



How to Separate and Dispose of Waste

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How to Dispose of Household Waste



- Household waste collection days can be found on the Waste Collection Calendar (refer to the two-dimensional code on the lower right) and dispose of waste **on the designated days by the designated time.**
- Dispose of household waste at **the designated collection site (Waste Collection Site) for your neighborhood.**
- **Sort** the household waste according to the rules and regulations for waste disposal and put the waste into **the correct bag designated by the Tsuruoka Municipal Authorities (Designated Bags).**
- Do not dispose of a large amount of waste at once to any waste collection site when moving, etc.
- Do not dispose of industrial waste or waste from business operations, to any waste collection sites.
- **Some types of waste are not accepted at any waste collection sites.**
- ※ **The colors of the Designated Bags are decided according to the types of waste that they contain.**

Follow and observe the rules below.



Do not dispose of waste using anything other than the bags designated for waste collection.



Do not dispose of waste without tying the bag's central-short-handles.



Do not cover a waste bag with another bag.



Do not tie the handles of the bag with a cord or string.



Do not put waste into a separate plastic bag, or container, when disposing of **Pink, Yellow, Green or Blue** colored bags.

Plastic Containers and Packaging (Collected Once a Week)

- Put the waste into **a Designated Pink Bag** and dispose of it at a waste collection site.
- Plastic Containers and Packaging are **containers or packaging for items** that become waste after removing the item (or using them). **The mark to the right** is either printed on the package or container.
- Clean the plastic containers or packaging. **Wash and drain them.**



Pink



● Pudding Cups



● Plastic Egg Cartons



● Plastic or Styrofoam Trays



● Plastic Bags



● Plastic Bags for Food



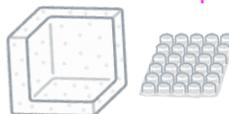
● Shampoo or Detergent Bottles



● PET Bottle Labels and Plastic Caps



● Protective Materials, such as Styrofoam or Bubble Wrap



● Protective Nets for Fruits or Wine Bottles



● Blister Packs or a Plastic Sheet for Pills



Waste that should not be put into a Designated Pink Bag even if it has  mark on it

× Desiccant or a Drying Agent

※ Put it into **a Designated Brown Bag.**



× Medical Waste

※ **Return waste to a medical facility or a pharmacy.**

※ Harmless things can be put into **a Designated Brown Bag.**



× Containers for Agricultural Chemicals, Pesticides or Herbicides

※ Put it into **a Designated Brown Bag.**



PET Bottles (Collected Once a Week)



PET

- **Remove caps and labels from PET Bottles** and put only the plastic bottles into a **Designated Yellow Bag** and dispose of it at a waste collection site.
- **Rinse the bottles and drain the water.** Do not put anything else into the bottles.
- Only the bottles that have marks like this  can be put into a Designated Yellow Bag.



Burnable Waste (Collected Twice a Week)

- Put the waste into a **Designated Brown Bag** and dispose of it at a waste collection site.



- **Food Waste**
Drain all liquids.

- **Shells**

- **Scrap Paper**

- **Leaves or Grass Dried.**

- **Waste Made from Plastic**
CDs, food containers, basins, toothbrushes, etc.
※Put plastic containers and packaging into a **Designated Pink Bag**.

- **Waste Made from Wood**

- **Waste Made from Rubber**
Cut **a rubber hose** into **pieces 1m in length**.

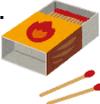
- **Clothes**

- **Bags**

- **Shoes**

- **Wallets, Purses or Cases**
Remove all contents in advance.

- **Cooking Oil**
Harden it with a coagulant.

- **Matches and Sparklers**
Please douse these items in water.

- **Drying agents and Ice Packs**

- **Disposable Diapers and Pet Litter**
Place the item in a plastic bag before putting them into a Designated Brown Bag.

- **Face Masks and Medical Inspection Kits**
Put these items into a plastic bag before putting them into a Designated Brown Bag.

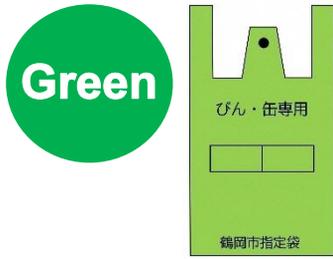

Waste to Be Collected without being placed into a Designated Brown Bag

- **Lumber, Boards, or Brooms**
● **Pruned Branches of Trees and Bouquets**
Permitted length and diameter
*Length: No more than 60cm
*Diameter of each item: No more than 10cm
*Diameter of a tied-up bundle: No more than 30cm

- **Thin Rush Mats, Reed or Bamboo Screens, and Bath Mats**
Permitted length and diameter
*Length: No more than 90cm
*Diameter of a rolled-up bundle: No more than 10cm


Bottles and Cans (Collected Once Every Two Weeks)

- Put the waste into [a Designated Green Bag](#) and dispose of it at a waste collection site.
- **First wash lightly and drain them.** Don't put any other waste in the bag.
- Discard metal caps into [a Designated Blue Bag](#), and plastic caps into [a Designated Pink Bag](#).



