

Information Paper

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Yau Tsim and Mong Kok Districts 2025 Year-end Clean-up

Purpose

This paper sets out the detailed arrangements for the 2025 Year-end Clean-up in the district.

Background

2. In anticipation of the advent of the “Year of the Snake”, 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 and the Government Programme on Tackling Hygiene Black Spots, the 21-day event is divided into three phases as follows –

(a) Phase I (from 6 to 12 January 2025)

It involves the cleansing of public markets, cooked food centres, hawker bazaars and the relevant Hygiene Black Spots. These venues in the district will be thoroughly cleaned and 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 13 to 19 January 2025)

The district will be divided into 20 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, road works sites and the relevant Hygiene Black Spots.

(c) Phase III (from 20 to 26 January 2025)

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 illegal refuse deposit black spots, including clearance of litters at backlanes, roadside verges and lawns;
 - (e) step up the cleansing and enforcement operations of the relevant Hygiene Black Spots.
 - (f) remind operators of food establishments about the importance of good hygiene standard and step up enforcement actions; and
 - (g) 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 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 in the districts.

Participation by District Council Members

8. We sincerely invite members of the District Council to join us in inspecting our cleansing operations and assess the results. Yau Tsim and Mong Kok District Environmental Hygiene Superintendents will work out the necessary inspection arrangement with the District Council Secretariat.

Yau Tsim and Mong Kok District Environmental Hygiene Offices
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
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Targets of the Year-end Clean-up

The Yau Tsim and Mong Kok District Environmental Hygiene Offices of FEHD undertake that during the Year-end Clean-up period, we will do our utmost to step up inspections aiming at illegal refuse deposit black spots in the district and to see that the hygiene conditions are improved and the health of the public safeguarded.

- ◆ To inspect 58 hygiene black spots, the common parts of 302 tenement buildings and 23 private housing estates; 5 cargo and passenger termini, 43 schools, 53 buildings, 4 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 4180 rat baits in public areas to vigorously eliminate rats, of which 970 rat baits in relation to 36 hygiene black spots.
- ◆ To step up inspections to 5 markets, 3 cooked food centres, 1 cooked food market, 2 cooked food hawker bazaars and 1 hawker bazaars and carry out stringent enforcement actions against irregularities such as dirty stalls, passage obstruction, exposure of open food; and to encourage stallholders to clean up their own stalls and to remove articles from the top of the stalls.
- ◆ To strengthen cleansing service, especially street washing, to 16 hawker permitted places/ fixed pitch areas/ hawker concentrated areas, of which 2 hawker permitted places/ fixed pitch areas/ hawker concentrated areas in relation to 2 hygiene black spots.
- ◆ To strengthen cleansing service for 19 public toilets, 3 public bathhouses and 20 refuse collection points, of which 1 refuse collection point in relation to 1 hygiene black spot. Attendant services will be provided when necessary.
- ◆ To provide intensive washing services to the illegal refuse deposit

black spots in 52 streets and 35 lanes, of which 4 streets and 17 lanes in relation to 21 hygiene black spots, and take action to remove articles causing obstruction. Roving cleansing teams will be deployed to clean up such black spots and tackle other environmental hygiene problems.

- ◆ To inspect the common parts of 288 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 20 refuse collection points, including the following 7 temporary junk 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.
 1. Pavement in front of 1221 Canton Road
 2. Pavement of Tak Cheong Street near Soy Street
 3. Pavement of Portland Street near Changsha Street
 4. Pavement at the junction of Lok Kwan Street and Wai On Street
 5. Pavement of Nullah Road near Prince Edward Road West
 6. Pavement of Sai Yee Street near Nelson Street
 7. Pavement of Hak Po Street near Pak Po Street
- ◆ 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 outside the shop for storage of food remnant. We will also take stringent enforcement actions against illegal use of public area by the food business operators.