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## Setting the Record Straight: Don't Be Misled by False Recycling Information

- MCEE strengthens promotion of the “Household Waste Separation Website” to correct false claims, including rumors of stricter recycling rules in October spread online
- Provides clear, easy-to-follow guidance on 730 types of everyday household waste

The Ministry of Climate, Energy and Environment (MCEE, Minister Kim Sunghwan) announced that it will strengthen publicity through the “Household Waste Separation Website (wasteguide.or.kr, 분리배출.kr)” to correct false information about household waste separation and disposal that has spread through online videos and other media.

Recently, some YouTubers who provide lifestyle information have uploaded videos with provocative claims, such as that the MCEE has strengthened household waste separation regulations starting in October this year, or that excessive fines are being imposed, but these claims are not true.

The MCEE provides general guidelines for waste separation to promote the efficient use of recyclable resources, and each local government (si, gun, or gu) operates related ordinances tailored to local conditions.

The MCEE has not revised the waste separation guidelines this year, nor has it requested local governments nationwide to strengthen enforcement or raised the standards for imposing fines.

To properly separate and dispose of household waste, it is advisable to

check information through the Household Waste Separation Website operated by the MCEE or directly contact your local government.

The Household Waste Separation Website provides clear and organized guidance on how to separate and dispose of 730 types of household waste generated in daily life, using visual materials such as photos and a “Frequently Asked Questions” section.

For example, in the “Clear PET Bottles” item under the Frequently Asked Questions section, the question “Do clear PET bottles need to be crushed and capped before disposal?” is answered by advising that, since they are bulky, it is recommended to crush them if possible and then close the cap before disposal.

In addition, when accessing the Household Waste Separation Website via smartphone, it provides information on local (si, gun, or gu) waste disposal methods and disposal locations in map form based on the user’s location information.

For example, if a resident of Sejong Special Self-Governing City searches for “receipt,” the site clearly displays the message “Please dispose of it in a standard waste bag,” along with descriptions\* and characteristics of similar items (such as delivery slips, lottery tickets, and bankbooks).

\* Thermal paper, such as receipts and lottery tickets, which display color by applying heat to chemically coated paper surfaces, should be disposed of in standard waste bags.

Kim Go-eung, Director General of the Resource Circulation Bureau at the MCEE, stated, “When incorrect or sensational information about waste separation spreads through online videos and other media, it undermines the effectiveness of related policies.” He added, “We will further strengthen promotion of the ‘Household Waste Separation Website,’ including distributing card news, to ensure that the household waste separation system is operated reasonably across local governments nationwide.”