Even if a glass bottle is broken, you can put it into a Designated Green Bag

- Drink Bottles
 - Food Bottles
 - Seasoning Bottles
 - Cosmetic Bottles
- If dirty, put them into [a Designated Blue Bag](#).



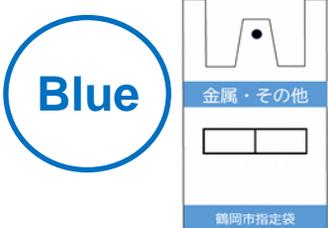
Cans with these marks go into a Designated Green Bag

- Drink Cans
 - Food Cans
 - × Cans with No Mark
 - × Spray Cans
- ※ Are put into [a Designated Blue Bag](#).
 ※ Are treated as **Fluorescent Lights, Dry Cell Batteries, etc. waste.**



Metal and Other Materials (Collected Once Every Two Weeks)

- Put the waste into [a Designated Blue Bag](#) and dispose of it at a waste collection site.



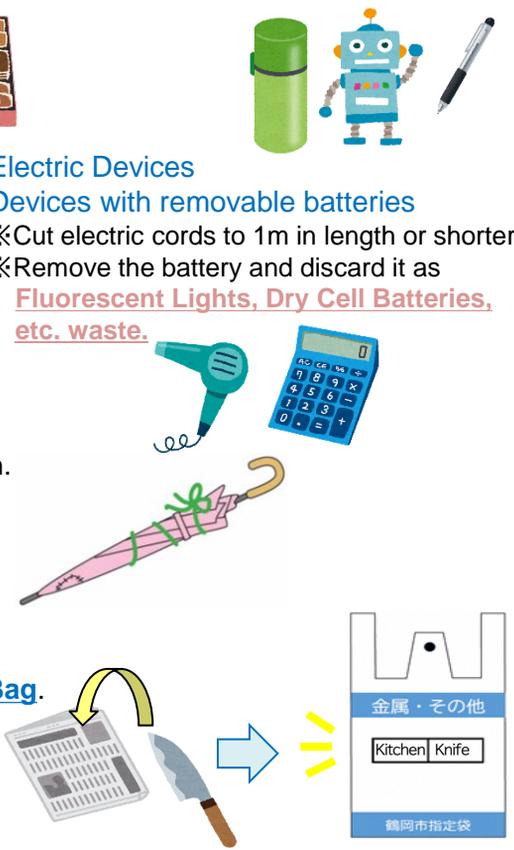
- Waste Made from Metal
 - Cans with This Mark
 - Waste with Metal Parts
 - Waste Made from Glass
 - Incandescent Light Bulbs or LED Light Bulbs
 - Waste Made from Ceramic
 - Electric Devices
 - Devices with removable batteries
- ※ Cans with these marks go into [a Designated Green Bag](#).
 ※ Clothes, bags, and shoes are put into [a Designated Brown Bag](#).
 ※ Cut electric cords to 1m in length or shorter
 ※ Remove the battery and discard it as **Fluorescent Lights, Dry Cell Batteries, etc. waste.**

How to discard umbrellas

- **Tie up each** umbrella **with a cord or string** so they cannot open.
- Umbrellas do not need to be put into a Designated Blue Bag.

How to discard of knives, edged tools, and broken glass

- **Wrap them up in paper** and put them into [a Designated Blue Bag](#).
Write what the item is on the bag.



Fluorescent Lights, Dry Cell Batteries, etc. (Collected Once a Month)

○ **Separate each item**, and dispose of it as follows.

● **Fluorescent Lights**

Put the light into **the original packaging**. If the original packaging cannot be used, wrap the light up in newspaper.



● **Spray cans, cassette gas cylinders**
● **Lighters**

Make sure the item is empty and put it into **a transparent bag**.



● **Batteries (※1) and Electrical Devices with built-in batteries that cannot or are difficult to remove (smaller than 30cm) (※2)**

(※1)
Make sure the battery is drained, put Scotch tape on the electrodes of the battery to isolate it and put them **into a transparent bag**.

If a battery leaks or has expanded, please contact the city Environmental Policy Division on how to dispose of them.

(※2)
Make sure **the battery is drained** and put the device **into a transparent bag**.

※Devices whose batteries can be removed.

● **Batteries are disposed as Fluorescent lights, Dry Cell Batteries, etc. waste.**

● **The Device is put in a Designated Blue Bag**

※Devices bigger than 30cm.

→ **Dispose as Oversized waste.**



Paper Waste (Newspapers, Magazines, Cardboard, etc.)

