

# How to dispose of Household Garbage

Please separate your garbage correctly, in order to reduce waste and support recycling.

From October 1st, 2017, garbage collection in Akitsu will also follow these rules for separation.

Please cooperate in keeping garbage stations clean and tidy.  
Inquiries: Waste Management Division, Higashihiroshima City (Tel.: 082-420-0926)

Small enough to fit in designated garbage bags

Type	Items	Examples	Notes	Bag	Size	
<b>Combustible</b> 燃やせるごみ	Kitchen waste Small pieces of wood Paper, Cloth Rubber, Leather Aluminum foil Crayons, Paints Others (Ice packs, desiccants, hand warmers)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carefully drain off all water from raw/kitchen waste and wrap the waste in newspaper. Break skewers or other thin pointed objects into small parts.</li> <li>Soak cooking oil into cloth or newspaper before disposal.</li> <li>Wrap pet droppings in newspaper before disposal.</li> <li>Small amounts of garden waste (pruned wood, weeds, etc) can be disposed of in designated garbage bags. Remove earth from weeds, etc. Large amounts of garden waste should be taken directly to a garbage processing center.</li> <li>Do not leave metals, bottles or cans in combustible garbage.</li> <li>Soft plastics (vinyl, etc.) items such as bath mats and raincoats (not plastic containers etc.) should be cut into squares of 50cm or less and disposed of as combustible garbage.</li> <li>Hard plastics should be disposed of as non-combustible oversized garbage.</li> </ul>	<b>Designated Garbage Bag (Orange)</b>		
	<b>Landfill</b> 埋立ごみ	Glass, Pottery Ashes, Razors Plastic chopping boards				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large amounts of landfill garbage should be taken directly to a garbage processing center.</li> <li>Items likely to rip the garbage bag should be wrapped in newspaper or double-bagged, so that the garbage bag does not rip.</li> <li>Ashes should be soaked with water before disposal.</li> <li>Razors should be wrapped safely. Write "キケン" on the container/packaging.</li> <li>Items bigger than the size of designated garbage bags should be disposed of as non-combustible oversized garbage.</li> </ul>
	<b>Toxic</b> 有害ごみ	Fluorescent tubes Batteries Mercury thermometers				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dispose of fluorescent lights and light-bulbs so that they do not break.</li> <li>These items can be disposed of in their paper cases, but be sure to put them into the correct designated garbage bag. Do not wrap items with packing tape, etc.</li> <li>When disposing of batteries and fluorescent lights in the same bag, put the batteries in a small bag first, so that the fluorescent lights do not smash. Please do not tie items together with tape, etc.</li> <li>Return rechargeable and button shaped batteries to electric appliance stores for recycling.</li> </ul>
<b>Recyclable plastic</b> リサイクルプラ 	Plastics, Vinyls, Polystyrene with the following mark		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirm that the item has a recyclable plastic mark.</li> <li>Use all the contents, rinse out the container, and remove any dirt.</li> <li>Items which cannot be cleaned out fully and items where powder residues remain should be disposed of as combustible garbage.</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Break up large pieces of polystyrene into smaller pieces and put them in a bag.</li> <li>Do not double-bag items.</li> <li>How to Dispose of plastics with no recyclable mark:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soft plastic items (wrap, vinyl, etc.) → combustible garbage</li> <li>Large items (plastic sheeting etc.) → combustible oversized garbage</li> <li>Hard plastic items (toys, etc.) → non-combustible oversized garbage</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Designated Garbage Bag (Purple)</b>	Under 50 x 50 x 20cm	
<b>PET bottles</b> ペットボトル 	Plastic bottles for drink, alcohol, sauces, etc. with the following mark		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove the cap and label and dispose of them as recyclable plastics.</li> <li>Rinse out the bottle.</li> <li>Crush PET bottles as much as possible.</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dispose of containers for cooking oil, sauces, salad dressings, etc. as recyclable plastics if they have a recyclable plastic mark.</li> </ul>			
