduce things getting dirty in the first place through community awareness and setting up a network of dustbins around the colony.
- 2 Work closely with MCD to monitor street cleaning workers to get better quality cleaning work done over time
- 3 Setting up an RWA helpline for spot cleaning; picking up small malba from extra dirty spaces
- 4 Working with govt agencies to get better facilities installed in the colony.

Towards this, the Cleanliness committee is working with 24 Lane Reps through a Whats app group called '**Swachh Sarvodaya**' to identify lane wise concerns and to solve them. The RWA and the Lane Reps are also in the process of identifying dustbins.

In due course our focus will also include garbage segregation, composting, as well as beautification of the colony.

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