



Special Edition

# This mark is not TRASH, it's a RESOURCE

From January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, the way trash will be sorted will be changed.

New Sorting Category: Plastic Containers/Packaging (Plastics)

Collection Location: Your designated burnable/non-burnable garbage and household garbage collection point.

Collection Dates: Please look at the graph below.

How to Recycle: Put it in any transparent or semi-transparent plastic bags that are commercially available.

## Plastic Collection Dates (From January 2022~)

District	Collection Course	Collection Date (Weekly)	Starting Date
Odaka	East Area	Thursday	Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup>
	West Area	Friday	Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup>
Kashima	Kashima/Mano	Friday	Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup>
	Yasawa/Kamimano	Thursday	Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup>
Haramachi	North Area	Monday	Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup> (Holiday)
	South Area	Tuesday	Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>

※Plastics will be collected on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> in this case, but usually they will not be collected on holidays.

## About Plastics (Part 3)

### 1 Precautions for Separating Plastics

Plastic products are products with the "♻️ plastic mark" label, except for some materials such as packaging materials used to protect fragile objects.

**♻️ Examples of Recyclable Waste**

- Egg Cartons
- Instant Noodle Cup/Bowls
- Plastic Bags
- Shampoo Bottles
- Milk Drink Containers
- Tofu Packs

**✘ Examples of Non-Recyclable Waste**

- Razor Blades (Dangerous)
- Toothbrushes
- Lighters (Dangerous)
- Video Tapes (Including Betamax)
- CD Cases
- Dirty Plastics

※Disposing of dangerous things can lead to unexpected accidents. Please be careful.

As described in the examples of non-recyclable waste, even if there is a plastic mark, it cannot be recycled if it is still dirty or has oil stains.

If it is dirty, the dirt will spread to clean waste that can be recycled, making them unable to be recycled, and it will lead to foul odors during storage. Please be sure to wash your plastics before taking them out.

If it is difficult to wash, or if you are unsure if it counts as plastic, please dispose of it as

**Burnable Trash**

## 2 Trash Bags Going Forward

Once the collection of plastics begins, there will be three types of trash bags.

### Bag Type: Plastic Containers/Packaging (Plastics)

(There is no city-designated bag. Please use commercially available bags.)

**Bag Color:** Translucent or Semi-translucent

**Size :** Up to 45 Liters



#### ◆ Good Examples of Plastics ◆

-Waste with the plastic mark that are clean and washed properly.

※CAUTION ! ! !

If the plastic is difficult to wash or if you are unsure if it counts as plastic, please dispose of it as burnable trash. We ask for your cooperation to make sure the recycling process runs smoothly.  
Thank you.

#### Bag Type: Non-Burnable (City-Designated Bag)

**Letter Colors:** Red

#### ◆ Examples of Waste ◆

Earthenware, glass, small household appliances, etc.  
Cutlery, other metals, etc.

#### ※Notice

Please wrap broken earthenware, cutlery, and other dangerous waste with paper and clearly label then as dangerous (危険).

#### ※CAUTION !

Do not put harmful or dangerous waste inside of these bags (**gas cylinders with gas removed, lighters, batteries, fluorescent lamps, etc.**) **Due to being disposed of by mistake, there have been cases nationwide that led to fatal accidents!**



#### Bag Type: Burnable (City Designated Bag)

**Letter Colors:** Blue

#### ◆ Examples of Waste ◆

- Food scraps, cooking oil, rubber, leather products.
  - Disposable diapers, clothes
  - Non-recyclable paper
  - Dirty plastics
  - Undeterminable plastic products
- Etc.



#### ※Notice

Decreasing food waste is an important initiative that leads to waste reduction. If you have purchased a compost or an electric waste disposer, please take advantage of the Waste Disposal Container Installation Reward.

## 3 FAQ

Here are some questions we have received so far.

Q. Why are we now disposing plastics separately?

A. Plastics are a valuable resource, and the "Containers and Packaging Recycling Law" stipulates that users, municipalities, and businesses should take up their duties in the recycling process.

Q. Can I gather my plastics in smaller plastic shopping bags and put them all in a larger bag?

A. Separating plastics into smaller portions increases the work of checking the plastics, so please avoid it as much as possible.

Q. How clean is clean enough to dispose of plastics?

A. Please make sure that the stains are not visible to the eye and that no rotting or foul odor is apparent during storage.

Q. What should I do with labels or stickers?

A. Please remove them. It's okay if it does not completely come off. (It can still be recycled.)

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