



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BULACAN

January 12, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. *24* s. 2026

OBSERVANCE OF THE ZERO WASTE MONTH FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026


To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chief Education Program Supervisors of CID and SGOD
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads and Administrators
Division Youth Formation Coordinators
Supreme Secondary Learner Government Advisers
All Others Concerned

1. In line with Presidential Proclamation No. 760, s. 2014 declaring every month of January as "Zero Waste Month" that compliments Republic Act 9003, otherwise known as the "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000", the Schools Division of Bulacan strongly supports the promotion of environmental awareness and protection, and ecological solid waste management programs.
2. In observance of the National Zero Waste Month, all public and private elementary and secondary schools in this Division are instructed to conduct, but not limited to, the following activities:
 - 2.1. school-based and/or community clean-up drives;
 - 2.2. practice and application of solid waste management principles such as reduction, recycling and reuse, waste segregation, and resource conservation and recovery;
 - 2.3. promote avoidance of single-use disposable products and packaging materials;
 - 2.4. establish aerobic or anaerobic sytem for processing biodegradable wastes;
 - 2.5 designate an area for Material Recovery Facility; and
 - 2.6. conduct zero waste advocacy campaigns within the school premises and nearby communities.
3. All public and private elementary and secondary schools in this Division are also instructed to prepare Activity Completion Reports related to the observance of the National Zero Waste Month, and to post activity pictures on their respective DepEd Tayo Facebook Pages.



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4. For inquiries and clarifications, please contact the Division Youth Formation Coordinators through email at **bulacan.sgodyfp@deped.gov.ph**.
5. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 760

DECLARING EVERY MONTH OF JANUARY AS "ZERO WASTE MONTH"

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9003, or the "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000," promotes environmental awareness and action among the citizenry and institutionalizes public participation in the development of national and local integrated, comprehensive and ecological waste management programs;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above policy, "zero waste" is an advocacy that promotes designing and managing products and processes to systematically avoid and eliminate the volume and toxicity of waste and materials, and to conserve and recover all resources, and not indiscriminately dispose or burn them; and

WHEREAS, "zero waste" is a goal that is ethical, economical, efficient and visionary to guide people in changing their lifestyles and practices to emulate sustainable natural cycles, where all discarded materials are designed to become resources for others to use.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO, III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare every month of January as "Zero Waste Month." All heads of departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the national government, including Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations, Local Government Units, and other sectors are hereby encouraged to extend their support and participate in the programs and activities to be held for this purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 5th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fourteen.

By the President:


RAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary



THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

REPUBLIC ACT 9003 January 26, 2001

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, CREATING THE NECESSARY INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS AND INCENTIVES, DECLARING CERTAIN ACTS PROHIBITED AND PROVIDING PENALTIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representative of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

**CHAPTER I
BASIC POLICIES**

**Article 1
General Provisions**

Section 10. *Role of LGUs in Solid Waste Management* - Pursuant to the relevant provisions of R.A. No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local government code, the LGUs shall be primarily responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this Act within their respective jurisdictions.

Segregation and collection of solid waste shall be conducted at the barangay level specifically for biodegradable, compostable and reusable wastes: *Provided*, That the collection of non-recyclable materials and special wastes shall be the responsibility of the municipality or city.

Section 16. *Local Government Solid Waste Management Plans* - The province, city or municipality, through its local solid waste management boards, shall prepare its respective 10-year solid waste management plans consistent with the national solid waste management framework: *Provided*, That the waste management plan shall be for the re-use, recycling and composting of wastes generated in their respective jurisdictions: *Provided, further*, That the solid waste management plan of the LGU shall ensure the efficient management of solid waste generated within its jurisdiction. The plan shall place primary emphasis on implementation of all feasible re-use, recycling, and composting programs while identifying the amount of landfill and transformation capacity that will be needed for solid waste which cannot be re-used, recycled, or composted. The plan shall contain all the components provided in Sec. 17 of this Act and a timetable for the implementation of the solid waste management program in accordance with the National Framework and pursuant to the provisions of this Act: *Provided, finally*, That it shall be reviewed and updated every year by the provincial, city or municipal solid waste management board.

For LGUs which have considered solid waste management alternatives to comply with Sec. 37 of this Act, but are unable to utilize such alternatives, a