

# How to Separate and Throw Out Household Garbage

in AizuWakamatsu City

★Garbage must be separated and taken out by 8:30am on collection day.

★Take burnable garbage, non-burnable garbage, and paper to the trash collection area; and cans, glass bottles, old fabric/clothes, PET bottles, plastic packaging and additional plastic items to the separate recycling collection area.

★Please dispose of papers, cans, returnable glass bottles (beer bottles, etc.), old fabric etc. at supermarket recycling stations, or at your neighbourhood recycling collection area.

Make sure you follow the proper disposal procedure of the store or collection area you are putting your recycling into.

## Garbage

### Station Collection

#### ◆ How to Dispose of Burnables and Non-burnables

##### Designated Garbage Bags

Burnable Garbage Non-burnable Garbage

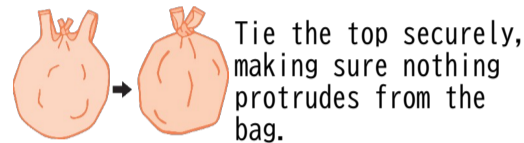


Bag sizes	Price (tax incl.) per roll (10 bags ea.)
Mini (5L)	¥100
S (10L)	¥200
M (20L)	¥400
L (40L)	¥800

##### Garbage stickers 5pc set ¥500



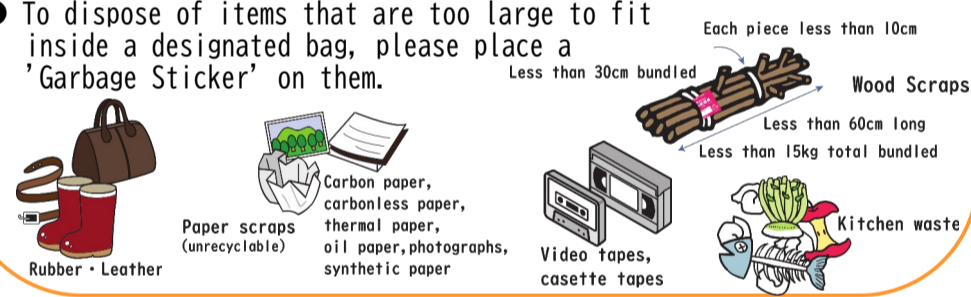
• Burnable and non-burnable garbage should be separated into the designated disposal bags. If garbage is too large to fit into a bag, please purchase and attach a regular garbage sticker to the item/s.



#### Burnable Garbage

twice a week

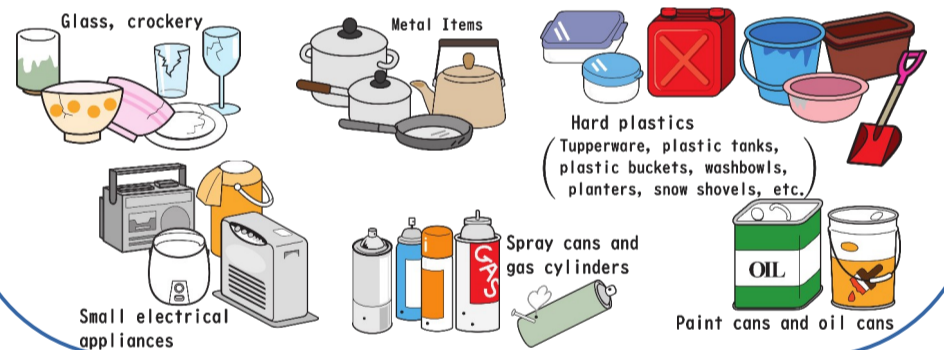
- Applies to: kitchen waste, rubber/leather items, wood scraps, paper scraps (unrecyclable), bedding (blankets, futons), underclothes etc.
- Please dispose of 'plastic containers/packaging and certain plastic items', 'miscellaneous recyclable paper', and 'old clothes/fabric' separately.
- Dispose of using designated bags.
- Any bag other than designated bags such as rice bags, fertilizer bags, bags whose contents are not visible, or cardboard boxes may not be used to dispose of garbage.
- To dispose of items that are too large to fit inside a designated bag, please place a 'Garbage Sticker' on them.



