

Two vehicle owners fined for illegal disposal of construction waste using goods vehicles

The owners of two goods vehicles, which were involved in two illegal construction waste disposal activities, were convicted at Fanling Magistrates' Courts on February 26 and Kwun Tong Magistrates' Courts today (March 5) for contravening the Public Cleansing and Prevention of Nuisances Regulation and fined a total of \$6,000. In addition to the two convictions mentioned above, there are still eight similar cases being processed in court.

A spokesman for the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) said that to step up efforts to combat illegal construction waste disposal, round-the-clock surveillance camera systems have been installed at various construction waste fly-tipping black spots across Hong Kong to assist in evidence collection and improve the effectiveness of law enforcement. In September and November last year, the department's surveillance cameras on Chun Cheong Street in Tseung Kwan O and Sai Ching Street in Yuen Long captured construction waste, including crushed stone and bamboo sticks, being disposed of from the goods vehicles on the roadside or in public places in the evening, causing obstruction on the pavement and adversely affecting environmental hygiene. The department subsequently issued summonses to the two registered owners of the goods vehicles involved.

The EPD spokesperson reminded those from the renovation, construction and transport sectors that construction waste should be properly delivered to the Government's waste treatment facilities as required by the law. It is unlawful to dispose of waste in public places and on the roadside. According to the Public Cleansing and Prevention of Nuisances Regulation, it is an offense to dispose of waste on the streets or in public places from vehicles, including goods vehicles, private cars and motorcycles. The registered owner may be prosecuted. First-time offenders are liable to a maximum fine of \$25,000 and imprisonment for six months upon conviction.