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Stricter measures in COVID-19 waste handling eyed

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MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is pushing for stricter measures in the collection and management of solid waste from quarantine and health-care facilities nationwide, amid the continuous spread of the new coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

In a letter to Interior Secretary Eduardo Año, Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu endorsed the adoption of a color-coding scheme to segregate trash, as well as the implementation of disinfecting procedures for garbage trucks.

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DENR recommended that green garbage bags be used for biodegradable wastes; black for nonbiodegradable or residual waste and yellow for medical and other health-care waste.

Medical wastes, including used personal protective equipment, should be placed in proper storage areas designated for that purpose prior to collection from the quarantine or health-care facilities.

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