

# How to Dispose of Your Household Garbage

- Put your garbage into the city-designated garbage bags (available at supermarkets, etc.), then put your garbage into your local garbage collection point by 7:30 a.m. on the collection day.
- Please ask your neighbors or local government to find out where your garbage collection point is.
- Garbage is separated into ten different types. Make sure to follow the rules on how to separate your garbage, when to put it out, and what type(s) of bags to use.
- Make sure to tie your garbage bags shut.
- Garbage that is improperly put out cannot be collected, so make sure to follow the rules.

Type of garbage/collection frequency/type of bags	Contents and Additional Notes	Examples
<b>Burnable Garbage</b> 燃やせるごみ (Moyaseru-gomi) Twice per week Clear red designated bags	Kitchen garbage, paper, clothing, rubber, leather, bags, <b>sheets</b> (cut into squares <b>no more than 60 cm on each side</b> ), <b>hoses, rope, vines</b> (pieces <b>no longer than 1 m</b> ), and <b>trimmed branches and wood chips</b> (in pieces <b>no longer than 30 cm long and 3 cm thick</b> ) ◦ Excrement in disposable diapers should be disposed of in a toilet. ◦ Oils should be soaked up in paper or cloth, or should have coagulators mixed in to make them solid. ◦ Newspapers, advertising flyers, magazines, etc. should be disposed of as Old Paper.	
<b>Recyclable Garbage</b> 資源ごみ (Shigen-gomi) Once per week Clear colorless designated bags	Items <b>under 25 cm long</b> made entirely of metal, or items made entirely of plastic (empty cans, audio tapes, video tapes, CDs, DVDs, polystyrene foam, food trays, plastic tableware, shampoo containers, etc.) ◦ Empty containers and lightly rinse them out, and remove their caps. ◦ Items made of multiple materials, as well as items over 25 cm long, should be disposed of as Small Compound Garbage. ◦ Spray cans, gas canisters, etc. should be disposed of as Spray Cans and Lighters.	
<b>PET Bottles</b> ペットボトル (Petto-botoru) Once per week Designated PET bottle collection bags	Colorless PET containers that are marked as PET (see example to the right: beverage, alcohol, soy sauce, etc. bottles) ◦ <b>(Required) Remove caps and dispose of them as Recyclable Garbage, and remove labels and dispose of them as Burnable Garbage.</b> ◦ Empty containers and lightly rinse them out. ◦ Do not put other items, such as cigarette butts, in with the PET bottles. ◦ Items that have been marked with markers or containers that held oil should be disposed of as Recyclable Garbage.	<p><b>Look for this symbol on PET containers.</b>  <b>PET mark</b>                      This mark can be found on the labels or bottles of soft drinks, tea, soy sauce, alcohol, and dairy drinks.</p>
<b>Glass Bottles and Jars</b> ビン (Bin) Once per month Yellow container: clear, colorless glass Brown container: brown glass Blue container: other colored glass Divide into three kinds	<b>Glass bottles and jars from foods and drinks only.</b> Bottles and jars from soft drinks, energy drinks, liquor, beer, soy sauce, jam, etc. ◦ <b>Make sure to remove caps, corks, etc., and dispose of them as Recyclable Garbage or Burnable Garbage as appropriate.</b> ◦ <b>Glass that is any color other than brown (green, blue, black, etc.) goes into the blue container.</b> ◦ Empty bottles and jars and lightly rinse them out. Make sure there are no other objects in them, such as cigarette butts. (Cups, dishes, panes of glass, ceramics, etc. are considered Landfill Garbage.)	
<b>Old Paper</b> 古紙 (Koshi) Once per month Be sure to tightly bundle the paper so it won't be caught in the wind. (Paper will still be collected on rainy days.)	Divide paper into four types before bundling: (1) Newspapers (including advertising flyers) (2) Magazines and books (3) Cardboard ( <b>break down before bundling</b> ) (4) Other waste paper (candy boxes, tissue boxes, paper bags, wrapping paper, etc.) ◦ Please remove any vinyl/plastic wrappers first. ◦ Paper that is unclean due to food, and coated paper (aluminum, vinyl, etc.), cannot be disposed of as Old Paper.	<p><b>Make sure to tie up with strong cord</b></p>