○ Separate the items as mentioned below in (※1), and discard them on the collection day for your neighborhood, or **bring them to "Tsuruoka Eco-Fire" (Tsuruoka Incineration Facility)**. (※2)

○ You can also **ask a Licensed Waste Collection and Transportation Company (Refer to page 7) to collect them** (for a fee).

○ Don't use packing tape and other types of tape on the paper waste. Remove any non-paper items from the paper waste.

※1 Prepare each item as mentioned below

● **Newspapers**

Bind them up with **paper string**.



● **Magazines**

Books, comics, weeklies, textbooks, Catalogues, etc.



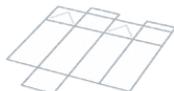
● **Cardboard**

Paper string, with a wavy cross section, is best to bind the cardboard together.



● **Drink Cartons**

Wash, unfold, and dry.



● **Paper items**

Put them into a paper bag
Refer to the two-dimensional code on the right.



※2 About Tsuruoka Eco-Fire(Incineration Facility)

- **Place** 13-6, Takarada 3-Chome, Tsuruoka
- **Days open**
 - ① Weekdays, Monday~Friday
 - ② Some holidays (Refer to the City Website)
 - ③ Second Saturdays
- **Operating Hours**
 - ①② 8:30am~11:50am, 1:00pm~5:00pm
 - ③ 8:30am~11:50am
- **Processing Fee** Free (Burnable waste and futons will be charged ¥120 per 10 kilograms)
- **Other info** You can bring in old papers, burnable waste and futons.
Please bring in your own waste and drop it off on your own.



Tsuruoka Eco-fire

Oversized Waste

- Durable goods and items that do not fit into the plastic bags designated by the city for waste are considered oversized waste.
- Oversized waste **must not be left at a neighborhood waste collection site**. To dispose of oversized waste, you can **bring it to Kururin-Kan Tsuruoka City Recycling Plaza**(※) or **contact a Licensed Waste Collection and Transportation Company** (a fee will be charged).
- Doors, sliding doors, and other items discarded during demolition and home remodeling are classified as industrial waste. Therefore, they cannot be brought to Kururin-Kan.



Kururin-Kan

※Kururin-Kan Tsuruoka-city Recycling Plaza

- Place: Suikyou 68-1, Mizusawa-Aza, Tsuruoka-city
- Days Open: Monday to Friday (Closed on weekends and holidays)
- Operating Hours: 9:00am~11:50am, 1:00pm~4:30pm
- Processing Fee: Varies based on the item. Check out the two-dimensional code on the right for details.
(120 yen per 10 kilograms for non-combustible waste)
- Other info: You can bring waste other than oversized waste and combustible waste. Please bring in your own waste and drop it off on your own.



Waste That Cannot Be Processed

- Items shown below must not be left at a neighborhood waste collection site. These items can endanger the safety of workers or cause breakdowns in the machinery.
- Tsuruoka City Incineration Facility “Tsuruoka-Eco Fire” and “Kururin-Kan Tsuruoka City Recycling Plaza” does not accept the items shown below.

● Items which contain harmful substances, and hazardous items

- (Agricultural) Chemicals • Car Batteries • Liquefied Petroleum Gas Cylinders
- Gunpowder • Waste Oil • Paint • Medical Waste (Infectious Items, Needles, etc.)
- Items which contain chlorofluorocarbon.



➡ Please **contact sales outlets, vendors or a Licensed Waste Collection and Transportation Company to dispose** of these items.

● Items that may cause disruptions to the processing process

- Branches or Wood that exceed a diameter of 10 cm across, or are longer than 60 cm
- FRP (Fiber-Reinforced Polymer) Products • Metal Hoses
- Items with Springs (Bed Mattresses, etc.) • Bowling Balls
- Microbead Cushions that do not fit into a Designated Brown Bag • Pianos
- Large Cash Boxes, Fire Resistant Safes • Agricultural Machinery • Incinerators • etc.



➡ Please **contact sales outlets, vendors or a Licensed Waste Collection and Transportation Company** to dispose of these items.

● Items from Demolition or Dismantlement of Buildings

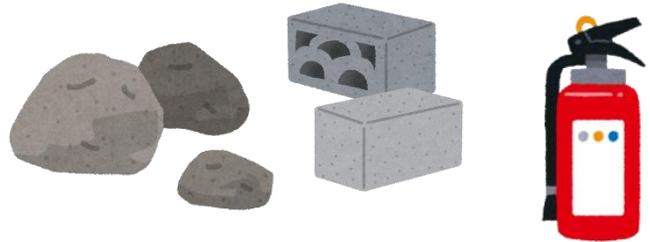
- Concrete blocks, bricks, wall materials, residential fixtures, etc.

➡ Please **arrange disposal through a Licensed Waste Collection and Transportation Company.**

● Natural Materials

- Rocks, soil, sand, etc.

