



A Guide for Recycling and Disposal of Household Waste



Please sort waste properly and place it at the designated location (your local Garbage Collection Point) by 8:00 a.m. on collection day.

| Separation of Waste | Disposal Methods | Major Examples | Other Examples | Notes on Disposal |
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| Burnable Waste (Twice a week) Mon / Tue / Wed / Thu / Fri / Sat Mon / Tue / Wed / Thu / Fri / Sat | -Use the special plastic bags (sold at supermarkets & other shops in Tottori City) for Burnable Waste. -Tie the top of the bag and take it to your local Garbage Collection Point. | Food scraps, paper, cloth/leather/rubber/wood products, plants etc.: Food scraps (*1), Bags (*2), Cooking oil (*3), Garden tree branches (*4), Clothing, Sea shells, Freezer packs, Shoes, Dolls | • Boots • Masks • Diapers (*5) • Soy milk cartons (*6) • Rubber bands • Erasers • Hoses • Pencils • Bamboo skewers (*7) • Fireworks/matches (*8) • Ash (*8) • Desiccants • Disposable hand warmers • Candles • Belts (*2) • Tennis balls • Baseball balls and gloves • Grass & fallen leaves • Beaded cushions (*9) | *1: Thoroughly drain food scraps before disposal. *2: Remove as many metal parts as possible from the bags before disposal. *3: Solidify the oil, or absorb it in paper towel or cloth before disposal. *4: Pruned branches with a diameter of 3 cm or less and a length under 50 cm can be disposed of without a designated bag if tied in bundles with string. (Two bundles maximum per disposal.) *5: Remove solid waste from diapers before disposal. *6: Paper cartons with silver-colored lining, such as those for soy milk and sake, are 'Burnable Waste', not recyclable. *7: Break the bamboo skewers in half before disposal. *8: Dampen fireworks, matches, and ash with water and dispose of them in small amounts at a time. *9: Seal microbead products in a plastic bag before putting them in the burnable waste bag. |
| Recyclable Plastics (Once a week) Mon / Tue / Wed / Thu / Fri | -Use the special plastic bags (sold at supermarkets & other shops in Tottori City) for Recyclable Plastics -Tie the top of the bag and take it to your local Garbage Collection Point. | Items made of only plastic plus containers and packages with the ♻️ symbol: Plastic egg cartons, Snack/sweet bags (aluminum coated bags with the ♻️ symbol), Plastic caps, Shampoo bottles (*1), Plastic food trays, Toothbrushes | • Pudding cups • Tofu containers • Plastic bags • Styrofoam • Polyethylene tanks (with lids removed) • Food storage containers • Toys made of plastic • Plastic planters | -Rinse dry items to remove solids. Be sure to empty (cut open if needed) and wash mayonnaise and other tube type containers. -Do not double-bag your waste by placing it in a plastic bag before putting it in the recycling bag. -Remove caps and lids from the waste. Metal caps and lids should be disposed as 'Non-burnable Small Waste'. *1: Remove the pumps from shampoo containers and dispose of them as 'Non-burnable Small Waste'. |
| PET Bottles (Once a week) Mon / Tue / Wed / Thu / Fri | -Put them into the Container for PET Bottles at your local Garbage Collection Point. | Plastic bottles with the ♻️ symbol for beverages and liquid seasoning: Drink, Tea, Alcohol, Sweet sake (Mirin), Soy sauce, Vinegar, Liquid seasoning | Note: The containers below are 'Recyclable Plastics', not PET. • Non-food containers (e.g. shampoo, detergent, cosmetics, medicines, etc.) • Containers for edible oils and fats (e.g. cooking oils, dressings, etc.) • Bottles for water servers | -Rinse the inside of the PET Bottles and remove labels and caps before disposal. The labels and caps are 'Recyclable Plastics'. -Colored or squeezed PET Bottles are also collected as 'PET Bottles'. -Dispose of PET Bottles that have been altered (i.e. cut or used for crafts) as 'Recyclable Plastics'. -If there is no Container for PET Bottles available at your local Garbage Collection Point, please put them in a transparent or semi-transparent bag and place them at the Collection Point. |
