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**SEREMBAN:** The state government has written to the Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Ministry to ask for the implementation of solid waste separation, slated for Sept 1, to be postponed.

State Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Committee chairman Datuk Jalaluddin Alias said this was done to give the public more time to adapt to the new ruling.

"Menteri Besar (Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan) had asked the state secretariat to submit the letter after the exco meeting last week," he told a press conference here yesterday.

"However, we have yet to receive a response from the ministry," he said.

"We think it is unfair to impose a high penalty on the offenders without giving them adequate time to adjust."

Jalaluddin said solid waste separation would only be enforced in the state when the Solid Waste and Public Cleansing Management Corporation (SWCorp) and the state government could provide comprehensive facilities.

"We need to give more bins to domestic users to facilitate the garbage separation process."

It was announced that, from Sept 1, households in Putrajaya, Kuala

Lumpur, Pahang, Malacca, Negri Sembilan, Kedah and Perlis would be required to separate their rubbish.

Errant households will face a maximum compound of RM1,000 from Jan 1 next year.

Under the new system, rubbish will be collected separately; non-recyclable waste will be collected twice a week and recyclable items will be collected once a week.

Jalaluddin said SWM Environment Sdn Bhd had come out with a strategy to ensure smooth garbage collection during the Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration.

"We expect the amount of garbage to increase by 20 per cent during Hari Raya.

"The strategy is divided into three phases.

"The first phase started yesterday (Sunday) and will go on until Thursday.

"The focus is on 29 public markets, 46 hypermarkets, 81 hotspots, 28 apartments and 12 army camps.

"The second phase will be on the first and second days of Hari Raya, when the team will prioritise locations, such as tourism attractions, recreational areas and state government open houses," Jalaluddin said, adding that the third phase would be from July 19 to 25.