➡ Please **put these items in your own garden.**



● Fire Extinguishers

➡ ① **Request a pickup at a designated collection site** (see the two-dimensional code on the right).

- Recycling sticker fee (purchasable at designated places) and collection/transportation fees will be applied.

② **Bring to a designated collection site** (see the two-dimensional code on the right).

- A recycling sticker fee is required. Please confirm if the item can be accepted by the Recycling Facility in advance.

③ **Request collection via Yu-Pack services.**

- Apply through the Yu-Pack Call Center (0120-822-306).



● CRT Computer Monitors

➡ Please **request disposal from the retailer you purchased the item from or contact PC3R Promotion Association** (03-5282-7685).

- ※LCD monitors are collected free of charge at waste incineration facilities, when they are disposed with a computer.

● 6 Items subject to the Home Appliance Recycling Law

- Air Conditioners • Refrigerators • Freezers • Washing Machines
- Clothes Dryers • Televisions (CRT, LCD, Plasma, OLED)



➡ ① **Take the items listed above back to the retailer you purchased them from or, if purchasing a new item, to the new retailer.**



- Pay the recycling fee and collection/transportation fee to the retailer.

② **Take it yourself to a designated collection site.**

- Designated collection site: Tohoku Miyago Distribution Co., Ltd. Sakata Moving Center
(1-2-1 Koeicho, Sakata City, 0234-31-3851)

- Make a note of the product manufacturer and size and purchase an Appliance Recycling Voucher at the post office.

- For TVs, please note the size of the screen (in inches).

- For refrigerators/freezers, please note the appliances capacity (in liters).

- Bring the Appliance Recycling Voucher and the appliance to be discarded to the designated collection site.



③ **Request a Licensed Waste Collection and Transportation Company that handles home appliances to collect the item.**

- Pay the recycling fee and collection/transportation fee to the licensed company.

※**Do not use unlicensed, unscrupulous collection companies or services.**

● **Automobiles and automotive parts**

➡ Request disposal from **the retailer or an authorized dealer.**



● **Motorcycles**

➡ Contact **the Automobile Recycling Promotion Center.** (050-3000-0727)



● **Industrial waste generated from business operations**

➡ **Request disposal from a Licensed Industrial Waste Disposal Company.**



For Inquiries: Shonai Regional Environment Division (0235-66-2111)

✂ Business operations include **privately owned stores, agriculture, and commercial fishing.**

Questions About Waste Separation? How to contact Tsuruoka City on LINE

1. Scan to access Tsuruoka City's Official LINE account



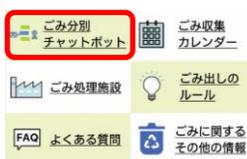
2. Select 「Lifestyle Information」



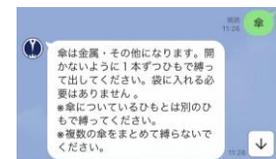
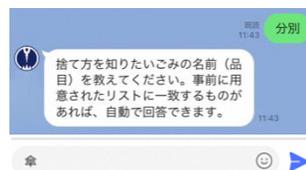
3. Select 「Waste」



4. Select 「Waste Sorting Search Chatbot」



5. Enter the type of waste and press Send.



Licensed Waste Collection and Transport Companies

Company	Location	Phone # (0235-)	Over-sized Waste	Home Appliances	Company	Location	Phone # (0235-)	Over-sized Waste	Home Appliances
Asahi Environmental Sanitation Co., Ltd.	Echuyama	53-2811	●		Shoko Corporation Co., Ltd.	Hiyorida-machi	25-1380	●	●
With Environment Co., Ltd.	Nishime	35-3569	●	●	Shonai Environmental Maintenance Co., Ltd.	Chiwara-machi	22-0496	●	
Otaki Shoten Co., Ltd.	Shirayama	22-1889	●	●	Tohoku E-Top Co., Ltd.	Fujinami 4-chome	64-5785	●	●
Obuchi Shoten Co., Ltd.	Antan	24-0555	●	●	High Road Co., Ltd.	Haguro-machi Akagawa	62-4747	●	
Environmental Management Center Co., Ltd.	Takarada 3-chome	25-0801	●	●	Echo Co., Ltd.	Sakata City	0234-35-1707		●
Management Systems Co., Ltd. (R-E-C)	Taranokidai	57-3225	●	●	Eldec Co., Ltd.	Sakata City	0234-34-3355	●	●
					Konno Transport Co., Ltd.	Sakata City	0234-31-3488		●

【Contact】 Tsuruoka City, Citizens' Affairs Department, Environmental Policy Division
 3-chome 13-6 Takarada, Tsuruoka City, Yamagata 〒997-0011
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 Mail: kankyo@city.tsuruoka.yamagata.jp



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