#### Non-burnable Garbage

1st, 3rd, 5th & 6th week

- Applies to: glass/crockery, metal items, hard plastics, small electrical appliances, spray cans, cassette gas cans, paint cans, oil cans, etc.
- Cannot be longer than 2m in length.
- Dispose of using designated bags.
- To dispose of items that are too large to fit inside a designated bag, please place a 'Garbage Sticker' on them.
- For spray cans and cassette gas cans, etc., use up all the can's contents and, in a well ventilated area (outside), puncture a hole in the can before putting it out for collection.
- Wrap up broken and bladed objects, etc. in newspaper so that there is no danger.
- Items such as computers, refrigerators, heavy pickling stones, etc. cannot be collected and processed by the City.



#### ◆ How to Use Regular Garbage Stickers

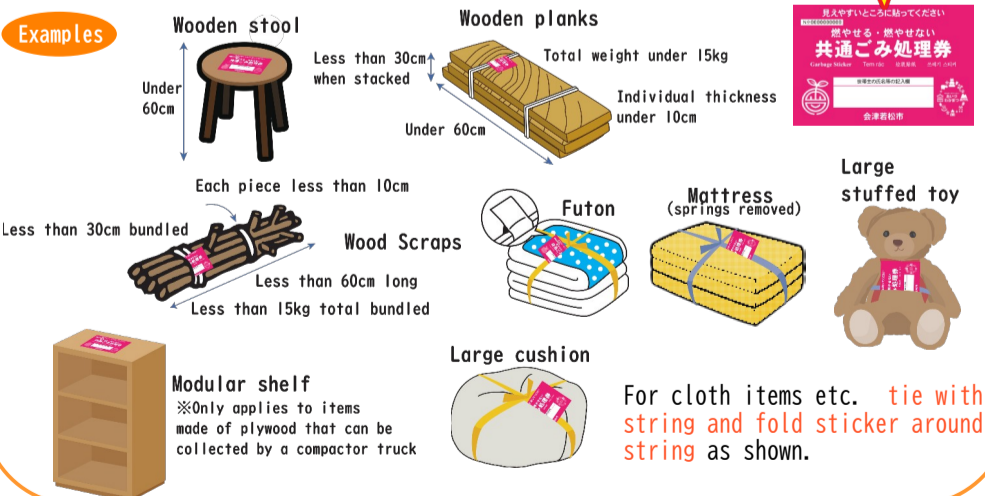


Regular Garbage Stickers

- Use to dispose of **items that do not fit in a garbage bag.**
- Attach stickers securely **where they can be easily seen.**
- Please note that **stickers cannot be removed and reattached.**

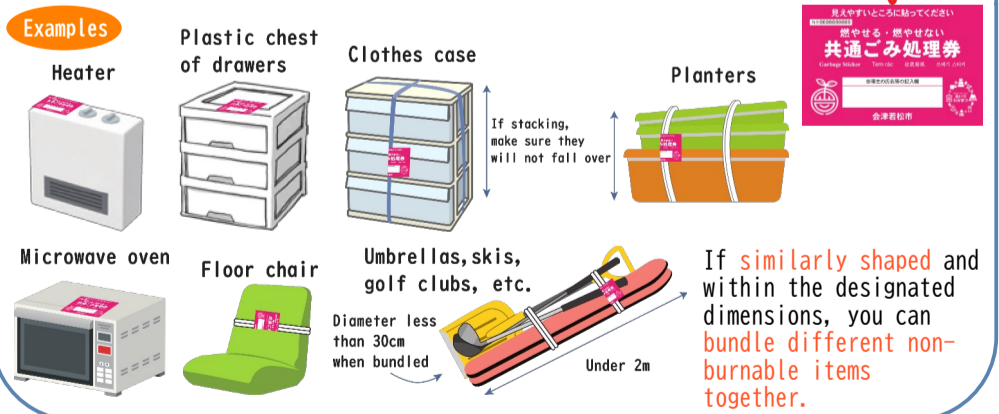
#### Burnable Garbage (under 15kg)

Paid



#### Non-burnable Garbage (under 15kg)

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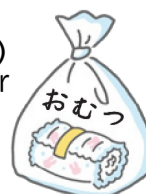
**Warning** Do not mix burnable and non-burnable items.

