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**Food and Environmental Hygiene Department  
Southern District Action Plan**

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## **Improving Environmental Hygiene Conditions**

### **1. Mosquito and rodent control services**

In 2021, there was no local dengue fever case reported in Hong Kong. That said, to safeguard public health and as a precautionary measure, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) will continue to step up mosquito control and conduct the anti-mosquito campaign in 2022. FEHD will implement a series of stringent control measures. In addition to the in-house staff, FEHD's contractors have stepped up pest control services. All the pest control teams are provided with vehicles and appropriate equipment, so that they can carry out their pest control duties swiftly and effectively. These duties include:

- (a) inspecting areas susceptible to mosquito and pest breeding, conducting anti-mosquito operations, and eliminating possible harbourage of rodents and using trapping devices; and
- (b) clearing litter, waste and abandoned articles/tyres from slopes, hillsides, roadside grass verges and turfed areas, vacant sites, building sites and public open spaces, eliminating potential mosquito breeding grounds, and performing pest control duties.

FEHD will work closely with the District Anti-mosquito Task Force. Besides, a list of locations provided with pest control services is at **Annex I**. It is anticipated that a total of 95 rounds of inspection/anti-mosquito operation/anti-rodent survey and trapping operation will be conducted in Southern District in 2022-23.

### **2. Cleansing of “grey areas”**

At present, FEHD is responsible for clearing waste in the “grey areas”, including unallocated Government land, ungazetted beaches and coastal areas, slopes along public roads (including roundabouts and hill slopes), nullahs, channels, as well as natural or trained watercourses.

FEHD will continue to provide cleansing service in this respect and conduct cleansing operations in “special sites” which are of prime public concern. Cleansing service contractors are engaged to do the work and their performance is closely monitored to ensure that their service can meet public expectations.

A list of “special sites” of prime concern in the Southern District is at **Annex II**. To maintain the environmental hygiene of these “special sites”, cleansing frequency will be adjusted according to ground situation.

### **3. Public cleansing service**

#### **3.1 Street cleansing**

FEHD is committed to providing effective and efficient public cleansing service. In-house staff and cleansing service contractors of FEHD are responsible for performing the tasks of daily street sweeping, street washing, collecting household waste and managing public toilets and refuse collection points (RCPs).

Street sweeping is an essential part of keeping the city clean. At present, the sweeping frequency in the Southern District is 6 times a day for about 126 beats located at commercial and residential areas with high pedestrian flow to keep the places clean at all times. Apart from manual sweeping, FEHD also deploys mechanical street sweepers for sweeping major highways (excluding expressways), flyovers, central dividers, etc. A total of about 416 litter containers and 67 stand-alone cigarette butt containers are provided on public streets in the district for the convenience of the public. The litter containers and stand-alone cigarette butt containers are emptied at a frequency commensurate with their utilisation, ranging from 2 to 5 times a day. Furthermore, there are about 36 dog latrines and 147 dog excreta collection bins in public places for the convenience of dog owners.

To keep pavements, lanes, hawker concentrated areas, RCPs and littering blackspots in the district clean, FEHD provides regular street washing service at a frequency ranging from on need basis to daily.

#### **3.2 Refuse collection**

At present, FEHD provides 34 RCPs of various types and 43 bin sites (if any) in the district for residents to dispose of household waste. Refuse is collected at least once daily, and transported by vehicles of FEHD and the contractors to the Island East and Island West Transfer Stations of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) for disposal.

To further enhance local environmental hygiene, FEHD will continue to provide focused cleansing service for places in need.