<b>Bottles &amp; Cans</b> ビン・缶	Bottles Cans (It is not necessary to separate bottles and cans)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a danger that spray cans, gas canisters (cassettes), etc., may explode. Therefore please ensure that the contents are completely used up. (There is no need to puncture a hole in the can, etc.)</li> <li>Rinse out the bottle or can thoroughly and remove the cap before disposal. If the cap is metal, dispose of it in the same bag.</li> <li>Wrap broken bottles, etc. in newspaper and write "キケン" on the bag.</li> <li>Dispose of large bottles, pots and pans, etc. as non-combustible oversized garbage.</li> <li>Return returnable bottles (beer bottles, etc.) to the shop where you bought them.</li> <li>Never dispose of bottles in which chemicals or pesticides are still remaining.</li> </ul>			
<b>News papers</b> 新聞	Newspapers (Including flyers inserted in newspapers)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Separate ① newspapers (including fliers), ② magazines and miscellaneous paper/cardboard, and ③ cardboard boxes, and dispose of ① on newspaper collection days, and ② and ③ on magazine &amp; cardboard box collection days.</li> <li>Make a stack of about 20cm in height and firmly tie it with string in a cross. Do not use gummed tape or bags, etc.</li> <li>Do not mix newspapers and magazines together. If you have a bundle of fliers only, they can be disposed of as magazines.</li> <li>Remove any clips, plastic, CDs, etc. from magazines and miscellaneous paper/cardboard.</li> <li>Fold up cardboard into a size smaller than 50x50cm before bundling it together.</li> <li>Heat-sensitive paper (receipts, faxes, etc.), carbon copies, photographs, paper treated to make it water-resistant, aluminum- or vinyl-coated paper, laminated postcards, and gold and silver paper should be disposed of as combustible garbage.</li> <li>Wherever possible, do not leave newspapers, magazines or miscellaneous paper/cardboard outside for collection on rainy days.</li> </ul>	<b>Tie together with string</b>	Under 50 x 50 x 20cm	
<b>Cardboard, Misc. Paper, Magazines</b> ダンボール・雑誌・雑紙	Magazines Misc. paper Cardboard boxes					
<b>Oversized</b> 粗大ごみ	Saijo, Hachihonmatsu, Shiwa and Takaya have a local collection system- see the local newsletter for details. For Kurose, Fukutomi, Toyosaka and Kochi, see the Garbage Collection Schedule for details. It is possible to take household garbage (including oversized garbage) directly to garbage processing centers. See overleaf for details.	<b>Combustible Oversized</b> 燃やせる粗大ごみ	Wooden furniture Beds, etc. Others (large bags, floor chairs, etc.)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove any glass and dispose of the frame of the glass as oversized garbage and the glass as landfill garbage. Dispose of items bigger than the size of designated garbage bags as non-combustible oversized garbage.</li> <li>Remove mirrors from their frames and dispose of them as non-combustible oversized garbage.</li> <li>Remove any metal pieces or fixtures, and dispose of them as non-combustible oversized garbage.</li> <li>Sprung mattresses can be disposed of as combustible oversized garbage.</li> <li>Empty all the drawers when disposing of desks or chests.</li> <li>Bind blankets, carpets, reed screens, etc. with string. Dispose of heated carpets as non-combustible oversized garbage.</li> </ul>	Under 180 x 100 x 200cm
		<b>Non-combustible Oversized</b> 燃やせない粗大ごみ	Household electrical appliances Metals, Mirrors Bicycles, etc. Hard plastic items Large plastic containers Others (toys, helmets, organs, etc.)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electrical appliances not covered by the Home Appliance Recycling Laws can be disposed of as non-combustible oversized garbage. Dispose of fluorescent bulbs and batteries, etc. as toxic garbage.</li> <li>Recyclable items are shown on the reverse of this sheet.</li> <li>Do not put anything inside large cans, etc.</li> <li>Be sure to completely drain fuel and remove batteries from heaters in order to prevent explosions or fires.</li> <li>Small items such as toys, nails/screws, toothbrushes, etc., should be placed in transparent or semi-transparent plastic bags before being thrown out in the trash.</li> <li>Do not dispose of any other types of garbage on oversized garbage collection days.</li> <li>Cancel Bicycle Theft Prevention Registration when disposing of a bicycle.</li> <li>Return used mobile phones and accessories to mobile phone shops.</li> </ul>	Under 150 x 120 x 200cm

\*During the transition period, from October 1st, 2017 to March 31st, 2018, old designated garbage bags may also be used.