#### If separated from other trash, still collected for free : Diapers

Free

**Applicable Items:** Used diapers, soiled incontinence pads or sheets, bathroom wipes, disposable gloves

**Correct Disposal:** Place the diapers in a transparent or semi-transparent bag, label as "おむつ" (diapers) with permanent marker, and take them to your assigned garbage station on burnables collection day.



**WARNING:** Please flush waste down the toilet. You do not need to write your name on the bag. Does not apply to pet diapers. If you wish to hide the contents, you can wrap the items before disposal.

# Home Pick-up Collection

## Oversized Garbage

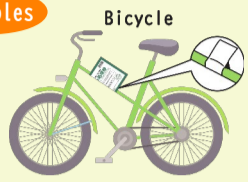
once a week

Paid

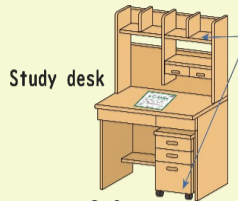
### Using Oversized Garbage Stickers

- Please use these stickers when disposing of items **under 50kg** and **less than 2m long** at their widest point.
- Attach stickers securely **where they can be easily seen**.
- Please note that **stickers cannot be removed and reattached**.

Examples

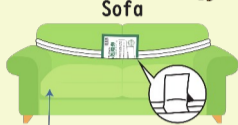


Bicycle

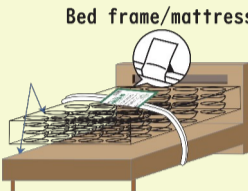


Study desk

Counts as one item (including side desk and/or shelf)



Sofa



Bed frame/mattress

If the item contains springs, please remove the outer fabric and remove the springs.

For cloth items etc. tie with string and fold sticker around string as shown.

### < Correct Disposal >

- ① Apply to the Environmental Policy Division for collection of oversized garbage or reusable items (up to 3 items per application).
- ② When your application has been finalized, attach an Oversized Garbage Sticker to the items.
- ③ Place the items outside before 8:30AM on collection day. For those living on upper floors of a building, please take the items to the ground floor.



Oversized garbage sticker

### < How to Apply for Pick-up >

For some oversized garbage (including bicycles, study desks, dresser drawers, bookshelves etc.) please apply for pick-up online. For every other oversized garbage/recycling item, apply by telephone.

### < Where to apply >

AizuWakamatsu City Environmental Policy Division  
Phone:0242-27-3961

# Recycling

## Station Collection

### Plastic Packaging, Certain Plastic Items

once a week

Free

#### < How to Recycle >

Please place both 'plastic packaging', and 'additional plastic items' in the same bag, and put them out for collection on the Plastic Collection day.

#### 【Plastic Packaging】

- Empty out the contents, wash dirty items with water etc. before putting out.
- Place items in transparent or semi-transparent bags and put them out.
- Put out items as is, without removing labels (such as best before dates, or prices etc.)
- ★Applies to: plastic 'containers' and 'packaging,' that are labeled with (pu-ra, plastic).



Bottles (Remove the cap before tossing out.)



#### 【Certain Plastic Items】

The following 24 items that are partly, or completely made of plastic.

1 Plastic Wrap/Cling Film	9 Net Bags	17 Bath Mats
2 Spoons	10 Plastic Wrapping	18 Styrofoam
3 Forks	11 Plastic Twine	19 Bento Grass
4 Straws	12 Pallet Strapping	20 Medicated Patch etc. Backings
5 Dish or Bath Sponges	13 Plastic Rope	21 Clear Files
6 Bath Slippers	14 Vinyl Sheet	22 Vinyl Hose
7 Plastic Gloves	15 Plastic Mats	23 Flotation Devices
8 Plastic Bags	16 Puzzle Mats	24 Table Cloths

- For large or long items, such as sheets, mats, ropes etc. please cut them down to be 50cm or less in length.
- Please rinse dirty items with water before putting out. If the dirt cannot be cleaned, please put them into the burnable garbage.
- Please remove any metal, such as fixtures, zippers etc. (cut off with scissors etc.) before putting out. Please put the metal parts out with the non-burnable garbage.
- If flotation devices have non-plastic fixings, please remove them before putting them out.