### **3.3 Public toilets improvement works**

At present, FEHD manages 24 public toilets in the Southern District. Refurbishment/facelifting works are planned to be launched for about 50 public toilets in 2022-23 to install advanced and user-friendly facilities, including ventilating equipment, sensor-activated flushing systems for toilet compartments, lockable stainless steel toilet paper holders with jumbo roll tissues, sensor-activated water taps and soap dispensers for wash hand basins, high-efficiency electric hand dryers, electric fans and blower fans with timer installed to keep floor dry, in order to make the toilet more hygienic and comfortable. Besides, having regard to the location and area of individual toilets, user requirements and other technical factors, the male-to-female toilet compartment ratio will be increased from the previous 1:1 to 1:2 where circumstances permit. Toilets for priority use by elderly people and unisex “universal toilets” will be provided, subject to site condition and technical feasibility, to cater for various needs of the public.

In parallel, to enhance the cleansing standard of public toilets and keep public toilets clean at all times, FEHD deploys toilet attendants to station at public toilets of higher daily utilisation in general and makes appropriate arrangements at individual toilets subject to actual circumstances, such as whether the toilets are located at a tourist spot, the hygiene conditions, the number of complaints, the cost-effectiveness, and their utilisation rates in specific periods (e.g. during festive events or the swimming season, and at weekends / on holidays for toilets in a tourist spot). FEHD will deploy appropriate resources to provide toilet attendants so as to improve public toilet services. Apart from providing prompt cleansing service and replenishing toilet paper and liquid soap, the toilet attendants will carry out repairs to public toilet facilities as soon as possible in case of minor damage.

## **4. Enforcement actions against public cleanliness offences**

FEHD adopts a “zero tolerance” approach against 4 common public cleanliness offences (i.e. littering, spitting, unauthorised display of bills/posters and fouling of streets by dog excreta) by issuing fixed penalty notices (FPNs) to the offenders.

Enforcement actions are carried out by FEHD officers during their day-to-day patrol duties. Special attention is paid to the above 4 common public cleanliness offences at relevant blackspots. These spots are usually of higher pedestrian flow with more frequent occurrence and recurrence of cleanliness offences that warrant special attention and actions. On top of regular inspections, FEHD also takes a targeted approach in mounting special enforcement operations at selected locations (including public transport interchanges, taxi-stands, bus termini, areas outside off-course betting centres and places with heavy passenger traffic). A list of blackspots with frequent littering and other cleanliness offences in the Southern District is at **Annex III**.

#### **5. Hygiene condition of food premises**

To maintain the hygiene standard of food premises, FEHD will continue to conduct inspections of licensed food premises in the district. Stringent enforcement actions will be taken against unlicensed food premises and those food premises that do not meet the hygiene standard, contravene the law or are in breach of licensing requirements or conditions, with a view to protecting public health. In 2022-23, 5 800 inspections will be carried out in the Southern District.

### **Market Management**

#### **6. Upgrading market management and hygiene standards**

Stall tenants of public markets and cooked food markets/centres are responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of their stalls. If they neglect their responsibility, resulting in unsatisfactory hygiene condition and obstruction to passageways, food and environmental hygiene will be significantly affected. This will also cause inconvenience to customers, thus discouraging them from patronising public markets.

FEHD will continue to enforce the monthly Market Cleansing Day to maintain market hygiene. Apart from issuing guidelines on food handling to food stalls and taking enforcement actions against breaches of hygiene-related legislations and tenancy conditions (e.g. obstruction to passageways), it will also thoroughly cleanse the common areas and facilities (e.g. floor and escalators) of public markets every day.

## **7. Improving market facilities and conducting promotional activities**

FEHD will conduct improvement works in some markets in the Southern District, including the on-going works of Aberdeen Market under the Market Modernisation Programme, while the improvement works for Nam Long Road Cooked Food Market is expected to commence in phases in the second half of 2022. In addition, FEHD is making preparation for the improvement works of lighting facilities in Yue Kwong Road Market and the refurbishment of toilets in Ap Lei Chau Market, so as to improve the facilities in the markets and provide the public with a more pleasant shopping environment.

