

Hawker centres, markets get a scrub

FOUR hawker centres and markets yesterday carried out early spring cleaning as part of the Singapore's OK public hygiene campaign.

Stallholders at Serangoon Garden; Block 74, Toa Payoh Lorong 4; Block 41A, Cambridge Road; and Block 112, Jalan Bukit Merah all closed shop for at least half a day of washing and scrubbing.

A total of six hawker centres and markets have brought forward their spring cleaning schedules, with another three expected to do so by the end of this



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month. Of the 109 hawker centres and markets managed by the National Environment Agency (NEA), 90 have already carried out at least one spring cleaning this year.

Hawker centres and markets usually carry out spring cleaning two to three times a year. Under the Singapore's OK campaign, they are encouraged to do so four times a year.

The Singapore's OK campaign, first launched during the battle against Sars in 2003, was revived amid the global outbreak of Influenza A (H1N1).

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