<b>Small Compound Garbage</b> 小型複合ごみ (Kogata-fukugo-gomi) Six times per year (every other month) Clear blue designated bags	Items considered Large Garbage small enough to fit into the designated bags (must fit completely inside the bag) ◦ Plastic tanks (for water/gas), toys, small household electronics (excluding items subject to the Home Appliance Recycling Law and Computer Recycling Law), gas burner ranges, pots, kettles, clocks, small musical instruments, small storage containers, hose reels, umbrellas, fashion accessories, floppy disks, cameras, etc. (be sure to erase any personal data from disks, cameras, etc. before disposal) ◦ Make sure to tie your garbage bags shut. ◦ Be absolutely sure to empty kerosene heaters, gas tanks, etc. of any flammable fuels.	<p>* Hoses should be cut into pieces no more than 1 m long and disposed of as Burnable Garbage</p>
<b>Garbage Containing Mercury</b> 水銀含有ごみ (Suigin-gan-yu-gomi) Six times per year (every other month) Clear bags	<b>Rechargeable batteries and items containing rechargeable batteries must be brought directly to the Clean Center for disposal.</b> Items containing mercury, such as fluorescent lights, dry cell batteries, mirrors, etc. ◦ Rechargeable batteries (lithium-ion batteries, etc.) should be taken directly to collection boxes at stores (recycling cooperation stores) or the Clean Center. ◦ Remove boxes from fluorescent lights. ◦ <b>Incandescent light bulbs and starter lamp bulbs for fluorescent lights are considered Landfill Garbage.</b>	
<b>Spray Cans and Lighters</b> スプレー缶・ライター類 (Supure-kan-raita-ru) Six times per year (every other month) Place in the container for Glass Bottles and Jars (no bag necessary)	<b>No need to punch holes in Spray Cans and Lighters.</b> * Make sure that all Spray Cans and Lighters have been used up completely, and are <b>empty before disposal.</b> ◦ Spray cans (cosmetics, bug sprays, spray paint, etc.) ◦ Gas canisters ( <b>including for outdoor use</b> ) ◦ Lighters (resin or metal lighters, ignition lighters, etc.) * <b>Spray Cans and Lighters that cannot be used up must be taken directly to the Clean Center.</b>	
<b>Landfill Garbage</b> 埋立ごみ (Umetate-gomi) Six times per year (every other month) Strong, sturdy bags	Ceramics, panes of glass, heat-resistant glass, cups, light bulbs, starter lamp bulbs for fluorescent lights, knives and blades, etc. ◦ Please wrap the sharp edges of knives and blades in tape, etc. to make them safe to handle. ◦ Soil and stones are not considered garbage, and should not be included with Landfill Garbage. ◦ Broken concrete, tiles, plaster boards, etc. cannot be disposed of at garbage collection points.	
<b>Large Garbage</b> 粗大ごみ (Sodai-gomi) Cannot be disposed of at local garbage collection points. * Please bring it directly to the Clean Center or arrange for collection at your home	Bicycles, furniture, large musical instruments, futons, blankets, carpeting, sewing machines, kerosene heaters, household electronics (excluding items subject to the Home Appliance Recycling Law and Computer Recycling Law), drying poles, wood, iron dumbbells, power tools, etc. ◦ Long items (such as lumber or tree trimmings) must be <b>no longer than 1.5 m</b> . Ropes, hoses, vines, pampas grass, etc. must be <b>no longer than 1 m</b> . Sheets of plastic must be cut into squares <b>no longer than 60 cm</b> on each side. ◦ <b>Be absolutely sure to empty kerosene heaters of any flammable fuels.</b> ◦ Sheets, etc. should be removed from futons, with any fasteners removed, and cut into squares no longer than 60 cm on each side. ◦ Items considered industrial waste are not accepted: Rubble/debris (broken concrete, tiles, plaster boards, etc.), materials from demolished buildings (broken wood, corrugated sheets, etc.), tatami mats (including from simple renovation/restoration work), doors and windows (sashes, doors, fusuma sliding doors, etc.), bathroom sinks, toilets, kitchen sinks, etc.	<p>* Sheets should be removed and cut into squares no longer than 60 cm on each side. Additionally, any excrement on futons or sheets must be washed off before disposal.</p>