In order to attract patronage, FEHD will carry out promotional activities in markets as appropriate. These include festive promotions, display of theme-based posters, thematic activities, etc. To boost the festive ambience of major festivals such as the Mid-Autumn Festival, Christmas, Lunar New Year, Tuen Ng Festival, etc., increase patronage and improve the operating environment, FEHD's contractors providing market management services will also conduct festive promotions in the 6 markets in the Southern District, including putting up festive decorations in these markets and distributing souvenirs to stall operators and patrons.

### **Others**

## **8. Special district-based operations**

### **8.1 Operations against unlicensed hawkers**

There is only 1 unlicensed hawker blackspot in the Southern District, which is located at the pavement between Aberdeen West Typhoon Shelter and Aberdeen Promenade and commonly known as "morning bazaar". Hawkers of the morning bazaar mainly sell restricted food (fish and seafood) in the early to late hours in the morning only. In addition, a total of 7 areas in the district are major thoroughfares and areas of high pedestrian flow, which are prone to attract unlicensed hawking activities. Staff of Hawker Control Teams (HCTs) will institute prosecutions against anyone who carries out hawking activity (be it licensed or unlicensed) at the said locations without prior warning. FEHD arrested 12 unlicensed hawkers, instituted 29 prosecutions and seized abandoned goods in 116 cases against illegal hawking in total in 2021.

## **8.2 Shop front extensions (SFEs)**

FEHD will continue to work with the Hong Kong Police Force to conduct joint blitz enforcement operations against SFEs in local blackspots, including in the vicinity of Aberdeen Centre, with a view to alleviating the obstruction problem caused by SFEs in the district. In 2021, FEHD conducted a total of 184 joint operations with the Police, of which 12 were co-ordinated by the Home Affairs Department and involved other government departments, including the Lands Department and, the Buildings Department. During the process, 253 FPNs were issued to offenders, 81 prosecutions were instituted and 3 arrests were made against the persons-in-charge of the shops for causing obstruction in public places and unlicensed hawking. FEHD will monitor the situation closely and take appropriate actions.

## **8.3 Improving environmental hygiene at rear lanes**

The Southern District Environmental Hygiene Office (DEHO(S)) will commence cleansing operations at rear lanes with more serious rodent infestation in the district to improve environmental hygiene at rear lanes and target irregularities of food premises such as food preparation, scullery, improper storage of articles and illegal dumping of refuse at rear lanes (including dumping of bagged refuse in small hours), with a view to further enhancing the awareness of rodent prevention and control among the operators of food premises, by educating them to adopt measures to combat rodent problems and upkeep the hygiene condition of rear lanes as well as taking stringent enforcement actions. DEHO(S) will also deploy additional manpower to wash rear lanes, carry out anti-rodent work and enhance public education and publicity in the Southern District.

## **8.4 Enforcement actions against animal (including bird and wild boar) feeders who litter public places)**

DEHO(S) is always mindful of the local problem of feeding wild animals. At present, there is 1 dedicated enforcement team (DET) in the Southern District, primarily responsible for enforcement actions against various public cleanliness offences, e.g. animal (including bird and wild boar) feeders who litter public places. FEHD plans to increase the number of DETs in 2022. On top of regular enforcement actions, FEHD will arrange blitz prosecution actions by DETs. In 2021, DEHO(S) instituted 61 prosecutions against people who litter public places by discarding food remnants. To avoid wild boars looking for food at RCPs or refuse bins in the Southern District,



improvement measures such as provision of foot-pedal type lidded litter containers at some sites where wild animals often appear and installation of gates at the entrances of some RCPs have been put in place. These measures are taken with a view to preventing wild animals from looking for food at litter containers or RCPs.

#### **8.5 Strengthening control on spilling of seawater from seafood trucks**

To strengthen control on the spilling of seawater from seafood trucks, DEHO(S) instituted a total of 45 prosecutions against offenders in 2021. FEHD has deployed staff to enhance health education to seafood truck drivers in order to enhance the awareness of the trade in maintaining environmental hygiene. Letters have also been issued to advise seafood/transport traders to strictly comply with the law and refrain from discharging effluents at public places.

