



MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY

TO : **ALL DENR OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES
ALL BUREAUS AND ATTACHED AGENCIES**

SUBJECT : **OBSERVANCE OF A WASTE- FREE CHRISTMAS**

DATE : **DEC 0 9 2005**

Once again, the Christian world is celebrating the Christmas season with gift giving and parties. Naturally, much wastes will be generated from the food left-overs and gift wrappers. To avoid generating more wastes, hereunder are some tips:

1. Segregate your waste by providing three labeled bins/containers: one for biodegradable or compostable waste (Nabubulok), another for recyclable materials (Nareresiklo) and another for residual waste (latak). Household hazardous wastes like batteries, paints, thinners, etc. should be stored in a safe place.
2. Give your discarded food leftovers to the pets or give to feed collectors for pig slops or process your biodegradable wastes into compost by using clay pots or any available container and cover with soil every time you put your biodegradable waste. A compost pit or plot can also be used for composting, if there is available space.
3. Don't tear the gift wrappers, save it for the next season or set aside for recycling.
4. Sell your recyclable materials to junk dealers in your area or allow your waste handlers to benefit from it by not mixing it with biodegradable wastes.

Finally, come New Year, let's avoid aggravating air pollution by not burning tires or using firecrackers.

We, at the DENR family, should walk the talk. We should be the models on proper solid waste management not only during this season but as a way of life.


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