

# Solid Waste Management Rules 2026 Timelines Tracker

The table below captures select statutory deadlines and reporting timelines prescribed under the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026. These dates apply only to instances in which the Rules explicitly stipulate time-bound obligations tied to identifiable authorities and measurable actions.

However, the Rules impose a far wider set of continuing responsibilities across Ministries, State Governments, Urban and Rural Local Bodies, regulatory authorities, and obligated entities. Many duties are ongoing and relate to enforcement, monitoring, audits, coordination, and compliance, and do not lend themselves to a fixed calendar date. Accordingly, this annexure should be read as a navigational aid to the compliance schedule, not as an exhaustive account of the institutional responsibilities embedded within the 2026 framework.

<b>Back-end and Implementation Deadlines</b>			
<b>Who</b>	<b>Reference Clause</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>
<b>Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)</b>	38 (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constitute the Central Implementation Committee</li> </ul>	Upon commencement of the Rules
<b>Department of</b>	26 (1) (i) (ii) (iii) and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop/update standards for the preparation of organic</li> </ul>	By 30 June 2026

<b>Agriculture and Farmers Welfare</b>	(iv)	manure from wet waste; the use of organic manure from composting, biogas, or biomethanation facilities; guidelines for the application ratios of organic manure vis-à-vis chemical fertilisers on agricultural land and guidelines for quality checks of organic manure from composting, biogas, or biomethanation facilities	
<b>Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)</b>	16 (1) and 38.1 (x) and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operationalise the centralised registration &amp; reporting portal <i>Reference</i></li> <li>Prescribe a proforma for the Solid Waste Action Plan for Urban &amp; Rural Local Bodies</li> </ul>	By 30 September 2026
<b>Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)</b>	23 (v)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate formulation of State Policies and Strategies on Solid Waste Management in urban areas,</li> </ul>	By 30 September 2026, and every five years thereafter
<b>Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation</b>	24 (iii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that States and Union Territories prepare and upload state policies and strategies for solid waste management in rural areas</li> </ul>	By 30 September 2026
<b>UDD and DMA</b>	35 (2) (xii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure master plans incorporate provisions for SWM processing and disposal facilities, and upload master plans</li> </ul>	By 30 September 2026
<b>Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare</b>	26 (vi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set up laboratories or empanel third parties in all districts for testing organic manure quality.</li> </ul>	By 30 September 2026
<b>Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)</b>	38 (12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prescribe environmental norms for Waste-to-Energy and Compressed Biogas plants</li> </ul>	By 1 October 2026
<b>Urban &amp; Rural Local Bodies</b>	15 (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geographically map and assess all existing dumpsites and garbage vulnerable points.</li> </ul>	By 31 October 2026
<b>Urban local bodies</b>	39 (5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frame bye-laws incorporating provisions of the Rules</li> </ul>	By 31 March 2027

<b>Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)</b>	23 (iv)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop guidelines for solid waste management in urban areas.</li> </ul>	By 31 March 2027
<b>UDD and DMA</b>	35 (1) (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare State Policy &amp; Strategy on SWM (urban) in alignment with national SWM guidelines</li> </ul>	By April 2027 And update every five years
<b>Department of Rural Development and the Department of Panchayati Raj</b>	36 (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare State Policy &amp; Strategy on Rural Solid Waste Management, in alignment with national guidelines,</li> </ul>	By April 2027 And update every five years
<b>Local bodies in rural areas</b>	40 (2)(iii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish IT-enabled monitoring systems, including GPS tracking and mapping of SWM infrastructure,</li> </ul>	By April 2027
<b>Urban local bodies</b>	39 (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare and submit a Solid Waste Action Plan in the CPCB-prescribed format, aligned with the State SWM Policy.</li> </ul>	Within one year from the date of notification of the State Policy and Strategy.
<b>Local bodies in rural areas</b>	40 (2) (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare a Solid Waste Action Plan in the prescribed format, aligned with the State SWM Policy, within one year of notification of the State Policy.</li> </ul>	Within one year from the date of notification of the State Policy and Strategy.
<b>UDD/DMA/Department of Rural Development</b>	35 (2) (viii) 36 (3) (viii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure all Local Bodies are on board the centralised SWM portal (covering infrastructure and operations)</li> </ul>	By 30 June 2027
<b>Urban and rural local bodies</b>	39(35) 40 (2) (xv)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a grievance redressal mechanism for solid waste management, including an online mode.</li> </ul>	By 30 June 2027

