

The Lagos State Waste Management Authority (LAWMA) has arrested 11 persons for indiscriminate waste dumping in different parts of Lagos Island, and sealed premises identified for constant participation in illegal waste dumping in the Ago Palace Way.

According to the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Authority, Dr. Muiyiwa Gbadegesin, the operation formed a part of the renewed enforcement efforts, while highlighting that it represents “the Authority’s resolve to enforce existing waste management regulations and ensure compliance with approved waste disposal practices across Lagos.”

He shed more light on the operation, explaining that the operation at Ago Palace Way included plazas, hotels, lounges and warehouses along the corridor, adding that it combated activities leading to waste build-up and environmental nuisance on road and other unauthorised public spaces.

Meanwhile regarding the exercise on Lagos Island, The Managing Director explained that it was carried out across Tinubu, Apongbon, Oke-Arin and CMC areas, resulting in the arrest of 11 persons for unauthorised handling and illegal waste disposal.

He stressed the detrimental effect of illegal waste disposal on the environment stating that it was capable of limiting sanitation gains across Lagos.

He also encouraged residents, traders and businesses to put a stop to illegal waste dumping on unauthorised locations adding that people should take responsibility for waste generated by proper bagging and handing over to accredited Private Sector Participation (PSP) operators.

The Managing Director urged members of the public to report instances of waste management violations through LAWMA’s established channels, emphasizing that a cleaner Lagos demands the collective responsibility of government, residents as well as other stakeholders.