| Recyclable Glass Bottles and Cans (Once a week) Mon / Tue / Wed / Thu / Fri | -Put them directly into the Container for Recyclable Glass Bottles and Cans at your local Garbage Collection Point. Do not use plastic bags. | Glass bottles and cans for food and beverages: Alcohol bottles, Beer bottles, Jam jars, Food cans, Drink cans, Bottle-shaped cans | • Glass bottles: Up to the size of a 1.8L bottle with 395 mm (H) • Cans: Up to the size of a milk can (about 20 cm (H) x 15 cm (D)) Note: Bottles/cans exceeding the above sizes are classified as 'Non-burnable Small Waste'. | -Rinse the inside of glass bottles and cans before disposal. Do not crush the cans. -Do not put glass bottles or cans in a bag. -Peel off easily removable paper labels. -Remove caps and lids. Metal caps and lids are 'Non-burnable Small Waste' and plastic ones are 'Recyclable Plastics'. -Dispose of broken bottles and dirty cans as 'Non-burnable Small Waste'. -If the plastic part at the top of the bottle is difficult to remove, you can dispose of the bottle with the plastic still attached. |
| Non-burnable Small Waste (Once a week) Mon / Tue / Wed / Thu / Fri | -Place directly into the Container for Non-burnable Small Waste at your local Garbage Collection Point. Do not put them in plastic bags, except for glass and other dangerous waste (*1). | Non-burnable items excluding anything that can be recycled and 'Batteries, Fluorescent tubes, and Mercury-containing Products', with any dimension (length, width, height, or diameter) of less than 50 cm (*2): Tableware (made of ceramics or metal), Glass (*1), Toasters, Lightbulbs, Cosmetic bottles, Saucepans, Metal caps, Umbrella frames (*2), Large confectionery cans | • Aluminum foil • Kettles • Metal scouring pads • Water purifiers • Rice cookers • Food mixers • Battery-powered refueling pumps (*2) • LED light bulbs (Note: LED straight tubes fall under the 'Batteries, Fluorescent tubes, and Mercury-containing Products' category.) • Computer keyboards • Portable stoves • 18L drums • Flower vases • Ceramic flower pots • Scissors • Golf balls • Binoculars • Hand mirrors • Irons • Clocks • Electrical cords • Audio-visual equipment • Battery chargers | -Remove greasy stains, food scraps, and burnable parts as much as possible. -Batteries must be removed before disposal. Dispose of the removed batteries as 'Batteries, Fluorescent tubes, and Mercury-containing Products'. -Small home appliances can be disposed in the 'Small Electrical Appliances' collection boxes. *1: For safety, put broken glass, knives, or other dangerous items in a transparent container or bag before disposal. *2: All types of umbrellas, walking sticks, refueling pumps, and 'ground golf' and gateball sticks are classified as 'Non-burnable Small Waste', even if they are 50 cm or longer. (Note: Golf clubs with a length of 50 cm or more are 'Oversized Waste'.) |
| Recyclable Paper (Once a month) 1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th Mon / Tue / Wed / Thu / Fri | -Sort the paper into newspaper, cardboard, and books & magazines. Tie each bundle with string and place them at your local Garbage Collection Point. | Newspaper, Cardboard (*1), Books and magazines, Paper cartons (*2) | • Newspaper, etc. • Newspaper • Inserts and flyers • Cardboard • Cardboard (*1) • Books and magazines • Books, magazines, and postcards • Notes/leaflets • Containers made of paper/wrapping paper • Various printed materials/catalogs • Paper cartons (*2) | -It is recommended to participate in group collections for Recyclable Paper organized by neighborhood associations (chōnaikai), or to use in-store collection facilities at supermarkets and other stores. *1: Fold and tie cardboard before disposal. *2: Rinse, dry and flatten paper cartons (e.g. milk and juice). The easiest way to do this is by cutting them open. Note: Paper cartons with silver-colored linings (such as those for soy milk and sake) are classified as 'Burnable Waste'. |
| Combustible Hazardous Waste (Once a week) 1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th Mon / Tue / Wed / Thu / Fri | -Place them directly into the Container for Combustible Hazardous Waste at your local Garbage Collection Point. Do not use plastic bags. | Hazardous items that can cause fire: Spray cans (*1), Portable gas canisters (*1), Lighters (*1), Products with built-in rechargeable batteries that cannot be removed | Examples of products with built-in rechargeable batteries (*2): • Electronic cigarettes • Electric shavers • Electric toothbrushes • Handy fans • Mobile batteries • Wireless earphones • Rechargeable game consoles • Smartphones (*3) | *1: Ensure disposable lighters, spray cans, and portable gas canisters are completely emptied, either by using them up or safely releasing any remaining gas, before disposal. Note: Spray cans and gas canisters can be disposed of whether punctured or not. *2: For products with removable rechargeable batteries, dispose of the main body as 'Non-burnable Small Waste', and the batteries as 'Batteries, Fluorescent tubes, and Mercury-containing Products'. *3: Dispose of smartphones through in-store collection programs at retail outlets. |
