

Information Paper

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Sai Kung District 2017 Year-end Clean-up

Purpose

This paper sets out the detailed arrangements for the 2017 Year-end Clean-up in the district.

Background

2. In anticipation of the advent of the “Year of the Rooster”, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) will carry out a 21-day major Year-end Clean-up across the territory. The clean-up is one of the major activities to improve the cleanliness of our living environment.

Year-end Clean-up

3. To cope with the tradition of the lunar year-end clean-up, the 21-day event is divided into three phases as follows –

(a) Phase I (from 3 to 9 January 2017)

It involves the cleansing of public markets, cooked food centres and hawker bazaars. These venues in the district will be thoroughly cleaned and that mosquito and rodent control measures will also be carried out simultaneously. FEHD will also encourage stall operators to pitch in and clean up their stalls.

(b) Phase II (from 10 to 16 January 2017)

The district will be divided into 7 sections for cleansing, mosquito and rodent control operations targeting at old tenement buildings, streets, backlanes, common parts of buildings, village houses, building sites, vacant sites and road works sites.

(c) Phase III (from 17 to 23 January 2017)

The cleansing activities for all areas covered in Phases I and II will be repeated to ensure complete cleanliness of the district.

Details of Operation

4. During the event period, FEHD will –
 - (a) carry out intensive anti-mosquito operations, including elimination of potential mosquito breeding places, at old tenement buildings and other susceptible areas in the district;
 - (b) step up vermin and rodent control measures in the district;
 - (c) provide intensified cleansing at public toilets, public bathhouses and refuse collection points in the district;
 - (d) step up cleansing operations at hygiene blackspots, including clearance of litters at backlanes, roadside verges and lawns;
 - (e) remind operators of food establishments about the importance of good hygiene standard and step up enforcement actions; and
 - (f) strengthen enforcement actions and adopt the “zero-tolerance” approach against illegal posting of bills or posters, littering including feeding of pigeons and other feral birds causing dirtiness to public places, spitting and dog fouling.

5. The targets we have formulated for the district to tie in with the event are provided at **Annex**.

6. In addition, we will also contact and request the government departments concerned, including District Office of Home Affairs Department, Lands Department, Marine Department, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department and Housing Department for their concerted actions in support of the event.

Publicity and Promotional Activities/Plans

7. To promote the Year-end Clean-up, FEHD will –
- (a) publicize the event through the mass media;
 - (b) display clean-up targets of the district at buildings with the assistance of respective District Offices; and
 - (c) display banners at prominent sites of various districts.

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Targets of the Year-end Clean-up

The Sai Kung District Environmental Hygiene Office of FEHD undertakes that during the Year-end Clean-up period, we will do our utmost to step up inspections aiming at hygiene blackspots in the district and to see to it that the hygiene conditions are improved and the health of the public safeguarded.

- ◆ To inspect the common parts of 41 tenement buildings, 4086 village houses and 40 private housing estates; 123 schools, 35 building/vacant sites and step up cleansing-cum-mosquito control measures and enforcement actions if necessary.
- ◆ To step up vermin and rodent control measures and place 80 rat baits in public areas to vigorously eliminate rats.
- ◆ To step up inspections to 2 markets in the district and carry out stringent enforcement actions against irregularities such as dirty stalls, passage obstruction, exposure of open food; and to encourage stallholders to clean their own stalls and to remove articles from the top of the stalls.
- ◆ To strengthen cleansing service for 59 public toilets, 1 public bathhouses and 5 refuse collection points. Attendant services will be provided when necessary.
- ◆ To provide intensive washing services to the hygiene blackspots in 22 streets, 3 public carparks and 6 lanes and take action to remove articles causing obstruction. Roving cleansing teams will be deployed to clean up hygiene blackspots and tackle other environmental hygiene problems.
- ◆ To inspect the common parts of 41 buildings. “Nuisance Notice” or “Notice to Remove Litter/Waste and to Clean Areas” will be issued when necessary. Residents of the buildings will be informed of the locations of temporary junk collection points that would be set up to facilitate the disposal of discarded furniture and articles.

- ◆ To open 5 refuse collection points for the public to dispose of large and useless furniture and articles conveniently. Refuse collection services will also be enhanced in every collection point.

Yi Chun Street Refuse Collection Point

Fuk Man Road Refuse Collection Point

Tui Min Hoi Refuse Collection Point

Wan Lung Road Refuse Collection Point

Clear Water Bay Second Beach Refuse Collection Point

- ◆ To strengthen enforcement actions and to adopt the “zero tolerance” approach against illegal posting of bills and posters, littering including feeding of pigeons and other feral birds causing dirtiness to public places, spitting and dog fouling in the district.
- ◆ To remind the operators of food establishments about the importance of good hygiene standard and to refrain from placing baskets in the shop front for storage of food remnant. We will also take stringent enforcement actions against illegal use of public area by the food business operators.