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This is an important notice from Inagi City.

Starting in April 2023,

the method of disposing of **Plastic waste** **Glass and Ceramics** will change!



# Plastic Waste Separation Guide

Please separate your waste and do your part to recycle!



We will start collecting recyclable plastic waste in **new designated collection bags.**



**Building a recycling-oriented city by promoting 4R+1**

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# Items covered

For PET bottles that contained drinks or other liquids and that have the mark , see **Cans and PET bottles**

For items with at least one side that is 50 cm or longer, see Oversized waste.

## Starting in 2023,



waste that was previously separated into **Combustibles** or **Non-Combustibles** that is not dirty and is made of only plastic will be collected on **plastic waste** days in designated collection bags.

Look for the mark. 



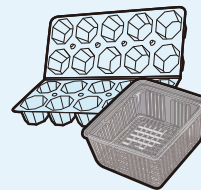
Bags (e.g., for snacks, food, detergent, shampoo refills, and plastic bags)



Container bottles (except PET bottles)



Labels and caps (e.g., for PET bottles)



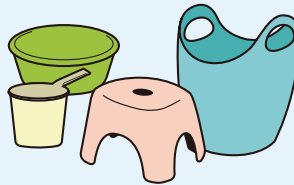
Packaging containers (e.g., egg packages and food packages)



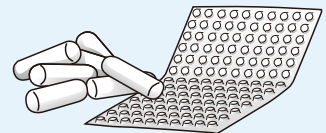
Containers from convenience store lunch boxes, etc.



Hard plastics (e.g., reusable lunch boxes, cups, buckets, and hangers)



Baskets, buckets, and chairs

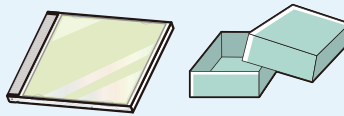


Cushioning and packaging materials



Sponges

Toothbrushes



Cases (e.g., for CDs, DVDs, and storage) with sides shorter than 50 cm



Planters, flowerpots, and watering cans

## Separating plastic waste is time-consuming and hard... Can't I put it in with burnable garbage?

Separating, collecting, and recycling plastic waste—which is a major cause of ocean pollution—will prevent it from spilling into the ocean and reduce the carbon dioxide generated by burning it, decreasing the burden on the environment.

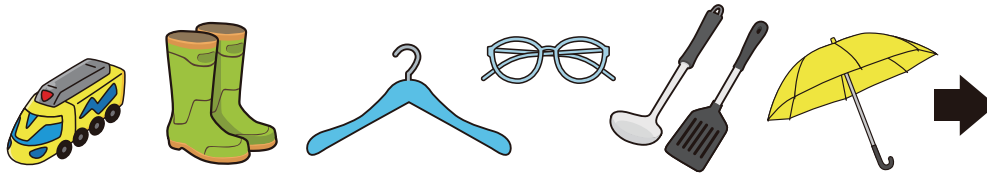
**Your efforts will help preserve the environment.  
Please do your part to recycle plastic waste!**



# Precautions when separating waste



For complex products made of plastic and metal, wood, rubber, etc.



Toys, boots, hangers with metal handles, glasses, ladles, spatulas, umbrellas, etc.

**Non-Combustibles**

Items that are separated and collected according to other laws and regulations or systems based on them

- Devices subject to the Act on Recycling of Small Home Appliances



Small home appliance collection boxes, etc.

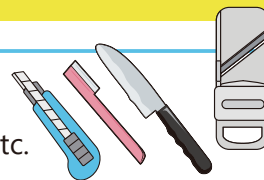
- Items with at least one side that is 50 cm or longer
- ➔ **Oversized waste**

- PET bottles that contained drinks or other liquids and that have the mark  ➔ **Cans and PET bottles**



Materials that can seriously hinder recycling

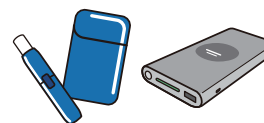
- Blades**  
Kitchen knives, cutters, graters, safety razors, etc.



