

Goto City Garbage Disposal Guidelines



Start working towards the four Rs today!

Refuse …… Don't buy or let people give you things you don't need.

Reduce …… For example, purchasing refillable shampoo and soap bottles means you don't have to throw out the containers after only one use and are making the most of valuable resources.

Reuse …… Return sake bottles to the liquor shop and pass on clothing you no longer wear - use things for as long as possible!

Recycle …… Putting out materials on recycling days allows them to be reused rather than wasted. Before putting something out for collection as burnable or non-burnable waste, think about whether it could be recycled instead.

Rules for putting garbage out for collection

- 1) Make sure you separate items into the correct categories for disposal.
- 2) Place garbage in the garbage collection box designated by your neighborhood association, or in front of your house if garbage is collected by household in your area.
- 3) Please put garbage out by 8:30 am of the collection day for that type of garbage. If you are late putting your garbage out it will be left as is uncollected.
- 4) Write your name on all city garbage bags and/or plastic bags before putting them out for collection.
- 5) Sometimes two or more types of garbage will be collected on the same day but you still need to dispose of the different types of garbage in separate bags.
- 6) Please ensure you put burnable waste and non-burnable waste in the correct city garbage bags. Recyclable waste that falls into categories 1, 2, or 4 should be disposed of in clear plastic bags (you must be able to see what is inside the bag, so clear supermarket bags or plastic bags sold at drug stores/supermarkets etc. are preferred). Recyclable waste 3 should be tied with string or placed in a clear plastic bag.
- 7) If you wish to dispose of large garbage, make a collection reservation and ensure you attach a large garbage disposal sticker to the item before putting it out for collection.

* City burnable and non-burnable garbage bags as well as large garbage disposal stickers can be purchased from local supermarkets and shops displaying this image:



City garbage bags for burnable waste



City garbage bags for non-burnable waste



Large garbage disposal ticket: ¥300



Large garbage disposal ticket: ¥600

Large (45 L) ¥400, Medium (25 L) ¥200, Small (12 L) ¥100 *Each set contains 10 bags

Illegal disposal is a crime.

Disposal of garbage anywhere other than a designated garbage collection site is considered illegal disposal and could result in up to five years' imprisonment or a fine of up to ¥1,000,000 under the Waste Management and Public Cleaning Act. Illegal disposal is throwing out your garbage on someone else's property (disposing of garbage somewhere other than a designated garbage collection site). This includes disposing of industrial waste from business activities as household (general) waste, etc.

Ban on burning of waste outside

Burning waste outside (in your garden, on an open plot of land, or inside metal drums, etc.) is strictly prohibited. Ignoring this regulation could result in up to five years' imprisonment or a fine of up to ¥10,000,000 under the Waste Management and Public Cleaning Act. Burning waste is also unpleasant for your neighbors as it causes smoke, bad smells, and soot.