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STRICT MEASURE: The civic body will rope in the police to access CCTV footage to catch those who dump garbage on the roads

“Not all zones fine people with the same rigor. We found some zones giving us ‘nil’ report on fines collected for dumping of garbage and debris,” said a senior corporation official. The civic body so far this month has collected ₹4.29 lakh as fines from those dumping garbage and debris in the open. However, four zones - Manali, Madhavaram, Perungudi and Sholinganallur - have collected nothing. Some zones such as Teynampet have collected up to ₹35,900. Ambattur, where open dumping of garbage is spotted in various localities such as Maduravoyal, Mogappair East and West, has collected only ₹15,500. Officials said setting a target will boost the scope of enforcement in all zones and will make the city cleaner overall. “We have not decided on the target. We will calculate the monthly average and come up with an amount,” an official said.

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Chennai: The nauseating garbage heap right outside a popular corporation park along Pari Road at Mogappair East is a blot on its image. Passers-by and those living in the locality fail to hand over garbage to the door-to-door waste collectors in the morning and dump the same outside the park at their will. The mound of rotten vegetable and fruit waste, thermal and cardboard boxes and even used furniture raises a stink.



TRASH TROUBLE: Trash mound outside the corporation park along Pari Road at Mogappair East

An average of a thousand people frequent this park daily and the joggers say they are unable to breathe. The trash mound attracts cows and buffaloes to this park causing fear among the visitors. R Raman of Panner Nagar Welfare Association in Mogappair East said there are several dustbins in the neighbourhood. “In streets like EB Office Road, it is the corporation staff who dump in garbage and waste remains rotting. But here (outside the park), it is the locals and passers-by,” he said. The yoga and dance podium in the park are used by children every day while the 400-meter walking track is used by adults for running and walking. There are also swings, gym equipment and slides among other facilities. Ambattur zone corporation officials said the door-to-door collection was happening daily and people must at least keep garbage at doorsteps so that the staff can collect it. “We will team up with police and set up CCTV cameras for surveillance,” said a zonal official.

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