

# Garbage Separation and Disposal Guide

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- If there are any discrepancies between this guide and the 2009 Garbage Separation and Disposal Guide, sort your garbage according to this guide.
- Please use the Garbage Collection Calendar to confirm what day to put out your garbage.
- Please put out your garbage at the designated collection point by 8:30am on the correct day.
- Keep the garbage in each bag to less than 10kg and put the garbage bag out after tying it tightly closed at the top.
- Please don't put large non-transparent bags containing garbage inside the designated garbage bags.
- There is space on the garbage bags to write your name. Please follow the rules for your district on whether you need to write your name or not.

(If it's mixed, it's garbage;  
if it's separated, it's a resource)  
Let's all do the 3Rs!

- Reduce
- Reuse
- Recycle

Ichinoseki Districts & Surrounding Regions Administrative Union  
**Ichinoseki Garbage Disposal Center**

- Business hours (Closed Sundays & holidays)
  - Mornings: 8:30-11:45
  - Afternoons: 1:00-4:30
  - \* Saturdays: Mornings only 8:30-11:30
- Enquiries: Tel. 21-2157

## Garbage you can put out at the collection point

### Recyclables

Please put garbage in the designated bags. (You can't use bags other than the designated ones.)

Glass bottles	Cans	PET bottles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rinse out the bottles and empty out the water.</li> <li>● Put metal bottle caps in the 'non-combustible waste' and plastic caps in the 'plastic containers and packaging waste'.</li> <li>● As much as possible, please put beer bottles and sake bottles out for collection by the area's local recyclables collection groups.</li> <li>● Please put bottles with oil in, bottles with dirt/stains that are difficult to remove and heat-resistant products like baby bottles in the 'non-combustible waste'.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rinse out the cans and empty out the water.</li> <li>● Put caps from canned bottles and lids from canned goods in the 'non-combustible waste'.</li> <li>● Don't crush the cans.</li> <li>● Put cans with dirt/stains that are difficult to remove or cans that contained oils or paint in the 'non-combustible waste' after using all the contents.</li> <li>● Be sure to pierce a hole in spray cans (including canisters for portable gas stoves and hairspray cans) after using all the contents. Do not put them in the 'non-combustible waste'.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● These are bottles with the PET bottle mark displayed on them.</li> <li>● Rinse out the bottles and empty out the water.</li> <li>● Dispose of caps and labels with the 'plastic containers and packaging waste'.</li> <li>● Don't crush the bottles.</li> <li>● Put bottles with dirt/stains that are difficult to remove, that were written on with markers or used to make handicrafts in the 'combustible waste'.</li> </ul>

**Plastic containers and packaging waste (this has changed names from 'Other plastics').**

- Plastic items without the Pla-mark must be put out with the 'combustible waste'.
- The items must be clean.
- The items must be washed and dried if dirty.

Put items difficult to wash inside or with dirt/stains that are difficult to remove out in the 'combustible waste'.

- Remove caps and pumps then dispose of them together.
- Separate polystyrene and food trays (including colored ones) from 'plastic containers and packaging waste'.
- Polystyrene food trays in collection boxes at shops where possible.

Dispose of spray-type items that contained gas with the 'can waste' after piercing a hole in them even if they have the Pla-mark displayed.  
Dispose of household medical waste with the 'combustible waste' even if they have the Pla-mark displayed.

### Disposing of paper waste

\*The handling of the paper waste is different depending on the item type so there are different colors of paper twine used to bind them.

(Paper waste to be put in paper bags or boxes)

- Kitchen paper, drawing paper
- Paper bags
- Envelopes, postcards
- Memo pads, copy paper
- Wrapping paper
- Card cases from 6 packs of beer or juice
- Paper boxes
- Card tubes (from toilet roll etc.)

**Disposal by putting in paper bags**

- Firmly secure the top of the bag using a stapler or paper sticky tape so the contents don't come out.
- If the handles of the bag are made of a material other than paper, remove them.
- It is not necessary to bind the bag with paper twine.

**Disposal by putting in paper boxes**

- Put a lid on the box and secure with paper sticky tape so the contents don't come out.
- It is not necessary to bind the box with paper twine.
- Don't use cardboard boxes.

**Disposal by inserting in magazines**

- Insert the waste item in a magazine then bind with paper twine.
- It's ok to put the waste item in an envelope and then insert in a magazine.

(Paper waste to be bound by white paper twine)

- Newspapers (including inserted files)
- Drink cartons (milk, sake, juice etc.)

\*Dispose of cartons after rinsing them out, opening them fully and letting them dry.  
Put cartons in the 'combustible waste' if their insides have any plastic or aluminum coating.

(Items that can be bound with any color of paper twine)

- Magazines (including thick paper, tissue boxes, catalogues, pamphlets and wrapping paper).
- Small pieces of paper can be put in envelopes and disposed of inserted in magazines.
- Cardboard boxes

\*Open out than flatten and fold the boxes into a size of less than 10cm in width and length and pile them on top of each other.  
The wave pattern of a cardboard box as seen from the side.

### Non-combustibles

Place in the designated garbage bags. (Items not placed in the designated bags will become 'oversized waste'.)