Please see overleaf for more information.

There are collection boxes for used lighters and batteries in the City Office, branch offices and sub-branch offices.  
PTAs and local children's groups are involved in recycling activities. Please cooperate in reducing waste by leaving newspapers, magazines, fabrics, bottles, cardboard, etc. for them to collect, instead of disposing of these items as garbage.

One-off large amounts of garbage / Garbage from moving house Take garbage directly to the garbage processing center designated by the city, or have a company with a permit issued by the city transport the garbage for you (this will incur a cost).

### Taking household garbage (oversized garbage and other garbage) directly to a garbage processing center yourself

#### Person disposing of garbage (citizen of Higashihiroshima)

- Separate garbage correctly, and put the garbage into designated bags.
- Be sure to take proof of your residence in Higashihiroshima City (driver's license, etc.) with you.
- Take your garbage to the correct center, as shown below.

○Combustible garbage  
○Combustible oversized garbage  
○Newspapers ○Magazines, misc. paper, cardboard

Kamo Environmental Sanitation Center  
766-1 Kami-Minaga, Saijo-cho

☎082-426-0820

08:30-17:00 (closed Sundays)

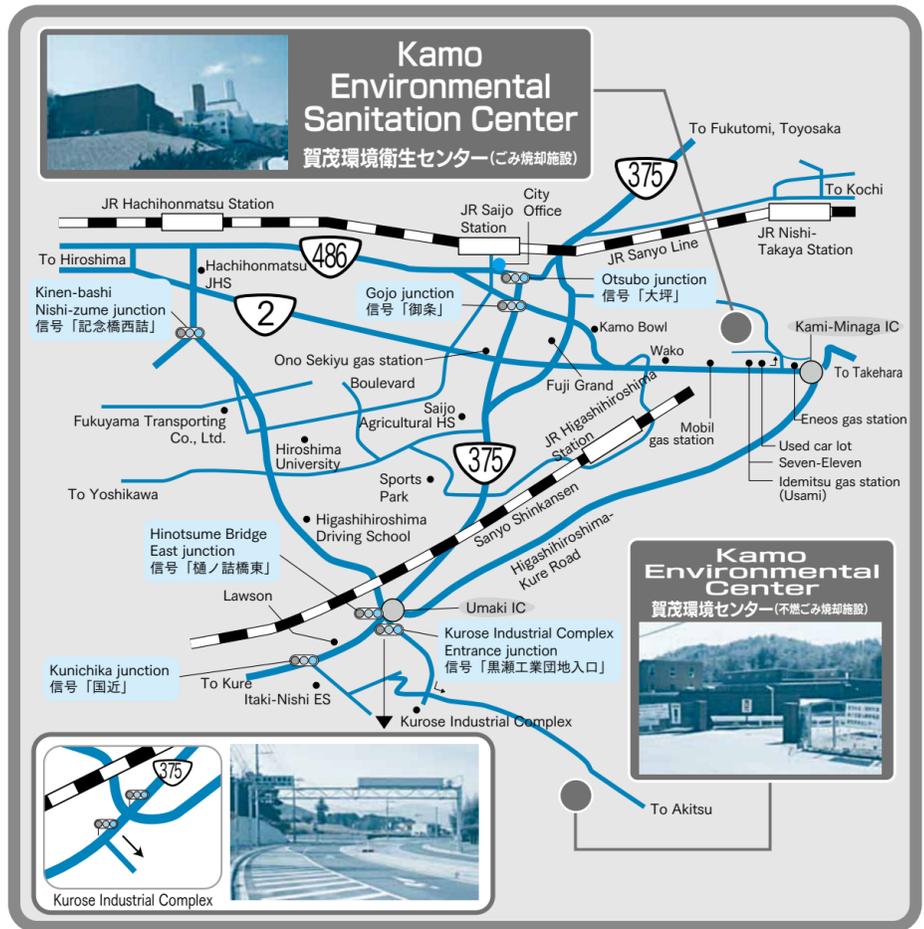
○Non-combustible oversized garbage  
○Bottles, cans ○Recyclable plastic  
○PET bottles ○Landfill garbage  
○Toxic garbage