➔ **Toxic and metallic waste**

- Devices that use lithium-ion batteries**  
Heated tobacco, portable batteries, etc.

Note: Small items can also be placed in small home appliance collection boxes.

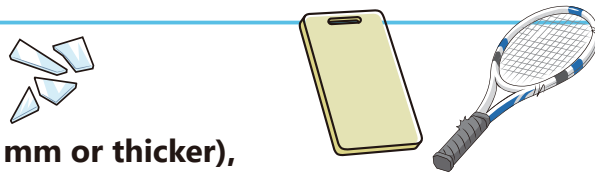


➔ **Toxic and metallic waste**

- Spray cans, gas cylinders, lighters, batteries, etc.**



- Glass fragments**
- Cutting boards (5 mm or thicker), Reinforced plastic products (e.g., rackets, golf club shafts)**



➔ **Non-Combustibles**

- Items that may cause infection, such as medical waste**



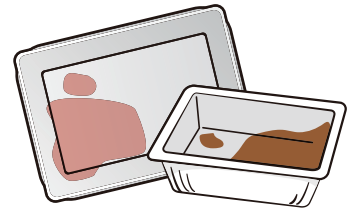
➔ **These cannot be collected by the city. Please consult a medical institution or pharmacy.**

# How to dispose of plastic waste

# 1

## Use up the content (or eat everything inside) of them.


If they are not dirty, put them in a designated plastic waste collection bag as-is.



**Q** Should I peel off price tags and other stickers on lids?

**A** Please peel them off if they can come off easily. You do not have to peel them off if it is too difficult.

**Q** Should I dispose of wrappers that are silver on the inside (e.g., candy wrappers) as plastic waste?

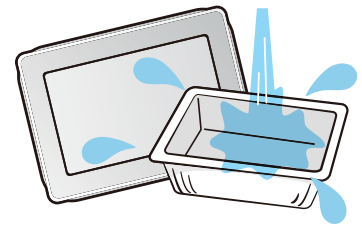
**A** If there is a mark on the wrapper, dispose of it as plastic waste even if it is silver. 

# 2

## Cleaning dirty items

Clean dirty items by rinsing them.

If you cannot clean them, dispose of them as burnable or non-burnable waste.



**Q** Why can't I put in something dirty?

**A** If you put in something dirty, the matter will spread and result in other plastic waste items becoming unrecyclable.



**Q** How do I clean items to be disposed of?

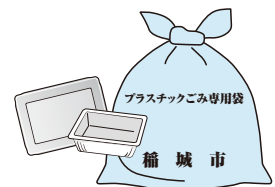
**A** Use up the content and lightly rinse or wipe them off. Please empty bags from snacks and other foods by turning them upside down and shaking them so there is nothing left over.



# 3

## Put them in a designated plastic waste collection bag.

Do not put the bag inside of another as it will interfere with the sorting process when recycling.



**!** For items with at least one side that is 50 cm or longer, see **Oversized waste**.

### Key points

- You can keep collection bags small by **crushing** or **cutting** up waste before putting it in the designated collection bag and disposing of it.
- You will still be able to bring Styrofoam trays to collection centers at shared facilities, supermarkets, etc.

• **Make sure to take a look at the precautions for separating, too!**

# Collection frequency and designated collection bags



Starting in 2023,

Combustibles



Collected twice a week

Non-Combustibles



Collected twice a month

plastic waste



Collected once a week

**By 8:00 a.m.**  
on the collection day

If you live in a detached house, place the bag in front of your house (on your property alongside the road). If you live in an apartment building, place it at the designated garbage collection location.

**Caution!**

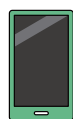
Many rechargeable home appliances contain lithium-ion batteries. There is a risk of them **heating up or catching on fire** when too much force is applied to them.



A rechargeable product that caught on fire



Electronic cigarettes



Smartphones



Electric toothbrushes



Handheld vacuums



Electric shavers

Please follow the disposal rules when throwing them away.