Small household waste	Small household electric appliances	Metal waste	Fluorescent tubes	Ceramics/Glass/Cutting items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Empty and remove the cap of kerosene tanks before you dispose of them.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dispose of after removing batteries.</li> <li>● Dispose of fan heaters and stoves after emptying out the kerosene.</li> <li>● Dispose of rechargeable batteries and button cell batteries at shops with battery collection boxes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dispose of cans containing oils and paints after using all the contents.</li> <li>● Dispose of spray cans as 'can waste' after using all the contents and piercing a hole in the can.</li> <li>● Request a specialist tradesman to collect iron goods.</li> <li>● Take hammers and nails to the Ichinoseki Waste Disposal Center after contacting their first.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Put in a designated garbage bag after placing the tube in the box you bought it in or wrapping it in paper. (As in the past, we will collect fluorescent tubes that are sticking out of the designated garbage bag.)</li> <li>● Put out at the garbage collection point on the 'fluorescent tube' day designated on the garbage calendar.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wrap ceramics and glass in paper and clearly display on the paper what it is.</li> <li>● Dispose of bottles that contained cooking oils after using all the contents.</li> <li>● Wrap dangerous blades like knives in paper and display on the paper what it is.</li> </ul>

### Combustibles

Place in the designated garbage bags. (Items not placed in the designated bags will become 'oversized waste'.)

Kitchen waste	Paper and aluminum foil etc.	Tree branches/cuttings etc.	Rubber/Cloth/Leather etc.	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Remove excess liquid.</li> <li>● Cooking oils harden so soak them up using paper or</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Remove excrement from diapers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dispose of after cutting into pieces less than 50cm in thickness and 50cm in length and binding them together. (It's not necessary to put in designated garbage bags.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dispose of mats, carpets, curtains and blankets after cutting into squares of less than 50cm in size.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Items with the Pla-mark displayed with dirt/stains that are difficult to remove or difficult to wash the inside of are 'combustible waste'.</li> <li>● Dispose of lighters after using all the lighter fuel.</li> <li>● Video tapes, cassette tapes and other cases</li> </ul>

### Household medical waste

Check in the 'Garbage Separation and Disposal' text for detailed information.

- Hypodermic needles, intravenous drip needles
- Syringes without needles
- Intravenous drip bags
- Empty glass bottles and cans

\*Infect to medical waste that was used in the household.  
Dispose of syringes without needles in the 'combustible waste'.  
(Return hypodermic needles and intravenous drip needles to the medical facility or pharmacy you got them from.)  
Dispose of intravenous drip bags in the 'combustible waste' after emptying out all the contents.  
Dispose of as 'combustible waste' even if the Pla-mark is displayed.  
Dispose of empty glass bottle and cans as 'non-combustible waste'.

## Garbage that can't be disposed of at the local garbage collection point

● Garbage that can't be disposed of at the waste disposal center

● Garbage you can take to the waste disposal center

### Appliances included in the Home Appliance Recycling Act

Please request collection by a home appliances store or an approved collection and transportation company.

- Televisions (CRT and flat screen types)
- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Washing machines
- Tumble driers
- Air conditioner units

### Oversized waste

Items that are not put in designated garbage bags. Request the services of an approved collection and transportation company or take the item to the waste disposal center yourself. (Fee charged.)

- Tires and wheels
- Motorbikes (less than 500cc)
- Chest of drawers, cabinets
- Futon
- Bicycles
- Sofas

\*Only tires and wheels from regular-sized cars and smaller can be disposed of.  
\*Even if you put tires or wheels in a designated garbage bag, you can't dispose of them as 'non-combustible waste'.  
\*You need to ask for the services of a specialist collection company for mattresses and sofas with springs inside.  
\*Make long items less than 2m in length.

### Small household appliances collection

In order to recycle precious metals found in small household appliances, there are collection boxes for collecting these at public facilities in Ichinoseki and Hirazumi and at Ichinoseki Waste Disposal Center.

- Fax machines
- Cell phones
- Radios
- Digital cameras
- Video players
- Game consoles
- Laptops

### Computers (Appliances under the Act on the Promotion of Effective Utilization of Resources)

There are 'small household appliances collection boxes' at public offices for the collection of laptops. For computers other than laptops, you need to take them to the waste disposal center.

- Laptops
- Desktop computers (main unit)
- CRT displays
- CRT display all-in-one PCs
- LCDs
- LCD all-in-one PCs

### Other items not included in regular collections

Please contact a specialist collection company or store.

Dangerous waste that could explode or start a fire	Hazardous waste	Waste not suitable for incineration or crushing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Gas bottles, gunpowder, paint, fire extinguishers etc.</li> <li>● Gasoline, kerosene, waste oil, paint thinners etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Batteries, agrochemicals, dangerous drugs, poisonous products etc.</li> <li>● Mercury thermometers etc.</li> <li>● Hypodermic needles, intravenous drip needles etc. (Return to hospitals, medical facilities or pharmacies.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● General steel materials (iron plates, steel girders, coils, steel cables etc.)</li> <li>● Iron products, concrete, oil drums, rails, pumps etc.</li> <li>● Bicycle parts (parts except tires and wheels will not be accepted).</li> <li>● Spring mattresses, sofas, rocks, safes, bowling balls, plasterboard, insulation materials etc.</li> <li>● Materials and machinery for use in agriculture (plastics used in agricultural etc.). (For enquiries, please contact Ichinoseki City Office, the Hirazumi Branch of Ichinoseki City Office, the Agriculture Administration Office of Hirazumi Town Office or a JA Office.)</li> </ul>

\*Business waste will not be collected.  
\*If you require information about transportation methods to the waste disposal center, handling and disposal costs, contact details for specialist collection companies or anything else you are unclear about, please contact Ichinoseki Waste Disposal Center.  
\*Separation methods may change due to revisions in the law.