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13 per cent households dispose waste in open space

Nearly 13 percent households in the capital directly disposes wastes in open space despite the expanding waste management systems of the capital that generates some 6110 tonnes of kitchen garbage everyday, reports BSS. "Waste collection capacity of both the north and south Dhaka city corporations has increased by 33 percent in last 10 years with 80 percent households are enjoying door-to-door van-led waste collection service" but at least 13 percent households still throw away their wastes in the open space, a BRAC University study said. It said the municipal authorities used to collect 1400 tonnes of waste in 2005 while the figure now stands at 4643 tonnes. Simultaneously, the study said, per capita waste generation also reduced in the past 10 years as it was calculated to be 0.41 in 2005 while the figure stood at 0.38 tonnes in 2015. BRAC University Research Associate Gubair Bin Arafat carried out the study while he revealed the findings at a seminar at Spectra Convention Centre. BRAC institute of Governance and development (BIGD) of BRAC University sponsored the research titled "Solid Waste Management in Dhaka City - towards decentralization governance" to identify solid waste management systems challenges and unfold disjoints among stakeholders. The study also found that 57 percent of the roads and open space of the capital are not cleaned daily and monthly payment for waste collection services vary across wards. The study suggested introduction of incentives to segregate organic and inorganic wastes at household levels as it found 27 percent of primary waste segregation under the traditional way. Executive chairman of PPRC Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman spoke as the chief guest while BIGD executive director Dr Sultan Hafeez Rahman was in the chair. Professor of civil engineering department of BUET Dr ABM Badruzzaman discussed on the report.