Source: The Japan Containers and Packaging Recycling Association

## Plastic waste collection bags

**Now on sale**

Plastic waste collection bags will cost **half the price** of those for burnable and non-burnable waste in order to encourage people to recycle more plastic. Please do your part and separate your waste appropriately.



| Type        | Capacity | Price (10 bags per pack) | Type         | Capacity | Price (10 bags per pack) |
|-------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Extra small | 5L       | 50 yen                   | Large        | 40L      | 400 yen                  |
| Small       | 10L      | 100 yen                  | Business use | 45L      | 725 yen                  |
| Medium      | 20L      | 200 yen                  |              |          |                          |

Note: In principle, offices and stores dispose of business-related waste by themselves. However, they can dispose of 3 or fewer 45 liter bags (weighing 15 kg) of combustible, non-combustible, and plastic waste if they buy the designated general business-related waste collection bags (application for disposal required in advance).

**Designated plastic waste collection bags are scheduled to start being sold by distributors starting in January 2023**

Please refer to the Waste and Recycling Calendar to find your nearest collection bag distributor designated by Inagi City.

# Recycling glass and ceramics

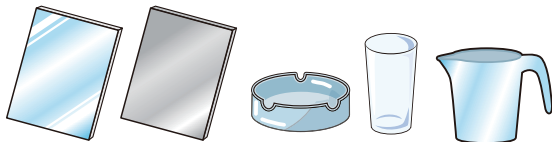
Starting in **April 2023**, you will be able to dispose of **glass and ceramics**—which are currently disposed of as **Non-Combustibles** in **pink** designated collection bags—by putting them in **separate plastic bags (no designation)** and placing them at **recyclable item collection stations** on the same days as **Glass bottles**.

## Purpose and Effect

Currently, glass and ceramics are collected as non-burnable garbage, sorted and crushed, then incinerated. The Regional Association for Waste Management and Resource Recycling is conducting a resource circulation by recycling those as an eco-cement product. However, we are starting a business to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> produced by the incineration. From now on, after collecting them as a resource, they will be crushed into small pieces without incineration and made into "recycled sand," which will be used as a material for civil engineering work.

## Items collected

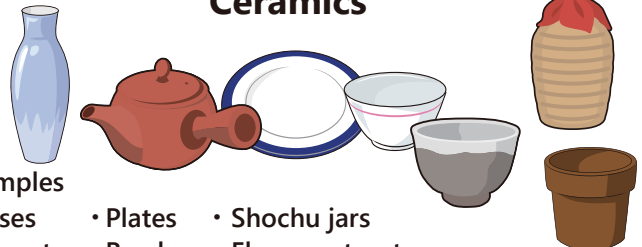
### Glass



#### Examples

- Sheet glass
- Ashtrays
- Heat-resistant tableware, etc.
- Frosted glass
- Cups

### Ceramics



#### Examples

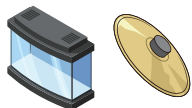
- Vases
- Plates
- Shochu jars
- Teapots
- Bowls
- Flowerpots, etc.

Note: You can dispose of broken items, but for collection workers' safety, please **wrap them in paper**, write **「割れ物注意」** (Broken items inside) or a similar warning on it, and put them in a plastic bag before disposing of them.

Note: Make sure that glass and ceramic items are empty before disposing of them. They must be **30 cm or shorter to fit in the collection basket**.

If they are 30 to 50 cm long, dispose of them as non-burnable garbage. If they are longer than 50 cm, dispose of them as oversized waste.

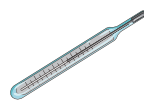
## Main items that cannot be collected as glass and ceramics



Water tanks, pot lids, full length mirrors, and items with frames



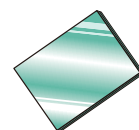
Fluorescent tubes, light bulbs, etc.



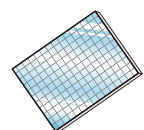
Mercury thermometers



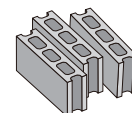
Batteries



Laminated glass (with interlayer film)



Wired glass



Concrete items



Diatomaceous earth bath mats

**Non-Combustibles**

**Toxic and metallic waste**

**Professional collector.**  
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