

# 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.
- 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.
- Keep the garbage in each bag to less than 10kg and put the garbage bag out after tying it tightly closed.
- Please don't put large **non-transparent bags** containing garbage inside the designated garbage bags.
- When using the old-style designated garbage bags, use 'red' for combustible waste, 'blue' for non-combustible waste, 'purple' for glass bottles and 'brown' for cans and PET bottles. Please put plastic containers and packaging waste in green garbage bags in the same way as previously.
- There are cases with the wrong designated garbage bags being use. Please confirm you have the right kind of designated garbage bag when you purchase them.

(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  
**Daito Waste Disposal Center**

- Business hours (closed Saturdays, Sundays & holidays)
  - Mornings: 8:30-11:45
  - Afternoons: 1:00-4:30
- \*We are also open for the above hours on the 3rd Sunday of every month.
- Enquiries: Tel. 75-3149

## Recyclables

## Non-combustibles

## Combustibles

## Appliances included in the Home Appliance Recycling Act

## Other items not included in regular collections

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></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.
- Please put items without the Pla-mark in the 'combustible waste'.

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

Ready-made sauce, tare sauce, dried food packs

Tubes containing food products

Polystyrene or food trays with dirt/stains that are difficult to remove

Separate polystyrene and food trays (including colored ones) from 'plastic containers and packaging waste'.

White food trays

Plastic containers and packaging

Bottles

\*Remove caps and pumps then dispose of them together.

Cups

Trays

Lids

Polythene bags, packs, wrapping film

Separating & cushioning materials (polystyrene that was protecting electric goods or fruits etc. or nets made of polystyrene)

Nets (from Mandarin oranges or onions etc.)

\*Dispose of spray-type items that contained gas with the 'non-combustible 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 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 fillers)
- 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 then flatten and fold the boxes into a size of less than 1m in width and length and pile them on top of each other.

The wave pattern of a cardboard box as seen from the side

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>● Be sure to pierce a hole in spray cans (including canisters for portable gas stoves and hairspray cans) after using all the contents.</li><li>● Dispose of lighters after using all the lighter fuel.</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 bladed items like knives in paper and display on the paper what it is.</li></ul>

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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 cloth.</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 10cm in thickness and 30cm in length.</li><li>● Do not bind up with twine.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Dispose of mats, carpets and other cloth 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></ul>

**Household medical waste**

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

- Limited 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

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

Televisions (CRT and flat screen types)

Refrigerators (including small fridges for cooling wines)

Freezers

Washing machines

Tumble driers

Air conditioner units

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

Tires and wheels

Motorbikes (less than 50cc)

Desks

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 1m in length.

In order to recycle precious metals found in small household appliances, there are collection boxes for collecting these in 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 appliance 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

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.</li><li>(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 an agriculture administration office at a branch of the Ichinoseki City 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.