Kamo Environmental Center  
427-24 Kunichika, Kurose-cho

☎0823-82-6499

08:30-17:00 (closed Sundays and holidays)

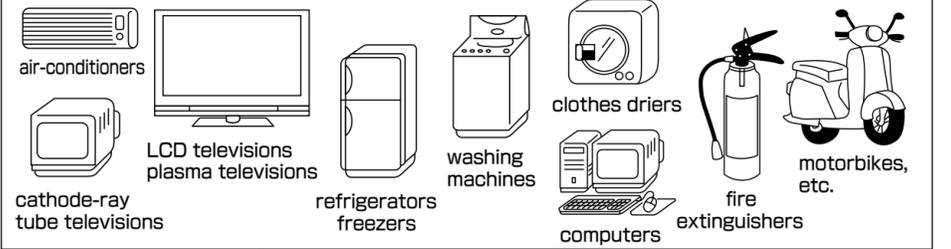
- At the center, drive your vehicle (under 4 tons) on to the weighing machine, and show your identification at the weighing office.
- Follow the directions of the staff when unloading garbage. After unloading, drive your vehicle on to the weighing machine again.
- In the centers, there are large trucks moving around. Please be very careful.
- When taking garden (wood) waste to the Kamo Environmental Sanitation Center, remove all metal items, cut the wood into pieces shorter than 1m80cm (1m30cm for bamboo), and ensure that the wood is less than 20cm in diameter.
- Inquire at appropriate shops regarding items which cannot be disposed of at municipal facilities (tires, agricultural implements, motorbikes, medicines, oil, cans containing paint, items covered by recycling laws, etc.). These items will not be accepted at municipal facilities even if broken up.
- Construction waste and demolition waste from a business is industrial waste, and cannot be accepted.



### Oversized garbage collections

The following items cannot be disposed of in municipal garbage collections, or at municipal garbage processing centers.

- They cannot be disposed of even if broken up.
- It is not possible to take them to garbage processing centers for disposal.



Item	Disposal
Air-conditioners Televisions Fridges, Freezers Washing machines Clothes driers	According to the Home Appliance Recycling Laws. Disposal will incur a cost. Please inquire at an electronics appliance store. Contact: Home Recycling Coupon Center (tel.: 0120-319-640)
Computers • Desktops • Displays • Notebooks	According to the Law for Promotion of Effective Utilization of Resources. Please check with the manufacturer. Disposing of items without a PC recycling sticker will incur a cost. Contact (for home-built PCs and in cases when the manufacturer cannot be contacted): Computer 3R Promotion Association (tel.: 03-5282-7685) HP: <a href="http://www.pc3r.jp/">http://www.pc3r.jp/</a>
Household fire extinguishers	The Japan Fire Extinguisher Manufacturers' Association cooperates with local stockists to dispose of fire extinguishers. Recycling stickers, transport and storage will incur costs. Contact: Japan Fire Extinguisher Manufacturers' Association (Fire Extinguisher Recycling Promotion Center) (tel.: 03-5829-6773) HP: <a href="http://www.ferpc.jp/">http://www.ferpc.jp/</a>
Motorbikes	Please check with businesses dealing with scrap motorcycles. Contact: Motorcycle Recycling Call Center (tel.: 03-3598-8075)