#### **8.6 Special cleaning operations for typhoon shelters and seashores**

As regards the environmental cleanliness of the coastal areas and typhoon shelters in the Southern District, DEHO(S) joins hands with the Marine Department to conduct special cleaning operations in the district regularly and when necessary. Vessels are used to remove the refuse floating in the typhoon shelters and near the seashores. Special cleaning operations are also conducted in shipyards from time to time jointly by FEHD and EPD to keep the environment of these areas clean. Every summer (between June and August), DEHO(S) deploys staff to Lap Sap Wan by sea at low tides to conduct thorough clean-up by collecting and packing refuse on the shingle beach into plastic bags, before shipping them to refuse transfer station for disposal. In 2021, about 28.7 tonnes of refuse and some timber were collected.

## **9. Annexes**

- I Locations provided with anti-mosquito and pest control service
- II “Grey areas” of prime concern in the district
- III Locations with frequent littering and other cleanliness offences in the district
- IV List of departmental staff for contact in the district

**Locations provided with anti-mosquito and pest control service**

No.	Location
1	Embankment outside Ka Lung Court
2	Beach at Waterfall Bay
3	Slope opposite to Wah Lai House, Wah Kwai Estate
4	Slope at Wah Kwai Road
5	Pok Fu Lam Village, Pok Fu Lam Road
6	Slope at Pok Fu Lam Village (near Block 14, Chi Fu Fa Yuen)
7	Slope at Pok Fu Lam Village (near Block 8, Chi Fu Fa Yuen)
8	Slope at j/o Pok Fu Lam Road and Victoria Road
9	Slope behind Pok Fu Lam Fire Station and Pok Fu Lam Ambulance Depot
10	Slope behind Kwai Fong Garden, Pok Fu Lam
11	Slope at side of temporary sitting-out area, Kai Lung Wan, Pok Fu Lam
12	Slope in the vicinity of Government Quarters, 122 Pok Fu Lam Road
13	Slope at side of Chinese Cuisine Training Institute, Pok Fu Lam Road
14	Slope at side of Ebenezer School & Home For The Visually Impaired, Pok Fu Lam Road
15	Slope outside Chinese Christian Cemetery near Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road
16	Slope behind Royalton, Pok Fu Lam Road
17	Slope between Wah Hong Street and Wah Chui Street, Victoria Road
18	Slope outside Hong Kong Animal Management Centre, Victoria Road
19	Slope facing Cyberport at Victoria Road
20	Shui Tsoi Tin Village, Victoria Road
21	Slope at upper Tai Hau Wan Village, Victoria Road

22	Victoria Road (near Consort Rise, Bisney Road, upper Tai Hau Wan Village and lower Tai Hau Wan Village)
23	Slope outside Blocks 16 to 18, Baguio Villa, Victoria Road
24	Slope outside Blocks 45 to 47, Baguio Villa, Victoria Road
25	Slope and footpath at side of Lai Kam Kee Stone Factory, Victoria Road
26	Slope outside Kai Ming Temple
27	Slope at side of Sandy Bay Road
28	Shore of Sandy Bay
29	Slope at side of Sha Wan Drive
30	Slope behind 2 to 96 Aberdeen Main Road
31	Slope at Aberdeen Reservoir Road
32	Slope at side of Ware House, Yue Kwong Road, Aberdeen
33	Slope at side of Aberdeen Technical School
34	Slope behind a shop (裕記) at Old Main Street, Aberdeen (near May Court)
35	Rear Lane of 1 to 23 Tung Sing Road, Aberdeen
36	Rear Lane of Tsung Man Street, Aberdeen
37	Rear Lane of Nam Ning Street, Aberdeen
38	Rear Lane of Sai On Street, Aberdeen
39	The surrounding area of Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market
40	Breakwater of Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter
41	Rear Lane of 2 to 12 Ka Wo Street, Tin Wan
42	Rear Lane of 4 to 10 Tin Wan Street
43	Rear Lane of Tang Fung Street, Tin Wan
44	Slope behind Hung Fuk Court (near Tin Wan Estate)
45	Slope behind 45 Shek Pai Wan Road
46	Rear Lane of 53 to 101 Shek Pai Wan Road

