



**LUSAKA CITY COUNCIL
WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT**



WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES IN PERI URBAN AREAS



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Introduction

The Waste Management Unit (WMU) of the Lusaka City Council is pleased to inform you that waste collection services shall be provided in the peri-urban areas as described in this brochure. Please read through carefully. Always remember that, cleanliness of the settlement starts with you and this calls for your personal action.

Institutional arrangement

Solid waste collection is the responsibility of the LCC-WMU but the WMU wants and needs to work together with stakeholders in order to provide an effective service. Within peri-urban areas, the WMU seeks therefore partnerships with community based organisations (CBO) and/or community based enterprises (CBE) The partner CBO or CBE will form a Waste Management Committee (WMC) which shall be responsible for the day-to-day management of the waste system in the peri-urban area. The Waste Management Committee members can be recognised by identification cards.

Waste Collection Systems



Different waste collection systems are applied within the peri-urban areas. In most areas waste is collected through large (15 m³) containers picked-up for emptying by the WMU. In other areas (e.g. Kaunda Square)

smaller containers have been placed which are emptied at the disposal site by a private waste management company. In both systems the households, business entities and institutions are required to bring their waste to the containers or the WMU shall organise a primary waste collection system.

In areas closer to the waste disposal site, waste can be collected by means of a tractor-trailer. Also in this system, the community organises the transfer of waste from the households to the tractor-trailer, which only passes through the main streets of the settlement.

Responsibilities of the WMU

The WMU is responsible for the secondary waste collection being the collection of waste from the containers, or from the main streets in case a tractor-trailer is used, and the subsequent transportation to the waste disposal site. The WMU can do this with own equipment or they can organise collection by contracting a private company. In the latter case the WMU is responsible for supervising the contractor.

The WMU is further responsible for the enforcement of waste management regulations in order to ensure that all waste generators participate in the waste management system, in other words that everybody uses the containers or tractor-trailer and pays for the services provided. For this purpose the WMU employs a number of waste management inspectors.

The WMU is, in case a private company has been contracted, also responsible for timely payment of that contractor.

Responsibilities of the Waste Management Committee

The committee members shall:

- in liaison with other community based organisations such as the Neighbourhood Health Committee (NHC) and/or the Residents Development Committee conduct community awareness and education programmes on solid waste management on a regular basis.

- at all times ensure that the settlement is clean and all waste generators are part of the solid waste management scheme.
- collect solid waste fees and ensure that (secondary) waste collection is paid for



The activities of the WMC are monitored by the WMU as well as by areas based organisations in case the WMC operates under such organisation. In several areas the WMC are monitored by the RDC in other areas by the NHC. The monitoring of the WMC ensures transparency and accountability.

Regulations

On basis of the Public Health Act, the Lusaka City Council obliged 'to take all lawful, necessary and reasonable practicable measures for maintaining its district at all times in a clean and sanitary condition'. Furthermore, the Local Government Act section 70(1)(b) empowers the Council to impose fees and charges for services, including waste collection services, provided within their area. On the basis of the above provisions LCC has established the new waste collection services as well as a fee for these services. Use of and payment for the services is therefore mandatory.

Finances

Sustainability of the solid waste management system depends on two cornerstones i) good management and

ii) financial viability. Bearing this in mind all waste generators are expected to pay for waste collection and disposal. In peri-urban areas the fees have been kept at the minimum of a few thousand Kwacha per household per month. Business houses, intuitions and markets have to pay considerably more but these entities generate far more waste than households.

The fees collected are used to pay for secondary waste collection the costs of which include expenditure on fuel and lubricants, wages, vehicle maintenance, insurance and general overhead. The fees shall also cover the operations of the WMC, including wages for sweepers, equipment for street cleaning and administration. Waste disposal as well as investments in waste collection equipment are covered by subsidies and are not included in the waste fees levied in peri-urban areas.

Success of the system depends on your payments for the waste collection service. Please pay your waste fees on time for a continued service whether the fees are collected weekly or monthly.

Waste Minimisation



Try to reduce your waste as much as possible through reuse and by separating waste from non-waste. Avoid collecting and disposing off soil, stones and garden waste. Soil and stones can be retained in the environment, garden waste can be used as compost

manure and you can generate some income by separating waste that can be resold.

Waste Recycling

Did you know that some of the waste could be used to make another product? Find ways in which you can create employment for yourself by engaging in recycling activities.

Waste disposal

In Lusaka City, the Chunga Site is the only licensed and designated site for waste disposal. At the site waste is compacted and covered with appropriate soil. This is the only site where burying of waste is allowed. Therefore burying or burning of waste at any other place, even on your own premises, is an offence.

Appeal

We appeal to all residents to comply with the solid waste system introduced for your benefit. Cleanliness starts with you at the household level, please contribute to the system by educating your family, relatives, friends and neighbours on the benefits of a clean environment. Be proud of where you stay Keep your settlement clean!