### Waste Paper

once a week

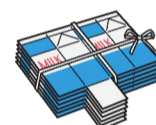
Free

★Applies to: newspapers, drink cartons, cardboard, other paper products (magazines, miscellaneous recyclable paper.)

- Separate the paper by type and bundle it up crisscross.
- Rinse out cartons with water, cut them open and let them dry, then tie them crisscross in a bundle.
- Bundle or place paper packaging, sweets boxes, magazines etc. into a paper bag, and tie them crisscross.



① Newspapers



② Drink cartons (excluding those with aluminum on the inside, which are counted as burnables)



③ Cardboard



④ Other waste paper (magazines, miscellaneous recyclable paper ※) ※Sweets/tissue boxes, wrapping paper, envelopes, note paper etc.



↑ tie with string

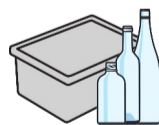
### Bottles

2nd & 4th week

Free

★Applies to: glass drink, food, alcohol, seasoning, medicine, and beauty product containers.

- Rinse the inside with water, and separate into ①colorless/transparent, ②brown, ③other colors.
- Dispose of glass items that are difficult to clean (oily etc.) as "non-burnable garbage."
- Dispose of metal bottle caps as "non-burnable garbage," and plastic bottle caps as "plastic packaging."
- Please dispose of 'returnable' 1.8L sake bottles and beer bottles by returning them to the store or giving them to your neighbourhood association's group collection.
- Dispose of heat resistant glass items such as pesticide or poison bottles, fragrance bottles, glass dishes, glass items, baby bottles etc., and crystal glass as 'non-burnable garbage.'



① colorless/transparent



② brown



③ other colors

non-burnable garbage  
Glass cups, pesticide/poison bottles, heat resistant glass, crystal



### Cans

1st, 3rd, 5th & 6th week

Free

- ★Applies to: steel or aluminum drink cans, food cans, candy tins, or milk cans etc.
- Rinse the inside with water, and separate into "steel" and "aluminum" for collection.
- Please dispose items that have rusted or are difficult to clean as "non-burnable garbage."
- Metal bottle caps, or can lids hinder processing, so please put them out with the non-burnable garbage.
- Please dispose of items larger than a milk can, such as paint or oil cans, as "non-burnable garbage."



### PET Bottles

1st, 3rd, 5th & 6th week

Free

★Applies to: water, alcohol, seasoning bottles etc. that are marked as PET.

- Remove the cap and label, rinse the inside with water and crush before disposing.
- The plastic caps and labels can be disposed as "plastic packaging."



PET



① Remove the bottle cap and label.



② Rinse the inside of the bottle with water.



③ Crush.

< How to Dispose >

Place into a transparent bag and label 「古着」 (reusable clothes), or 「古布」 (recyclable fabric)



Separate washed and dried cloth items (cotton, natural fibres, synthetic fibres (except nylon/vinyl etc.)) into 「古着」 (reusable clothes), or 「古布」 (recyclable fabric), and place into a transparent bag (up to 45L) so you can see the contents clearly. Close tightly and label each bag for their respective contents and put out.

Warning

- ① Close the bag tightly so that no water/rain can go in. (Cannot be recycled if wet.)
- ② Do not over fill the bags. (Bags can rip under too much weight during disposal. Aim for half full!)
- ③ Dispose of up to one bag per time. (If the collection box is full, please put it out on the next collection day.)

Items that cannot be collected

- Water-repellent items made from nylon, vinyl etc.
- Items with metal heating elements inside (electric blankets etc.)
- Underwear and swimwear, Wet items.
- Items with strong odors or stains.
- Items filled with cotton or feathers. ※ Items with >80% down can be collected.
- Reusable clothes/recyclable fabric from place of businesses will not be collected.



