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Segregation of waste at source must from June

TNN | Updated: May 15, 2017, 12.31 AM IST   Madurai: Come June, a new waste management system will come into force   in the city, making it mandatory for residents to segregate garbage at   source before it is collected by corporation workers.

The Madurai Corporation will start collecting waste material segregated into biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste from June 1.   The corporation will also collect a fee ranging between Rs 10 and Rs   30,000 per month from residents, shops and commercial establishments as   per the by-laws framed by the civic body under the Solid Waste   Management Rules, 2016.

Commissioner Sandeep Nanduri, while taking to reporters on the   sideline of Happy Street, said that they will start collecting segregated waste by June 1. Starting June 5, segregation at source will   become mandatory. "Waste will be collected only if it is segregated into   biodegradable and non-biodegradable material. There is nothing waste.   The biodegradable waste can be used for various purposes, including   production of biogas, electricity and fertilizers," he said.

The by-laws for waste segregation   framed before April were kept for public viewing for a week's time from   April 1. According to it, a fine will be imposed for not segregating wastes and also dumping waste in open areas, roadsides or

waterbodies.   The fine amount will range between Rs 100 and Rs 15, 000 according to   the nature of the waste and those found violating the rules.

Earlier, addressing people during the event, Sandeep Nanduri urged   them not to use plastic bags, which pollute the environment. He also   advised residents to use water judiciously. "At this time of water   crisis, the corporation with the help of the state government has been   taking all possible steps to maintain water supply. I want you to   conserve water and use it judiciously," he said.