



# How to Sort and Dispose of Household Garbage



English (英語)

Classification	Collection	Item	Type of designated bag / ticket for collection	Remarks on how to dispose of garbage
Recyclables	Waste paper	Newspapers, Corrugated containers, Wrapping paper, Flyers, Paper bags, Envelopes, Others	Ticket for "Combustibles"	Sort out papers by item [Newspapers, Corrugated containers, Magazines, and Others] and bundle by item tying them up tightly with strings. Each bundle should be less than 50cm long, less than 10kg. "Others" mean mixture of papers only. Do not mix-up other materials than papers in this bundle. Staples can be left as it is. Stated below are (Non-recyclable papers) and are collected as "Combustibles". Thermal paper, carbonic paper, papers with PE coating [grease paper, paper cups, alcoholic drink containers, yogurt containers etc.], photographs, stickers, paper for sliding door (Shoji), dirty papers, paper smaller than a postcard.
	Cartons	Cartons	Designated bag for "Cartons" (Old designated bag for "Styrofoam trays" or "Cartons" is still usable)	Aluminum laminated cartons are not recyclable. Place them in "Combustibles" bag. Rinse the inside thoroughly with water, flatten and dry and then dispose for collection.
	Plastic containers / packages	Food trays, Plastic lunch boxes, Shampoo bottles, Detergent containers, Plastic bags	Designated bag for "PET bottles" or "Plastic containers" / packages	Wipe off cooking oil residue, clean containers/packages and dispose for collection. If too hard to clean out, then place them in "Combustibles" bag. Those without ♻️ such as CD-ROM cases and plastic buckets should be placed in "Combustibles" bag. PET bottles are separately collected. (Refer to below column) Those in size smaller than a postcard and food wrapping films should be placed in "Combustibles" bag. Plastic grocery bags should be placed without any stuff in it. As the lighters are explosive, they must not be disposed for collection.
	PET (plastic) bottles	PET bottles (Beverage, Sake, Soy sauce, Vinegar, etc.)	Designated bag for "PET bottles" / packages	Rinse the inside of the PET (plastic) bottle thoroughly with water. Plastic containers and packages in which ♻️ recycle symbol is printed are separately collected. Do not mix-up these with other plastic containers and packages. Place the removed caps and labels in "Combustibles" bag. No need to remove ring-washer left on cap part of PET bottle.
Cans	Twice a month	Empty cans (Soda cans, Beer cans, Food cans, etc.), Tins (Candy tins, Nail tins, etc.), Spray cans	Designated bag for "Recyclables" or "Noncombustibles"	Rinse the inside thoroughly with water. Spray cans and cassette gas canisters should be placed after having used out the leftover. No need to make a hole. Weight per bag should be less than 10kg.
		Glass bottles (Alcoholic drinks, Seasonings, Cosmetics, Chemicals, etc.)	Designated bag for "Recyclables" or "Noncombustibles"	Rinse the inside thoroughly with water. Please remove caps and lids. Those made of metal are collected as "Noncombustibles" and those made of plastic are collected as "Combustibles". Inner plugs and labels can be left as it is if they are too hard to remove. Glass cups and heat-resistant glass products should be placed in "Noncombustibles" bag. Weight per bag should be less than 10kg.
Combustibles	Twice a week	Kitchen garbage (Bananas, etc.), Disposable diapers, Wastepaper, Plastic wash towel, Video tapes, cassette tapes, CD-ROM, Branches, Woodchip, Wooden board debris	Designated bag for "Combustibles"	Kitchen garbage... Drain off water from garbage. Liquid (Cooking oil, etc.)... Absorb them into cloth or paper and make it solid state. Lengthy stuff such as rope etc. should be shortened in size less than 50cm. Disposable diapers... Remove excrements for collection. Weight per bag should be less than 10kg. Tie up tightly with strings.
		Electric cords, Umbrella frames, Vinyl and cloth, Small electric appliances (hair dryers and electric shavers), Razors, Iron scraps, Wire, Glass, Pottery tableware (Glass cups, Coffee cups, Bowls, Plates, Casseroles, etc.)	Designate Bag for "Recyclables" or "Noncombustibles"	Remove cloth and vinyl from umbrella and place them in "Combustibles" bag. Electric cords should be removed from the body and be bundled for recycle. Nails and razors should be wrapped with paper to prevent bag torn. Bulky waste, if it is too big to insert in designated bag should be placed as oversized bulky waste. Weight per bag should be less than 10kg.
Noncombustibles	Twice a month	Pots, Kettles, Toys made of metals, Electric cords, Umbrella frames, Vinyl and cloth, Small electric appliances (hair dryers and electric shavers), Razors, Iron scraps, Wire, Glass, Pottery tableware (Glass cups, Coffee cups, Bowls, Plates, Casseroles, etc.)	Designate Bag for "Recyclables" or "Noncombustibles"	Any small stuff and debris should be wrapped with paper to prevent bag torn. Weight per bag should be less than 10kg.
		Batteries (Button batteries and rechargeable batteries should be returned to the store where they are sold), Fluorescent lamps, Light bulbs, Mercurial thermometers	Designated bag to for "Hazardous Wastes"	Fluorescent lamp should be bundled 10 pieces together paying careful attention not to break them. Attach to the bundle the designated bag for collection instead of placing the lamp into the bag. Batteries should be inserted in the designated bag. Tightly tie the top of the bag and dispose. Button batteries and rechargeable batteries should be returned to the store where they are sold.
Oversize Trash	Twice a year	Bedding, Furniture, Bicycles, Sewing machines, Mowers, Zabuton (a square floor cushion), Heaters, Tatami, Ito cans (18-liter), Rugs, Carpets, Corrugated iron sheets	Ticket for oversize trash	Electric cords should be removed from the body and placed in "Noncombustibles" bag for disposal. Carpet should be rolled up within 1.8 meters in length. Corrugated iron sheets should be bundled together, maximum 5 pieces. The bundle should not be longer than 1.8m. Ito (18-liter) cans need not be crushed. Bundle them together, maximum 6 cans. Tatamis (Japanese style mattresses). Ticket for "Oversize garbage" should be attached to each sheet of tatami. Futons (Japanese style quilt) ... Tie up one by one with strings. Blankets, zabutons (square floor cushions) should be bundled together, maximum 5 pieces. Fuel leftover in the heaters and mowers should be completely removed for collection. Sprung mattresses ... Separate metal from cloth part and dispose them separately.

