

Guideline of 2026 Recycling Competition of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Charter

1 The Competition

- 1.1 The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) launched the "Waste Reduction and Recycling Charter" (the Charter) for private residential premises (PRPs) in June 2024, to enhance residents' awareness and development of recycling habits. Participants under the Charter are committed to providing recycling facilities at convenient locations, for residents to recycle six types of recyclable materials, including paper, metal, plastic, glass containers, beverage cartons and food waste, and arranging for reliable recyclers to handle all types of recyclables properly.

2 Objective

- 2.1 This competition aims to recognise signees of the Charter with outstanding recycling performance and encourage the participants (including property management companies, owners' corporations and residents' organisations) to maintain their good efforts in further enhance their recycling facilities continuously with a view to better facilitating residents' participation in recycling.

3 Enrolment Method

- 3.1 All PRPs that have joined the Charter will be automatically enrolled in the competition if they meet the following requirements:
- Submit all quarterly recycling data for the entire competition period (i.e. 1st to 4th quarter of 2026) via the online platform, "Property Management Corner" (<https://pmc.epd.gov.hk>), on or before 31 January 2027; and
 - The quarterly returns must include the recycling figures of paper, metals and plastics (i.e. the 3 principal recyclables).
- 3.2 PRPs that sign the Charter during the competition period are also eligible to participate, but the recycling data prior to the signing month will not be counted in the competition assessment.

4 Competition Period

- 4.1 The competition period runs from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026.

5 Grouping

- 5.1 To ensure fairness, except for the "Charter Participation Award," participants of the competition will be categorized into three groups according to the total number of flat/household units reported in the

Charter's application form provided to the Environmental Protection Department (EPD). Participant will compete for the awards within their respective groups.

| Group | Number of Units |
|-------|---------------------------------|
| A | More than 1,000 units |
| B | 201–1,000 units |
| C | Less than or equal to 200 units |

6 Awards

6.1 The competition features various awards to recognise signees of the Charter for their outstanding overall recycling performance, as well as for exceptional performance in individual recyclables. In addition, there are dedicated awards to honour property management companies/organisations that demonstrate active support for the Charter.

| Awards | Basis of Selection | Number of Awards |
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| Gold Estate Award | Signee with the highest recycling performance score in each group | One in each group |
| Silver Estate Award | Signees with recycling performance score ranked in the 2 nd tier in each group | At least one in each group |
| Bronze Estate Award | Signees with recycling performance score ranked in the 3 rd tier in each group | At least one in each group |
| Individual Recycling Performance Award | Signees with the highest quantities of individual types of recyclables per household below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper; • Metals; • Plastics; • Glass Container; • Beverage Cartons; and • Food Waste | At least three in each group for each individual type of recyclable |
| Charter Participation Award | Property management companies/organisations with the highest number of PRPs joining the Charter | At least five |

7 Assessment

7.1 Gold, Silver and Bronze Estate Award

- The recycling performance of participating signees will be assessed based on the submitted quarterly recycling data under the Charter, taking into account the number of households of individual participating PRPs and the completeness of recyclable types covered.
- The overall recycling performance score (ranges from 0 to 100) is calculated based on the following criteria and weighting:

| Scoring Criteria | Description | Weight |
|---------------------|--|--------|
| Recycling Intensity | Total covered recyclables* collected per household during the competition period | 70% |

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| Recycling Completeness | Number of types of covered recyclable* reported with non-zero quantities during the competition period | 30% |
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*Including paper, metals, plastics, glass containers, beverage cartons, and food waste (if applicable)

7.2 Individual Recycling Performance Award

The top three participants in each group that collect the highest quantities of individual recyclables (including paper, metals, plastics, glass containers, beverage cartons and food waste) assessed on a per-household basis, will receive this award.

7.3 Charter Participation Award

The top five property management companies/organisations with the highest number of PRPs participating in the Charter by the end of the competition period will receive this award.

7.4 To ensure fairness and data accuracy of the competition, the EPD will conduct verification of recycling data submitted by the potential awardee, including but not limited to:

- Checking relevant supporting documents of the reported recycling data; and
- Conducting on-site inspections of the recycling facilities and their operations.

7.5 Participants shall, upon the EPD's request, submit the required supporting documents within the specified timeframe and facilitate on-site inspections conducted by the staff or representatives of the EPD.

7.6 The EPD reserves the right to make final decision on the assessment of the competition and may disqualify any participant or award eligibility without explanation.

8 **Announcement of Results**

8.1 Competition results will be announced in April 2027. All awardees and representatives of their property management companies/organisations will be invited to attend an award presentation ceremony to receive the awards.

8.2 The results will be announced on the Charter's website and the EPD's social media platform.

9 **Rules and Regulations**

9.1 The EPD reserves the right to amend, suspend or terminate the competition at any time. Should there be any changes, announcements will be made on the Charter's website.

9.2 The EPD reserves the right to change or revise the rules and conditions of the competition and the awards at any time without explanation or prior notice.

9.3 Participating PRPs must ensure that all quarterly recycling data submitted are true and accurate, and must retain the relevant documentary records for inspection by the EPD. If the relevant data cannot be verified, the EPD reserves the right to disqualify the participants' award eligibility.

10 Contact Us

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