

WEDDING HALLS

Wedding Halls are Bulk waste Generators under the Solid Waste Management Rules 2016, especially Rules 3 (8) and 4 (7), which apply to the whole of India.

These Rules require that **bio-degradable waste shall be processed, treated and disposed off through composting or bio-methanation within the premises as far as possible.** This includes *nirmalya*, offerings, *prasadam*, food waste and organics used for serving food.

Additionally, as per Plastic Management Rules 2016 and Government Order, the use of plastic carry bags, banners & buntings, flex, flags, plates, water pot, spoons, cling films, dining table sheets & items made up of thermocol etc. is banned.

Many wedding halls are making their precincts and surroundings plastic-free.

1. Segregation of waste is mandatory
2. Waste shall not be mixed, stored or disposed in plastic bags
3. The owners and the users of the hall are not permitted to use any of the items covered under the plastic ban, including plastic carry bags, polypropylene bags, plastic plates and cups, plastic spoons and straws, cling wrap and plastic sheets for spreading on the tables
4. Adequate number of bins appropriately colour coded for collection of dry waste, wet waste, and sanitary waste must be provided
5. The plate banks, depending on the size of the hall, must include adequate stock of steel, ceramic or melamine plates, spoons, and cups
6. Flex banners, flex boards and decorations with styrofoam are not allowed on the premises
7. Filters or steel tumblers are to replace commercial bottled water