

# Treasure Our City Keep Hong Kong Clean

Environmental hygiene and health are closely related. We all want to live in a clean, hygienic and safe environment. Hygiene in private and public places is equally important. Both the users and management of these areas are responsible for keeping the environment clean. Hong Kong is our home. We will all benefit by keeping our home city clean.

## **Ensure good ventilation.**

1. Keep windows open to maintain good indoor ventilation.
2. Wash dust filters of air-conditioners frequently and check for drips from air conditioners.
3. Create a smoke-free environment for work, rest and play.

## **Keep your home clean.**

1. Wipe furniture and household facilities with a diluted household bleach solution in the ratio of 1:99 (1 part of household bleach mixed with 99 parts of water) once a day. Then rinse with clean water and wipe dry. If any objects or facilities become soiled, they must be cleaned again. Bleach is a strong and effective disinfectant suitable for household use. It effectively kills bacteria, fungus and viruses. Household bleach is widely available at a low cost and it works quickly.
2. Keep floors/carpets clean. Vacuum-clean floors/carpets every day and wash/shampoo them regularly.
3. Make sure that common facilities such as staircases, lifts, lobbies, refuse collection chambers, canopies and ventilation fans are cleaned, disinfected and maintained regularly.

## **Pay attention to food hygiene.**

1. Keep the kitchen clean. Wash the exhaust fan and range hood regularly. Store eating utensils in a clean cupboard.
2. Store food in covered containers or the refrigerator. To avoid cross contamination, store cooked food in the upper compartment of the refrigerator and raw food in the lower compartment.
3. Prepare raw food and cooked food separately, using separate knives and chopping boards for each to avoid cross contamination.
4. Cook meat thoroughly before eating. A high temperature can kill germs.
5. Leftovers should be stored properly in refrigerators (4°C or below) and thoroughly reheated to 75°C or above before being served again.
6. Make sure the refrigerator is clean and works well. Clean it once a week.

## **Maintain proper functions of toilets, drains and pipes.**

1. Clean toilets daily with a diluted household bleach solution (1:99). At home, make sure there is liquid soap and a clean towel in the toilet to wash hands. For public toilets, liquid soap and disposable towels or hand driers should be made available.
2. Pour water into drain outlets regularly to prevent foul air and insects in the sewage pipe from entering the premises.
3. Make sure drains and pipes do not leak or aren't blocked. Do not alter them without prior authorisation.

## **Do not litter.**

1. Wrap up rubbish properly before putting it in a bin with a well-fitting lid. Empty the bin once a day.
2. Dispose of refuse such as paper, plastic bottles and cans separately into appropriate collection bins to ease environmental pollution.
3. Be considerate. Do not litter or spit. Put your litter in a rubbish bin.
4. Take your dog to dog parks regularly. Do not let it foul public places. Always clean up its mess and place in a dog excreta collection bin.
5. Wash hands after handling refuse.

**Prevent pest and rodent infestation.**

1. To prevent mosquito breeding:
  - Change water for flowers and plants at least once a week, and do not leave water in trays or plates underneath the flowerpots.
  - Fill up uneven ground surfaces to prevent accumulation of stagnant water.
2. Spray insecticides into drain outlets of sewage pipes to prevent pest and ant breeding.
3. For proper use and storage of insecticides, follow the instructions on the package to avoid excessive inhalation of chemicals and prevent environmental pollution. Wash your hands and face after use.
4. Trim shrubs and keep flowerbeds clean and tidy to prevent rodent infestation.
5. Clear up refuse or disused articles at home or in common areas of buildings.
6. Report rubbish black spots and stagnant water at construction sites by calling the telephone hotline: 2868 0000.

Let's join hands to create a healthy and hygienic environment in Hong Kong!

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