

Shanghai pushes new trash separation rules

<p>Notes & Cues:</p>	<p>Article:</p> <p>Household trash has occupied the minds of Shanghai residents this week: specifically, are the contents of their bins “wet”, “dry”, “hazardous” or “recyclable”?</p> <p>Residents of the city, one of the world’s biggest with about 23 million people, must arrange their trash according to those labels under a mandatory sorting scheme starting on July 1.</p> <p>Huang Rong, deputy secretary general of the Shanghai government, said on Friday more than 70% of residential districts should be compliant with the new trash sorting rules by next year.</p> <p>Shanghai aims to eventually burn or recycle all waste. By next year, dry waste incineration and wet waste treatment rates are expected to reach 27, 800 tonnes a day, around 80% of the city’s total garbage. The city will also restrict the amount of single-use plastic cutlery that food service companies give out, starting on Monday.</p> <p>Huang of the Shanghai government warned the new sorting measures were just the beginning, and would not instantly resolve Shanghai’s mounting garbage challenges. “We need to step up the construction of infrastructure and guarantee that the separation of trash meets our requirements, ” he said.</p>
<p>Summary:</p>	