#### Example oversized garbage items

Non-combustible oversized garbage		Combustible oversized garbage	
Item	Notes	Item	Notes
1 18-liter cans		Tennis rackets	Wood: △
A Aluminium sashes		Thermometers (digital)	Mercury: ◎
A Antennas (for TVs)		Thermos flasks	
Aquariums/fish tanks (glass)		Toasters	
Baby carriages/pushchairs		T Toilet brushes	
Ball pens		Tools	
B Bicycle pumps (metal)		Toothbrushes	
Bicycles		Toys (plastic, metal)	
Buckets		Tricycles	
Cameras		Trophies	
Cassette decks		U Umbrellas	
CDs		U Unicycles	
Ceramics (large)		V Vacuum cleaners	
Chains		W Washing basins	Wood: △
Chairs (metal)	Wood: △	W Wire	
Child seats		W Word-processors	
C Clocks	Remove batteries	W Wristwatches	
C Clothes-drying poles	Bamboo: △		
C Clothes-drying stands			
C Clothes pegs			
C Coffee makers			
C Corrugated sheeting (plastic)	Small quantities only		
C Cups/glasses (plastic)	Glass: ○		
C Cutting knives			
D Desks (metal)	Wood: △		
D Duralumin cases			
D DVDs (including cases)			
E Electric cords	Including extension cords		
E Electric lamps	Light bulbs: ◎		
F Fans (electric)			
F Fishing rods (plastic)			
F Fishing weights			
F Flasks			
F Floppy disks(including cases)			
F Frying pans			
G Golf bags			
G Golf clubs			
G Grass cutters	No agricultural implements		
H Hairbrushes			
H Hairpins			
H Hangers	Wood: △		
H Heated curlers			
H Helmets			
H Hoes	No agricultural implements		
I Ikebana pinholders			
I Ink cartridges	Return to store if possible		
I Ink cassette	Ribbons: ○		
I Iron arrays s			
I Irons			
J Jacks			
J Jars			
K Kettles			
K Kerosene pumps			
K Kitchen scissors			
K Knitting machines			
K Knives			
K Kotatsu	Wooden table tops: △		
L Lawnmowers			
L Lighting fixtures (plastic)	Tubes/ light bulbs: ◎		
L Lipstick cases			
M Magic markers			
M Marker pens			
M Metal-frame beds			
M Microwave ovens			
M Mirrors			
N Nail clippers			
N Nails			
O Organs			
P Pens			
P Personal seals (inkan)	Wood: ◎		
P Plant pots (plastic)	Ceramic: ○		
P Planters (plastic)			
P Plastic bowls/food containers			
P Plastic containers			
P Plastic tanks			
P Pots	Ceramic: ○		
P Potties			
P Powder compacts			
P Precious metals			
P Printers			
P Pruning shears			
R Radios	Remove batteries		
R Razors (electric)			
R Records			
R Remote controls	Remove batteries		
R Rice cookers			
R Safety boxes			
R Saucepans			
R Scissors			
R Sewing machines			
R Sickles	No agricultural implements		
R Skis, ski boots			
R Snowboards			
R Sofas			
R Spades			
R Spectacles	Including magnifying glasses		
R Stamp pads			
R Stationery (plastic)			
R Steel items			
R Stepladders			
R Stereos			
R Storage cases (plastic)			
R Stoves/heaters	Remove fuel and batteries		
R Suitcases (plastic)	Fabric: △		
R Sunglasses			
R Surfboards			
T Telephones			

Key: △ - combustible oversized garbage  
◎ - toxic garbage  
○ - landfill garbage  
▽ - combustible garbage  
▽ - non-combustible oversized garbage

For details, contact the Waste Management Division, or see the City homepage.

**Garbage not able to be handled by the city**

Construction garbage, agricultural garbage (seedling boxes, fertilizer bags, etc.), bathtubs (FRP), motorbikes, motors, engines, wire, metal sheeting, thick steel, mold steel, oil drums with contents still inside, paint tins, fishing nets, items covered by recycling laws, industrial waste, etc.  
※Agricultural machinery, car parts, etc., cannot be disposed of even if broken up.  
※Please return needles used for injections and drips to a medical facility.

**Business garbage (non-household garbage)**

Garbage generated from business activities  
General garbage generated from farming, fishing, catering, services, manufacturing, processing, retail, factories and offices.

※Please arrange for a collection company with a permit issued by Higashihiroshima City to dispose of this garbage, or transport the garbage directly to a garbage processing center yourself, having first completed the required formalities.