

# How to Sort and Throw Away Household Waste

- ★ Please decide how to sort waste based on its materials.
- ★ Please write your name on official city garbage bags/disposal stickers.
- ★ Please throw out waste by 8:00 A.M. for collection.

Reference

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Type of Waste		Examples and Criteria	Caution
<b>Non-Burnable Waste</b> Once a Month Up to 3 bags/ items per collection	<b>Metals &amp; Hardware</b> Use city designated garbage bags	items mainly made of metal (iron, aluminum, stainless steel, etc.), electronic goods (cord included), measuring instruments. E.g. Aluminum plates, cans, pots, enamelled metalware, kettles, clocks, telephones, rice cookers, cameras, printers, weighing scales, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Please cover sharp items with newspaper, etc. before placing inside official city garbage bags</li> <li>● For waste that sticks out of the city designated garbage bags (e.g. umbrellas), please dispose as "Oversized Metals &amp; Hardware"</li> </ul>
	<b>Oversized Metals &amp; Hardware</b>	Metals and hardware that do not fit inside (or stick out of) official city garbage bags. E.g. Stoves, lawn mowers, bicycles, steel desks, skis, child (car) seats.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● For waste that sticks out of city designated garbage bags, please tie similar items together so they are not loose. Please stick 1 disposal sticker on each bundle of items that can be carried by one person.</li> </ul>
	<b>Toxic Waste</b> (Including Oversized Items)	Batteries, fluorescent lights, light bulbs, lighters, spray cans, gas canisters, plastic tanks (for kerosene, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Please use up all contents before disposal.</li> <li>● Please dispose of spray cans/gas canisters without making holes in them.</li> <li>● Regular-sized toxic waste: please do not mix other types of waste in the same bag.</li> <li>● Oversized toxic waste: please stick city disposal stickers on items and dispose on "Toxic Waste" collection days.</li> </ul>
	<b>Glass/Ceramics</b> (Including Oversized Items)	Items made mainly of glass/ ceramic. E.g. Makeup bottles, heat-resistant glass, charcoal braziers, plant pots, pottery, mirrors, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Broken glass or ceramics must be wrapped in at least newspaper before being put in city garbage bags.</li> <li>● Garbage that does not fit or sticks out of the city garbage bags must have a city disposal sticker placed on them and thrown out on the same day as [glass and ceramics].</li> </ul>
<b>Items Containing Mercury</b>		Thermometers, blood pressure readers, and batteries containing mercury can be brought to the Gotsu City Civil Affairs and Living Environment Division or to information desks at regional community centers (free of charge).	
<b>Burnable Waste</b> Twice a Week Up to 3 bags/ items per collection	<b>Burnable Waste</b> Dispose of in city designated garbage bags	Primarily paper, textiles, rubber, leather, plastic made items, vegetation, food related products (kitchen waste), oils/paints (incl. papers, etc. that have been soaked) E.g. Clothing, raincoats, shoes, diapers, drying agents, refrigerants, sponges, CDs, tupperwares, etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Please dispose of plastics with burnable waste               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dispose of hard plastics together separately in city garbage bag.</li> <li>• Remove lids from any containers</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Cut any clothing or long objects into sizes smaller than 50cm. items that cannot be cut must be thrown out with oversized garbage.</li> <li>● Tree branches and etc that exceed 15cm in diameter will not be collected.</li> </ul>
	<b>Burnable Waste (Oversized)</b> Apply city designated disposal sticker directly on item	[Burnable Waste] that does not fit in the city garbage bags, objects that protrude from the bag, clothing, long objects that cannot be cut smaller than 50cm. E.g. Wooden drawers, tatami, carpets, planters, cooler boxes, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Clothing or any long objects that cannot be cut must be tied together with other like items. One disposal sticker is valid for the amount one person can carry.</li> <li>● Tree branches and etc. that exceed 15cm in diameter will not be collected.</li> </ul>

※items up to 50cm in length and 10kg in weight are allowed to be disposed of in city designated garbage bags. Please make bag contents easily visible.  
 ※items up to 2m in length are allowed to be disposed of with city disposal stickers. Steel shelving, drawers, or anything that requires two people to carry must be disassembled and tied together so it can be carried by one person.  
 ※As much as possible please separate by type and dispose of like items together.  
 ※Please refer to the booklet for a more detailed description on how to separate and dispose of specific waste.