47	Slope opposite to Tin Lai House, Tin Wan Estate
48	Slope along Tin Wan Praya Road
49	Slope at side of Shipyards, Ap Lei Chau Praya Road
50	Vacant land at side of Sham Wan Towers, Ap Lei Chau
51	Slope at Yuk Kwai Shan, Ap Lei Chau
52	Vacant land at Ap Lei Chau Praya Road
53	Slope at Ap Lei Chau Bridge Road
54	Vacant land and slope under Ap Lei Chau Bridge
55	Vacant land behind Oceanic Industrial Centre, Lee Lok Street, Ap Lei Chau
56	Slope between Ap Lei Chau Service Reservoir and Lee Nam Road, Ap Lei Chau
57	Seaward slope at Ap Lei Chau Estate (near Wind Tower Park) and the waterfront of the Shipyards
58	Slope at San Shi Street, Ap Lei Chau
59	Slope at Lee Man Road, Ap Lei Chau
60	Slope behind 65 to 147, Ap Lei Chau Main Street
61	Slope at Lee Chi Road, Ap Lei Chau
62	Slope at side of Hong Kong True Light College, Ap Lei Chau
63	Slope outside Tung Cheong House, Lei Tung Estate, Ap Lei Chau
64	Slope outside Ap Lei Chau Estate
65	Ap Lei Chau Praya Road
66	San Wai Village, Wong Chuk Hang
67	Kau Wai Village, Wong Chuk Hang
68	Shipyards area, Shum Wan Road, Wong Chuk Hang
69	Both sides of Nam Fung Road (near Wong Chuk Hang Hospital), Wong Chuk Hang
70	Slope at Nam Fung Road, Wong Chuk Hang
71	Slope at side of Shum Wan Road, Wong Chuk Hang

72	Slope and vacant land at side of Tai Wong Ye Temple, Heung Yip Road, Wong Chuk Hang
73	Slope and vacant land at Welfare Road, Wong Chuk Hang
74	Seaview Promenade
75	Slope at Deep Water Bay Road
76	Car park opposite to a barbecue site at Deep Water Bay
77	Slope at sides of Repulse Bay Road and South Bay Road
78	Slope and rocky beach at Chung Hom Kok
79	Stanley Main Street and its vicinity
80	Slope at 18 Stanley Village Road
81	Tai Tam Tuk Village
82	Hok Tsui Village
83	Tung Ah Pui Village
84	Ngan Hang Village
85	To Tei Wan Village
86	Lan Nai Wan Village
87	Tai Long Wan Village
88	Shek O Village

**“Grey areas” of prime concern in the district**

No.	Location
1	Slope at Wong Ma Kok Road, opposite to St. Stephen’s Bathing Beach
2	Slope at sides of Tai Tam Tuk Village and hill slope along Big Wave Bay Road
3	Hill slope along Pak Pat Shan Road, Tai Tam and slope beside No. 8 Pak Pat Shan Road
4	Slope between No. 23 to 37 Mount Davis Road
5	Slope behind Sandy Bay Road connecting to Sandy Bay Pumping Station and Victoria Road
6	Slope at Bisney Road connecting to Pokfulam Road
7	Slope next to roundabout at the junction of Mount Davis Road and Victoria Road
8	Slope behind the Temporary Refuse Collection Point (TRCP) opposite to Pok Fu Lam Village
9	Slope at side of No. 46 Island Road
10	Slope at Kau Wai Village at side of lamp post nos. EP 5914 and 46207
11	Slope next to footpath behind Chi Fu Fa Yuen Block 14
12	Slope next to footpath connecting No. 1 Mount Davis Road and Victoria Road (near the TRCP at Lai Kam Kee Masonry)
13	Slope behind TRCP opposite to No. 33 Sassoon Road
14	Slope behind TRCP opposite to No. 18-21 Bisney Road
15	Slope behind TRCP at junction of Victoria Road and Bisney Road
16	Slope inside Tai Hau Wan Village
17	Slope next to footpath at Yuk Kwai Shan
18	Slope at Ap Lei Chau Bridge Road behind Sunny Court at No. 77-79 Main Street, Ap Lei Chau
19	Slope next to footpath at Warehouse Teenage Club
20	Slope at side of bus stop at No. 45 Repulse Bay Road