## How to Read a Garbage Collection Calendar

- Please consult a garbage collection calendar that mentions the area you live in to confirm your garbage collection days.
- Make sure to check the area you live in, the type(s) of garbage, and the collection days and dates to avoid making mistakes.

月: Monday	火: Tuesday	水: Wednesday	木: Thursday	金: Friday	土: Saturday	日: Sunday
4月: April	5月: May	6月: June	7月: July	8月: August	9月: September	
10月: October	11月: November	12月: December	1月: January	2月: February	3月: March	

## Door-to-Door Collection

Door-to-door collection of ordinary household Large Garbage, or single-time collection of large amounts of ordinary household garbage, is available for a fee from licensed private-sector businesses.

Licensed Business	Phone No.	Kei Truck	2-Ton Truck	4-Ton Truck	Licensed Business	Phone No.	Kei Truck	2-Ton Truck	4-Ton Truck
Cosmos no Kai NPO	23-5077	○	○	×	BM Kishimoto Co., Ltd.	22-0273	×	○	×
Tsuruga City Silver Human Resources Center, Inc.	24-1250	○	×	×	LABwel Co., Ltd.	47-5024	○	○	×
Tsuruga Seiso Kogyo Co., Ltd.	23-3675	○	×	×	Wakayama Kensetsu Co., Ltd.	25-5252	○	○	○

\* Fees, available collection days, etc. vary by business; please contact licensed businesses directly. For more details, visit the Tsuruga City website.

## Bring Garbage Directly to the Clean Center

**Closed on 3rd Sunday of the month, May 3-5, and December 31 to January 3**

Reception Hours	Monday-Friday.....	8:30 to 16:30
	Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays.....	8:30 to 12:00
	December 29 and 30.....	8:30 to 15:00

Fees (for household garbage)	Per 50 kg of Landfill Garbage.....	¥50
	Per 50 kg of non-Landfill Garbage.....	¥100

Note: When disposing of 350 kg or more in a single trip, the above prices are doubled.  
 \* A business use fee applies for garbage from sources other than ordinary households.

- \* The following types of vehicles cannot bring garbage to the Clean Center:
  - Vehicles longer than 5.4 m total
  - Vehicles with a maximum load capacity over 3 tons
  - Vehicles with cranes, etc.
- \* If you have garbage to dispose of requiring many trips, or long-term disposal needs, Clean Center staff will come visit to check the items being disposed of.

## Items that Cannot Be Disposed of at the Clean Center

Item	How to Dispose
Items subject to the Home Appliance Recycling Law (TVs, air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, and washing machines/dryers)	Take them to a shop that sells them, or pay the proper fees at a post office, then take them to the designated location.
Items subject to the Computer Recycling Law (computers, computer displays, and notebook computers)	Take them to a shop that sells them or contact your computer's maker.
Dangerous items (propane gas canisters, fire extinguishers, medicines, volatile fuels such as gasoline, etc.)	Take them to a shop that sells them.
Hypodermic needles and syringes	Return them to the hospital or doctor's office you are visiting.
Car tires, batteries, vehicle airbags, motorcycles, farming machines, etc.	Take them to a shop that sells them.
Fiber-reinforced plastic items (boats, vehicle bumpers, bathtubs, surfboards, fishing rods, etc.)	Consult with a shop that sells them.
Industrial waste	Take it to an industrial waste disposal company.
Difficult-to-dispose-of items (solar panels, hot water panels, electric water heaters, fireproof safes, etc.)	Consult with a shop that sells them.

To contact the maker, search the web for "PC3R"

**Map**

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