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Garbage clearing at night picks up in Madurai

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Garbage clearing at select public places in the city during night time has picked up, thanks to the efforts of the civic authorities who worked out a cleaning drive on a pilot basis by specially deputing 50 conservancy workers.

The Corporation's health wing supervises the night garbage clearing that was launched on October 19 last year. Sanitary inspectors have been advised to monitor the operation in their respective areas. On Monday night, Mayor V.V. Rajan Chellappa and Corporation Commissioner Kiran Gurralla visited Periyar bus stand to check garbage clearing.

The night garbage clearing is also carried out in other important places and areas thronged by tourists such as Nethaji Road, Town Hall Road, four Masi Streets, T.P.K. Road, West Veli Street and West Marret Street from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., according to officials. During his inspection, the Mayor

instructed shopkeepers in Periyar bus stand to keep dustbins in their shops. He said those who violated sanitation norms would be fined, and directed the Corporation staff to issue notices to shopkeepers whenever necessary.

The night garbage clearing was introduced following a discussion in the Corporation council meeting where a woman councillor suggested that if garbage was cleared at important places at night it would not affect traffic flow during daytime.

Other important places to be covered under the drive are Maattuthavani bus stand, Goripalayam and the areas surrounding Government Rajaji Hospital.

Approximately 600 tonnes of garbage is generated in all the 100 wards of the city every day, and the garbage collected is taken to the main dump at Vellaikal near Avaniapuram.