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The municipal corporation in Ghaziabad has issued notices to several bulk waste generators who were found violating environmental norms. The concerned officers have given them a fortnight for compliance, failing to which they will have to pay a penalty of ₹1 Lakh.

According to sources, there are 600 bulk waste generators in the city out of which only 125 have complied with the regulations.

Solid Waste Management Rules 2016 (SWM) states that Bulk waste generators include buildings occupied by the central government, state governments departments and undertakings, local bodies and private facilities with an average waste generation of more than 100 Kg/day.

The city health officer, Mr. Mithilesh Kumar, said that the SWM rules require the waste generators to segregate dry and wet waste later convert the wet waste to manure. A survey was conducted, and it was found that many generators didn't comply with the norms. These waste generators will attract a fine of ₹ 1 Lakh for non-compliance.

Under the Swachh Bharat Mission, the centre is trying to find the answer regarding the segregation of waste from citizens about the problems they face during the segregation of garbage and recycling by the collection agency.

Mr. Kumar said "We have started taking up enforcement against the bulk waste generators. Initially, 87 notices have been sent, and more are in process. Even the government departments will be served such notices for compliance. The dry waste from bulk generators will be collected by the corporation or its authorised vendor on payment of user charges. The generators can get in touch with the corporation as we have empanelled several agencies which can provide inputs for setting up of plants,"

The officials said the violators include resident welfare associations (RWAs), hotels and commercial establishments. However, the RWAs have claimed that they are taking the help of the corporations for getting their waste processed.