<b>District Magistrate or District Collector or Deputy Commissioner</b>	37 (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>facilitate identification and allocation of suitable land for setting up solid waste processing and disposal facilities to local authorities in his district in close coordination with the State Urban Development Department or the State Rural Development Department</li> </ul>	By 30 June every year, starting 30 June 2027
<b>State Pollution Control Board or the Pollution Control Committee</b>	41 (1) (xiv)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shall issue authorisation and register waste processing or recycling and disposal facilities through a centralised online portal, and the district-wise, local authority-wise information shall be made available on the centralised online portal</li> </ul>	By 30 June every year, starting 30 June 2027
<b>Urban local bodies</b>	39 (43)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish Material Recovery Facilities based on the quantum of waste generation, either on its own or in a Public-Private Partnership mode for million-plus cities</li> </ul>	By Sept 2027
<b>Local bodies in rural area</b>	40 (2) (vii); 40 (2) (vi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish Material Recovery Facilities or secondary storage facilities with sufficient space for storing recyclables and to enable the collection of sorted recyclables from material recovery facilities to authorised recyclers</li> <li>Set up gram panchayat-wise or zone-wise centralised composting units, through community participation. Segregated wet waste from individual communities or units should be collected and disposed of in these decentralised composting units (in areas having a population of 20,000 and above)</li> </ul>	By Sept 2027
<b>Urban local bodies</b>	39 (43)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish Material Recovery Facilities based on the quantum of waste generation, either on its own or in a Public-Private Partnership mode, for a 5-10 lakh population</li> </ul>	By April 2028
<b>Local bodies in rural area</b>	40 (2) (vii); 40 (2) (vi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish Material Recovery Facilities or secondary storage facilities with sufficient space for storing recyclables and to enable the collection of sorted recyclables from material</li> </ul>	By April 2028

		<p>recovery facilities to authorised recyclers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set up gram panchayat-wise or zone-wise centralised composting units, through community participation. Segregated wet waste from individual communities or units should be collected and disposed of in these decentralised composting units</li> </ul> <p>(in areas having a population of 10,000 to 20,000)</p>	
<b>Urban local bodies</b>	39 (43)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish Material Recovery Facilities based on the quantum of waste generation, either on its own or in a Public-Private Partnership mode or all other urban areas</li> </ul>	By April 2029
<b>Local bodies in rural area</b>	40 (2) (vii); 40 (2) (vi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish Material Recovery Facilities or secondary storage facilities with sufficient space for storing recyclables and to enable the collection of sorted recyclables from material recovery facilities to authorised recyclers</li> <li>Set up gram panchayat-wise or zone-wise centralised composting units, through community participation. Segregated wet waste from individual communities or units should be collected and disposed of in these decentralised composting units</li> </ul> <p>(in areas having a population of up to 10,000)</p>	By April 2029
<b>Urban local bodies</b>	39 (26)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban Local bodies shall submit an application for renewal of authorisation to the concerned State Pollution Control Board</li> </ul>	60 days before the expiry of the validity of the authorisation.
<b>State Pollution Control Board or Pollution Control Committee</b>	41 (1) (v)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>issue authorisation within sixty days in Form II to the local body or an operator of a facility or any other agency authorised by the local body, stipulating compliance criteria and environmental standards as specified in Schedules II and III, including other conditions, as may be necessary;</li> </ul>	within sixty days

## Reporting Deadlines

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<b>Urban local bodies</b>	39 (40)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban Local Bodies shall report on solid waste generation and collection on a monthly basis through a centralised online portal developed by the Central Pollution Control Board.</li> </ul>	Monthly (from October 2026 onwards)
<b>Operator of Material Recovery Facility (ULB or authorised concessionaire)</b>	39 (44)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All such Material Recovery Facilities shall, on the centralised online portal, reflect the waste received, the availability of segregated waste for transportation to recyclers or end-of-life disposal entities, including incinerators and sanitary landfill sites, on a monthly basis.</li> </ul>	Monthly (from October 2026 onwards)
<b>Urban local bodies</b>	39 (38) (v)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake an audit, on an annual basis, of the actual waste generated by different types of bulk waste generators. The details of the actual waste generated as against norms fixed by the Central Pollution Control Board shall be submitted to the State Pollution Control Board</li> </ul>	Annually
<b>Local bodies in rural area</b>	40 (2) (viii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All material recovery facilities shall reflect the waste received, availability and transportation of segregated waste to recyclers or end-of-life disposal entities, including incinerators or cement kilns, on the centralised online portal</li> </ul>	Quarterly basis
<b>State Pollution Control Board/ Pollution Control Committee</b>	41 (1) xix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compile and forward the quarterly reports submitted by entities involved in the recycling of solid waste to the Central Pollution Control Board and publish online.</li> </ul>	Quarterly basis

