

Special waste collection set for quarantined QC homes

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The Quezon City government has designated a special team that will handle the waste collected from homes quarantined due to the coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19).

Mayor Joy Belmonte said yesterday waste collection in the city would continue even with the enhanced community quarantine implemented in Luzon.

She said regular segregation schedules shall continue throughout the city, but resi-

dents are strongly encouraged to abide by the "no contact" and social distancing protocols during all waste collection activities.

A team of sanitation personnel was designated to collect waste from quarantined homes. They had undergone

training and were provided hazmat suits to ensure their protection.

The city also designated special trucks to collect waste solely from quarantined persons and households.

The special waste will be properly disposed of by the city's sanitation office.

Belmonte said all sanitation personnel and garbage collectors in charge of collecting all regular waste in the city were provided with facemasks.

The city government urged

residents to separate, sanitize and segregate their waste to prevent the spread of the disease.

"Residents are also reminded to sanitize their trash bags by spraying disinfecting products when available," said the city government.

"The practice of double-bagging, or enclosing the trash bag in another cleaner bag, is also suggested to avoid the potential spread of the virus, which may be hazardous to the general public," it added.