How to separate

Reusable Clothing

- T-shirt, button up shirt, polo shirt · Undershirts · Hoodies
- Jeans · trainer/sweatshirt · Jerseys · Sweaters · Scarf
- Kids clothing · Baby clothing · Tunics · Skirts · Pyjamas
- Cotton pants · Camisoles · Tank tops · School Uniforms
- Down jackets (Down >80%) · One piece dress
- ※ Only items in good condition. Please do not remove buttons or fasteners.



Recyclable fabric

- Used clothing in poor condition · Towels · Bath robes
- Towel blankets · Sheets · Down duvets (Down >80%) · Socks
- Blankets · Pillow cases · Duvet covers · Work clothes
- Knitted hats · Traditional Japanese clothing · Fabric scraps
- Quilted mats · Used dishcloths · Curtains · Gloves
- Fabric rolls or pieces
- ※ Only Blankets and down futons that cannot fit into 45L bags may be placed into larger bags.



Drop-off Collection

※ Starts July 2026

Free

Other Recyclables (Rechargeable Lithium Batteries or Mercury Containing Products)

From July 2026, rechargeable batteries (including products using rechargeable lithium batteries), dry-cell batteries, and mercury containing products will be accepted at designated Drop-off Collection sites.

Type	Examples	Collection Site		How to Dispose
		Environmental Policy Division	Branch/Civic Centre etc.	
Rechargeable batteries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lithium-ion batteries · NiCad batteries</li> <li>• NiMH batteries · Portable chargers</li> <li>• Removable rechargeable batteries (without breaking product)</li> <li>(Electric-assist (e-bike) batteries, computer batteries etc.)</li> </ul>	○	○ (Limited to those with 'Recycle' marks on them that are not damaged or swollen.)	<p>Make sure to fully deplete the battery and insulate the terminals (cover ends.)</p> <p><b>How to Insulate Depleted Batteries</b></p>
Products with rechargeable batteries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic cigarettes · Heated tobacco products</li> <li>• Wireless earphones · Hand-held fans · Electric razors</li> <li>• Cordless vacuums · Electric toothbrushes · Electric tools</li> <li>• Portable video game consoles · Electronic tablets</li> </ul>	○	×	<p>To prevent heating/sparking, please cover the terminals with electrical (vinyl) tape (Transparent recommended. Do not use cellophane tape.)</p>
Dry-cell batteries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alkaline batteries, manganese batteries (単1~単6 sized batteries, square batteries)</li> <li>• Silver-oxide batteries (watch etc. batteries (round coin-cell))</li> <li>• Zinc-air batteries (hearing aid batteries (round coin-cell))</li> <li>• Primary lithium batteries (car key etc. batteries (round coin-cell))</li> </ul>	○	○	<p>Connector with insulation ※The cord is connected to the main body.</p> <p>Insulating exposed terminals on a portable charger</p> <p>Exposed electrode terminal insulation.</p>
Products Containing Mercury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fluorescent tubes</li> <li>• Mercury thermometers</li> <li>• Mercury blood pressure monitors</li> </ul>	○	×	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place inside original box, or wrap in newspaper.</li> <li>• Place inside a transparent or semi-transparent bag, and make sure you can tell what the contents are.</li> <li>※If the fluorescent tubes are not broken, it is acceptable to place mercury containing products in a box.</li> </ul>

Collection Sites

1. Environmental Policy Division
2. Plaza for Civic Collaboration (old 2nd Sakaemachi building)
3. KitaAizu Branch of City Hall
4. Kawahigashi Branch of City Hall
5. Minato Civic Centre
6. Oto Civic Centre
7. Kita Civic Centre
8. Minami Civic Centre
9. Ikki Civic Centre
10. Higashi Civic Centre
11. Kozashi Branch ※ Appointment required for drop off at Kozashi Branch

Hours

Weekdays: 8:30-17:15  
 ※Closed Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Drop off accepted only during open hours.

< Not Accepted >

The following items cannot be collected. Please contact the retailer or maker.

- Portable power station
- Lead-acid batteries (car, motorcycle batteries etc.)