<b>Urban local bodies</b>	39 (20)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Urban Local bodies shall prepare an inventory of all registered biomethanation plants and waste-to-energy plants, sanitary landfills, and solid waste processing facilities within their jurisdictions and upload on the centralised online portal within a period of one year from the date of notification of these rules in the Official Gazette</li> </ul>	Updated Annually from 31st March 2027
<b>Urban local bodies</b>	39 (33), 39 (39), 39 (53)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban Local bodies shall prohibit mixing road-sweeping dust with wet waste. The road-sweeping dust collected and deposited at the landfill shall be reported by the landfill operator through the centralised online portal.</li> <li>Urban Local bodies shall undertake and report, on the online portal, the generation of solid waste in each ward in urban or rural areas on an annual basis, based on the average waste generation by different establishments.</li> <li>Upload ward-wise database of SWM personnel, including informal sector waste pickers/collectors involved in collection, segregation, sorting, transportation, processing, recycling or disposal activities on a centralised online portal</li> </ul>	Updated Annually from 31st March 2027
<b>Waste processing unit operator and landfill operator.</b>	39 (50)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The tipping fee paid shall be reported</li> </ul>	Updated Annually from 31st March 2027
<b>Gram Panchayat</b>	40 (3) (iv)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit data to the District Panchayat on solid waste management for filing of the annual report under the rules.</li> </ul>	Annually
<b>Urban local bodies</b>	39 (36)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update the list of identified and geo-tagged bulk waste generators on the centralised online portal</li> </ul>	By 1st April every year, starting April 2027
<b>Urban local bodies</b>	39 (10); 30 (14)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake an assessment of solid waste generated, including legacy solid waste, in a year and develop a projection of the quantity of waste to be generated</li> </ul>	By 30 June 2027

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Management and maintenance of facilities, equipment and infrastructure for the collection, storage, transportation and treatment of solid waste shall be reported</li> </ul>	
<b>Local bodies in rural areas</b>	40 (20) (v)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess the solid waste management infrastructure available for collection, segregation and processing and report on their websites</li> </ul>	By 30 June 2027
<b>Urban local bodies</b>	39 (11), 39 (21), 39 (22), 39 (27), 39 (28), 39 (29), 39 (30), 39 (31), 39 (35), 39 (43)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess the solid waste management infrastructure available for collection, segregation, transportation, processing, and disposal</li> <li>Upload details of secondary storage facilities and disposal of street sweepings/silt on the centralised online portal.</li> <li>Upload and update details of horticulture/park/garden waste collection and processing</li> <li>File annual returns regarding worker education and compliance in waste collection and transportation (as per the annual return cycle)</li> <li>All Urban Local bodies shall prepare and submit annual report in Form IV on the centralised online portal with copy endorsed to State Urban Development Department or rural development department and to the respective State Pollution Control Board or Pollution Control Committee inter alia covering, - (i) solid waste generated in a year, including legacy solid waste; (ii) solid waste management infrastructure available for collection, segregation, processing; (iii) projection of solid waste to be generated; (iv) status on framing and implementation of byelaws (v) management of waste by bulk waste generators in a centralised or decentralised manner. (on or before the 30th June of the succeeding year</li> <li>File annual returns regarding the provision and use of PPE (as per the annual return cycle)</li> <li>File annual returns regarding the incorporation of SWM provisions in building plan approvals (as per the annual</li> </ul>	By 30 June every year starting from 2027

		<p>return cycle)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File annual returns regarding the levy of spot fines and enforcement actions(as per the annual return cycle)</li> <li>• File annual returns on the status of grievances on the centralised online portal</li> <li>• Upload and update details of Material Recovery Facilities on the centralised online portal</li> </ul>	
<b>Department of Fertiliser, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers.</b>	25 (iv)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report the annual offtake of organic manure on the centralised portal</li> </ul>	By 30 June every year, starting from 2027
<b>Local bodies in rural areas</b>	40 (2) (vii) 40 (2) (iv) , 40 (2) (ix) ; 40 (2) (xv)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upload and update details of Material Recovery Facilities on the centralised online portal</li> <li>• File annual returns to the State Pollution Control Board or Pollution Control Committee on the centralised online portal regarding solid waste management infrastructure, facilities, or units under its jurisdiction</li> <li>• Management and maintenance of facilities, equipment and infrastructure for collection, storage, transportation and treatment of solid waste shall be reported on the centralised online portal in respect of all district-level Panchayati Raj Institutions</li> <li>• Prepare and submit an annual report in Form IV on the centralised online portal, with a copy endorsed to the State Rural Development Department and to the respective State Pollution Control Board or Pollution Control Committee;</li> </ul>	By 30 June every year, starting from 2027
<b>State Pollution Control Board or the Pollution Control Committee</b>	41 (13)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare an inventory of all registered biomethanation plants and waste-to-energy plants, sanitary landfills, solid waste processing facilities, and upload to the centralised online portal</li> </ul>	By 30th June every year