Unacceptable items	Remarks
Large agricultural machines, Motorcycles, Batteries, Tires, Gas canisters, Drums, Button batteries, Valuable safety box, Agricultural chemicals, Fire extinguishers, Paint cans	Please consult with the shop which sold you the goods or its producer on possibility to return to them the used one.
TVs, Air conditioners, Washing machines, Refrigerators, Freezers, Personal Computers	Request the shop which sold you the goods to collect the used one. If you buy new one, then request the shop to collect the used one. You are requested to bear the cost for recycle. Please consult with city hall or town hall if you could not locate the shop which sold you the goods or if the shop was closed down already.
Desktop computers, laptops, displays, body, keyboards, mice, speakers, codes, etc. (except printers)	Please contact manufacturers for collection. (Used PC is basically to be collected by the manufacturer.) Printers, scanners, word processors, mobile devices/Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), and electronic notebook are collected as "Oversize Trash" or "Noncombustible".

### Bring-in to the collection facility

Geihoku-Kouiki-Kirei-Center (Garbage/Recycle resource collection facility) offer the service to receive garbage/recycle resource at the site for those who wish to bring them directly to the center.

Service days and hour:  
 Monday through Friday, National holiday;  
 9:00a.m.-12:00a.m., 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.  
 December 31st; 9:00a.m.-12:00a.m.  
 \* Please note that beyond the above hours of the days, no service is offered.  
 \* No service on Saturday, Sunday, January 1st, 2nd, 3rd.  
 \* Where to unload in the site of the center and the fees vary depending on a kind of garbage. Therefore please sort out the garbage in line with this chart before you bring them in so that the center can efficiently handle them.  
 \* The center calculate the fee by weighing garbage gross/net weight and charge to the net weight.  
 \* If you wish to bring in a large amount of garbage and recycle resources, please inform of it to the center in advance in order for the center to prepare for it.

### Other information on collection

The garbage and recycle resources for collection have to be put at the designated "Collection Place" before 8:00a.m. on the day specified by the city hall or the town hall where you live in.

- Information of the collection day and the schedule can be found out in the calendar city hall and town hall distribute every year.
- Keep the "Collection Place" always clean and in good condition. Other "Collection Place" for other residents is not allowed to use.
- Make sure to use proper designated bag and ticket. If improper bag or ticket is used, and if sort-out is not appropriate, then they are rejected to collect.

### Waste from other sources than household

- Any corporations and firms are not allowed to put their garbage at the designated "Collection Place". They should bring them by themselves directly to Geihoku-Kouiki-Kirei-Center.
- Please contact Geihoku-Kouiki-Kirei-Center beforehand if you are bringing in a large amount of trash at a time. The center may reject to receive them if they are too big for the center to handle.
- Business-related "Oversize Trash" is not accepted. e.g. Electrical appliance store—electric products. Furniture store—furniture. Construction industry—construction and demolition waste.

### Where to buy designated bags and tickets

- At J.A. offices, supermarkets, grocery store.
- Refer to collection schedule calendar for details.

### For more information, contact to

Akitakata city hall - Shimin seikatsu ka (City Life Service Dept.) ☎ 42-2111  
 Yachiyo branch office - Sougou madoguchi ka (City Life Service Dept.) ☎ 52-2111  
 Midori branch office - Sougou madoguchi ka (City Life Service Dept.) ☎ 54-0311  
 Takamiya branch office - Sougou madoguchi ka (City Life Service Dept.) ☎ 57-0311  
 Kouda branch office - Sougou madoguchi ka (City Life Service Dept.) ☎ 45-4111  
 Mukaihara branch office - Sougou madoguchi ka (City Life Service Dept.) ☎ 46-3111  
 Kitahiroshima town office - Cyuumin ka (Town Life Service Dept.) ☎ 72-2111  
 Oasa branch office - Jichi shinko ka (Local Community & Public Relations Section) ☎ 82-2211  
 Toyohira branch office - Jichi shinko ka (Local Community & Public Relations Section) ☎ 83-1122