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Garbage collection fees hiked to discourage 'theft' of rubbish

Bangkok residents will have to pay 10-times more for garbage-collection services at the end of this month.

"The ordinance on the new garbage-collection fee takes effect from now," Legal and Litigation Division director Suvit Silathong of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration said yesterday.

Under the new rule, the monthly fee jumps from Bt4 to Bt40 per household for garbage below 20 litres a month.

Suivit said households with a higher amount of garbage will have to pay an additional fee of Bt40 for every 20 litres or more of garbage. Those with garbage over 500 litres will be charged Bt2,000 a month.

"The more the garbage, the higher the fee is," he said.

Suivit said the BMA planned to give higher pay to garbage collectors and relevant officials in a bid to prevent them from reselling recyclable garbage for their own benefits. He said the collected garbage belonged to the BMA.

"Officials found reselling the garbage will face theft charges," he said. - *The Nation*.