

FEEDING CHACMA BABOON IS ILLEGAL AND PUNISHABLE

Baboons are naturally drawn to areas where food sources are readily available. While indigenous plants like pincushions in gardens or homes may act as attractants, they are beneficial in promoting the propagation of our unique floral kingdom.

In contrast, human waste—particularly processed, high-calorie food—poses significant harm to the health of these animals and disrupts their natural behaviours. Moreover, feeding or allowing wild animals to access human waste is a contravention of the **Western Cape Animal Keeping By-laws, 2021**, and might result in fines of up to R 40.000-, or two years imprisonment.

SOLUTIONS

Secure your bin with a baboon-proof system (also DIY) Overflowing Bins, Even Baboon-Proofed Ones:

Happy Valley now collects recycling 3–5 times weekly to reduce waste buildup.

Food Waste from Eateries Sitting for Extended Periods:

A wet waste project has been introduced to manage and remove such waste efficiently.

Curbside Recycling Options:

Drop off recyclable materials at the City of Cape Town's "Drop and Go" Center behind Kelpak on your way out of Simon's Town. Open 7 days a week, with no need to leave your car.

Glass Recycling:

Glass banks are available at Cole Point, the Country Club, and Harbour Bay Mall.

Recycling Bins:

Harbour Bay Mall offers accessible recycling bins.

Wet Waste Drop-Off for Residents

"My Father's House" accepts wet waste from Monday to Saturday, 8:00–13:00. Note the holiday schedule:

Closed on Monday, December 16.

Open December 17–19.

Closed from December 20 to January 8.

Future Initiatives

Eco-brick and electronic waste collection will soon be available at Harbour Bay Mall.

By adopting these measures, residents can significantly reduce the town's waste footprint, minimizing pollution and eliminating the conditions that lead to baboon disturbances in urban spaces.

Report Irresponsible Waste Disposal

If you come across improper waste disposal that could attract baboons, take action by recording a video that includes the location, date, and relevant context. Report the issue to the City of Cape Town's Law Enforcement at +27 21 596 1999. They will put you in contact with the local unit managing the case. Make sure to obtain a case number to facilitate any follow-ups.

For more info - <https://greengroupsiontown.org/>