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<b>Recyclable Garbage</b> Once a Month Clean items before recycling. ※items may also be brought to the recycle station in front of city office between the hours of 7:00 - 20:00 ※May be cancelled due to bad weather conditions.	<b>Glass Bottles</b>	<b>Returnable Bottles</b> 1.8L bottles (brown and green bottles excluding ones used for cooking oils), beer bottles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● As much as possible return returnable bottles to retailers</li> <li>● Heat resistant glass or glass containers for cosmetics, medicine, drinks, and food are not considered recyclables.</li> <li>● Lids are not considered recyclables.</li> <li>● Do not recycle broken items.</li> <li>● Remove any plastic labels.</li> <li>● Paper labels may be left on items.</li> </ul>
	<b>Other Bottles</b>	Clear, brown, and other colored bottles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Limited to drink items (excluding open top cans; ie. powder milk, canned goods).</li> <li>● Lids are not considered recyclables.</li> <li>● Please do not flatten.</li> </ul>
	<b>Cans</b>	Aluminum Steel look for these marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Limited to drink items (excluding open top cans; ie. powder milk, canned goods).</li> <li>● Lids are not considered recyclables.</li> <li>● Please do not flatten.</li> </ul>
	<b>Plastics</b>	<b>PET Bottles</b> look for this mark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dispose of caps and labels with other recyclable plastic containers and packaging.</li> <li>● Do not flatten.</li> </ul>
		<b>Styrofoam / White trays</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Remove any tape and stickers.</li> </ul>
		<b>Other plastic containers / wrappers</b> Containers/ Wrappers/ Trays (other than white) look for this mark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Objects without this mark are not considered recyclables (including food containers, toys, wrappers, and etc.).</li> <li>● Uncleaned objects must be thrown out with [Burnable Waste].</li> </ul>
<b>Papers</b>	<b>Newspapers</b>		
	<b>Leaflets</b>		
	<b>Magazines/ Books/ Paper boxes</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Envelopes, diagrams, receipts are not considered recyclables.</li> </ul>
	<b>Drink Cartons</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cut open and flatten.</li> <li>● Aluminum lined cartons are not considered recyclables.</li> </ul>
<b>Cardboard Boxes</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Remove any metal components and tape.</li> <li>● Fold (or cut) to a size of 50cm.</li> </ul>	

<b>Refused Waste</b>	<b>Difficult to Dispose Substances</b>	Sludge, sand, ashes, tiles, bricks, concrete, tires, automobiles, motorcycles (incl. parts), farming equipment, pesticides, plastics used for agricultural purposes, batteries, fire-proof safes, fire extinguishers, oils, paints, over the counter medicines, medical waste, and etc.	Inquire with appropriate waste collectors or schedule pick up with an authorized domestic waste collection service for difficult to dispose items other than those mentioned on the left.
	<b>Commercial Waste</b>	Employees are responsible for any waste that is produced by the activities of their workplace and must follow appropriate disposal procedures. ※[Commercial waste] is any waste that is not general household waste.	
	<b>Specific Home Appliances</b>	Televisions, air condition units, refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, clothing dryers	Option 1 Contact place of purchase for disposal pickup. Option 2 Purchase sticker from post office and dispose of at designated location. Option 3 Purchase sticker from post office and bring to Shima-no-Hoshi Clean Center. (collection fees will be applied) Option 4 Schedule pickup with an authorized domestic waste collection service.
	<b>Laptops/ Monitors</b>	Please inquire with the manufacturer or PC3R Promotion Association (03-5282-7685).	

**Disposing of a Large Amount**  
 Large amounts of garbage due to moving or house cleaning must be brought to their designated disposal location or scheduled with an authorized domestic waste collection service.