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THE Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) had embarked on a green initiative to encourage and reward residents to care for the environment.

The initiative, PJ Low Carbon Green Rebate Assessment Scheme, will reward residents for their effort.

Practices such as composting, using a solar water heater or collecting rain water for washing are considered "green".



Good initiative: Wong (second from left) with Mohamad Roslan (right) at the launch while MBPJ councillor and Green City committee chairman Khairul Anuar Ahmad Zainudin looks on.

State executive councillor in charge of Environment, Tourism and Consumer Affairs Elizabeth Wong said environmental friendliness was a good effort and MBPJ's rebate assessment scheme could create a green revolution.

"Residents can take part in activities to green their homes in simple acts of composting or even buying energy-efficient appliances," she said.

MBPJ will give rebates of up to RM500 in annual assessment to residents who incorporate energy-efficient methods or follow a green lifestyle.

Residents can get the forms from the council and send it by Oct 21 for the rebate.

Wong, who launched the scheme at the council yesterday, said housewives could easily become agents of the green move by just collecting fruit or vegetable peels or for organic composting.

“Organic composting using a drum and some earth in your garden can get a resident to enjoy the RM150 rebate.

“Residents could earn another RM150 if they can show proof that they have recycled plastic, paper or cans weighing 50kg for the month,” she said.

“Our officers are working hard to make Petaling Jaya into an environment-friendly city. Our rebate assessment scheme will benefit people during this difficult time,” said Roslan.