<b>State Pollution Control Board or the Pollution Control Committee</b>	41(5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By itself or through a Registered Environment Auditor engaged by it, undertake an audit of solid waste processing facilities authorised under the rules.</li> </ul>	By 30th September every year
<b>Central Pollution Control Board.</b>	38 (vi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare an annual report on the implementation of these rules on the basis of reports received from State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees</li> </ul>	By 30 Sept every year
<b>State Pollution Control Board or the Pollution Control Committee</b>	41 (1) (xxi) 41 (1) xxii	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor all solid waste processing and treatment facilities for compliance with emissions and discharge norms, and have them audited annually.</li> </ul>	Annually
<b>State Pollution Control Board or the Pollution Control Committee</b>	15 (6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publish the audit reports of solid waste processing facilities on a centralised online portal.</li> </ul>	By 31st December every year
<b>State Pollution Control Board, the Pollution Control Committee, or a registered environmental auditor</b>	15 (10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake an audit on the operation of the sanitary landfill for environmentally sound disposal of non-recyclable and non-energy recoverable dry waste and inerts as per guidelines prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board.</li> </ul>	The audit report for a particular financial year shall be uploaded by 31st December of the next financial year.

**Note on Reporting Timelines:**

- Where monthly reports are specified, it will mean after the centralised portal is operational
- Unless otherwise specified, references to “30 June of the succeeding financial year,” “30 June of the next financial year,” or “30 June of the following financial year” align with India’s April–March financial cycle. If the Rules commence in April 2026 (FY 2026–27), the first annual reporting deadline for that financial year will fall on 30 June 2027. Similarly, audit reports due by “31 December of the next financial year” for FY 2026–27 would be due by 31 December 2027. Monthly and quarterly obligations begin from the commencement year and continue thereafter.

## Review Deadlines

<b>UDD/DMA</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage with District Magistrates along with Municipal Commissioners or Chief Executive Officers of each Urban Local Body to organize one week campaign to review the status and operational conditions of solid waste management infrastructure facilities, as well as activities in all the urban areas in</li> </ul>	The fourth week of June each year.
<b>Department of Rural Development</b>	36.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organise a one-week campaign to review the status and operational conditions of solid waste management infrastructure facilities, as well as activities in all the rural areas in</li> </ul>	The fourth week of June each year.
<b>District Magistrate or District Collector or Deputy Commissioner</b>	37 (ii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the performance of local bodies, at least once in a quarter, on waste segregation, collection, sorting, processing, treatment and disposal and take corrective measures in consultation</li> </ul>	At least once in a quarter
<b>Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)</b>	38 (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review proposals on new waste processing technologies and prescribe performance standards.</li> </ul>	Within 6 months of proposal submission
<b>Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)</b>	38 (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Central Implementation Committee meetings to submit report and recommendations to MoEF &amp;CC</li> </ul>	Once in six months
<b>Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)</b>	38 (iv)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review through State Pollution Control Boards or Pollution Control Committees, the implementation of prescribed environmental standards for solid waste processing facilities or treatment technologies and compile the data</li> </ul>	Once a year

		monitored by them;	
<b>Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation</b>	23 (i) 24 (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take periodic review of the measures taken by the States or Union territories and local bodies for improving solid waste management, as well as implementation of solid waste management projects funded by the Ministry and external agencies and advise on taking corrective measures;</li> </ul>	Once a year
<b>Urban local bodies</b>	39 (38) (v)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake an audit of the actual waste generated by different types of bulk waste generators on an annual basis,</li> </ul>	Periodic audit annually
<b>State Pollution Control Board or Pollution Control Committee</b>	41 (1) (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enforce these rules in their State and review the implementation of these rules in close coordination with the concerned Department dealing with Municipal Administration, or the local self government or the Secretary-in-charge of State Urban Development Department, as well as the Department of Rural Development or the Department dealing with solid waste management in rural areas;</li> </ul>	At least twice a year starting from 2028

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