

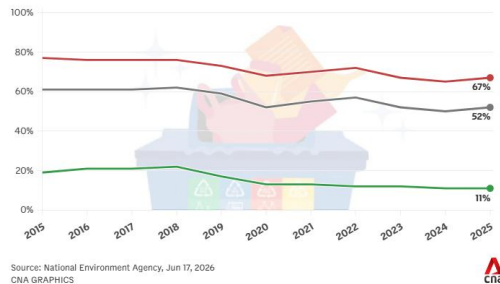
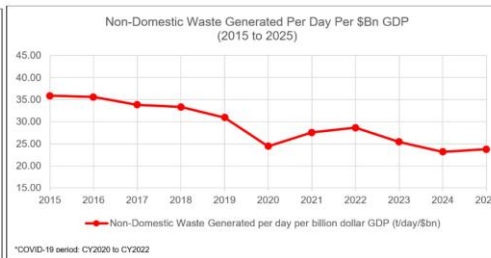
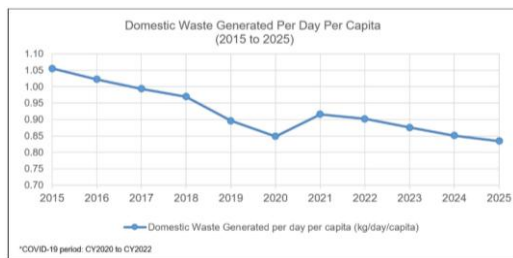


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Singapore's Waste Generation

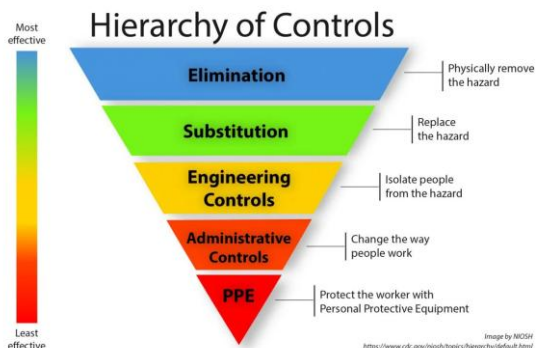
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Key Messages

The Safety Hierarchy of Controls can be equally adopted to waste management in our domestic activities and business operations as shown below.



"Bring Your Own" BYO container

Substitute Styrofoam with paper-based disposables

Incinerate the wastes to reduce the volume that needs to be landfilled through proper disposal
Educate others on responsible care of waste management e.g. eliminate the need to takeaway
Use liners to contain wastes to prevent leaching into the soil during landfill

Let's make a personal commitment to change the way we live and work to help Singapore and our future generation!



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

On 17 June 2026, National Environmental Agency (NEA) announced on their website ([LINK](#)) that 21% less domestic waste generated per capita and more than 30% drop in non-domestic waste generated per billion-dollar GDP in 2025 compared to 2015. The domestic recycling rate remained at 11 per cent while the non-domestic recycling rate increased slightly from 65 per cent to 67 per cent

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In view of the decline in overall recycling rates, NEA will review the country's Zero Waste Masterplan to boost recycling rates to extend the lifespan of Semakau Landfill beyond 2035. The efforts needed to achieve these falls on the public, organizations and the government. This is a call to action for all of us!