

India modified waste management rules 2000

The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India has modified the waste management rules 2000, in the wake of the increasing pollution levels and waste mismanagement. The MoEFCC, on April 8, 2016, through a gazette notification issued fresh rules for municipal solid waste, construction and demolition waste (C&DW), e-waste management, hazardous and other waste (management and transboundary management), bio-medical waste management and solid waste management.



According to the new rules, buffer zones should be strictly maintained around landfill sites. There should be regular air and groundwater quality monitoring around these sites. The Urban Development Department (UDD) has been given the responsibility to manage solid waste, especially C&DW. They have been told to conduct regular inspections with local corporations and ensure that waste is not dumped haphazardly.



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