21	Slope behind the ISF Academy, Kong Sin Wan Road
22	Rocky beach in Stanley Main Beach and Hong Kong Sea School
23	Beaches at Pak Kan Village, Stanley
24	Shek O Rocky Beach and beaches at Eastern Coast of Shek O Headland
25	Rocky seawall at Stanley Main Street
26	Beaches at Waterfall Bay and adjoining areas
27	Beaches at Sandy Bay and adjoining areas
28	Breakwaters at Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter and adjoining areas
29	Rocky seawall facing the Drainage Services Department's treatment plant in Shek O and nullah at Shek O Village
30	Seashore at Tai Tam Tuk Village
31	Hairpin Beach, Lan Nai Wan, Turtle Cove Beach and To Tei Wan
32	Seashore of Tung Ah Village
33	Lap Sap Wan at Cape D'Aguilar
34	Sha Shek Tan at Chung Hom Kok and rocky beach near Pacific View at Tai Tam Road
35	Beaches at North-west Coast of Stanley Bay and St. Stephen's Beach
36	Ungazetted beach/coastal area near Big Wave Bay Beach
37	Shore off at Aberdeen Promenade and Ap Lei Chau Praya Road
38	Shore off next to Cyberport Sewage Treatment Plant and shore off at Cyberport Road opposite to Bel Air Peak Rise
39	Amenity plot at junction of Stanley Gap Road and Stanley Village Road
40	Amenity plots at Stanley Beach Road and Stanley Mount Road
41	Planters at Wong Ma Kok Path and Wong Ma Kok Road
42	Amenity plot at Stanley Link Road
43	Amenity plots at Tai Tam Reservoir Road, and junction of Shek O Road and Big Wave Bay
44	Nullah at Wong Chuk Hang (near the underside of the Ap Lei Chau Bridge)



**Annex III****Locations with frequent littering and  
other cleanliness offences in the district**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Location</b>
1	Wu Pak Street
2	Wu Nam Street
3	Tung Sing Road
4	No. 28-118 Aberdeen Main Road
5	Ap Lei Chau Praya Road
6	Yip Kan Street
7	Yip Fat Street
8	Junction of Lee Nam Road and Lee Lok Street
9	Outside Tin Wan Market
10	Old Main Street, Aberdeen
11	Sai On Street
12	Tsung Man Street
13	Chengtu Road
14	Lok Yeung Street
15	Staircase connecting Block 14, Chi Fu Fa Yuen and Pok Fu Lam Village
16	Yue Kwong Road (between Warehouse Teenage Club and Yue Fai Court)
17	Pavement between Aberdeen Baptist Church Pak Kwong Kindergarten and Pui Tak Canossian College, Aberdeen Reservoir Road
18	Heung Yip Path
19	Under the flyover near Chi Fu Road, Pok Fu Lam Road (Pok Fu Lam Village)
20	Main Street, Ap Lei Chau
21	Shum Wan Road near Po Chong Wan

**Annex IV****Contact list of departmental staff in the district**

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Senior Health Inspector (Environmental Hygiene) (Southern)2	Mr NG Chi-ho	2903 0421
Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing/Pest Control) (Southern)	Ms Li Lai-ha, Liz	2903 0402
Senior Health Inspector (Market Management) (Southern)	Mr CHAN Wai-kin	2903 0490
Senior Health Inspector (Hawker) (Southern)	Ms WONG King-yee	2903 0460