| Batteries, Fluorescent tubes, and Mercury-containing Products (Once a month) 1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th Mon / Tue / Wed / Thu / Fri | -Put batteries into transparent or semitransparent plastic bags. -Put fluorescent tubes into a cardboard box. -Place them at your local Garbage Collection Point. | ○Batteries (*1) Dry cell batteries, Rechargeable batteries with any of the recycling symbols above, Button/coin batteries ○Fluorescent tubes (*2) Fluorescent tubes (straight or round types), LED straight tubes (Note: LED light bulbs are 'Non-burnable Small Waste'.) ○Products with mercury (*3) Mercury thermometers, Mercury blood pressure monitors | *1: Insulate batteries by taping both ends, and place dry cell, rechargeable and button batteries together in the same bag for disposal. *2: To prevent fluorescent tubes from breaking, put them in a cardboard box or other protective container before disposal. *3: If a mercury-containing product breaks, collect any leaked mercury in a transparent container or bag along with the broken pieces. Label the container or bag with 'SUIGIN', 'すいぎん' or '水銀' with an oil-based pen before disposal. | |
| Oversized Waste (A fee is charged) Online application: https://www.tottori-oogatagomi.com Tel: 0857-22-0353 | -Apply for collection to the Oversized Waste Collection Center (Ōgatagomi Uketsuke Center). | Items with any dimension (length, width, height, or diameter) of 50 cm or more: Vacuum cleaners (*1), Bicycles (*1), Oil heaters, Microwave ovens, Bed frames, Mattresses, Chest of drawers/wardrobes, Sofas | • Electric fans (*1) • Desks/chairs • Bookshelves • Cupboards • Golf bags • Fishing rods • Skis • Kotatsu • Tatami mats • Long laundry hanging bars (monohoshi-zao) • Futons • Carpets • Tire chains | -For detailed information on the collection dates, fees, and payment methods, ask the staff of the Oversized Waste Collection Center when you apply for collection. -Applications can be made for up to 5 items at a time. -To dispose of significant amounts of waste, such as during a move, contact a company licensed for collecting and transporting of non-industrial waste. -Another option: you can sort your oversized waste into burnable and non-burnable categories and take them directly to appropriate Waste Treatment Facility listed below. *1: Even if disassembled, the parts will not be accepted at any garbage collection point. |
| Specific Kinds of Home Appliances (A fee is charged) | -You can either: 1) Ask a home appliance retailer to collect them. 2) Take them to a designated collection point. | Televisions, Washers/dryers, Refrigerators/freezers, Air-conditioners | • Televisions (CRT, LCD, plasma & OLED) • Refrigerators/freezers • Washers/dryers • Air-conditioners (Indoor and outdoor units) | -You can either: 1) Request the retailer from which you purchased the appliance or where you are buying a new one to collect it. 2) Pay the recycling fee at a post office (note: there will be a money transfer fee), and then take the appliance to one of the following collection points. • Tottori branch office of Hinomaru Seino Transportation (Tel: 0857-28-2221) • Tottori branch office of Okayamaken Freight Transportation (Tel: 0857-23-0411) Note: If you are unable to take your home appliances to either of these offices, you can apply for collection at the Oversized Waste Reception Center. |
| Small Electrical Appliances (No fee) | -Deposit items in the special collection boxes located in 14 places around the city, e.g. any City Hall office, including the Branch Offices, and AEON. | Electrical appliances small enough to fit through a slot (20 cm (H) x 40 cm (W)): Digital cameras, DVD players, Shavers, Flashlights, Game consoles, Telephones, Hair dryers, Electronic cigarettes | • FAXs • Radios • Electronic dictionaries • Electronic clocks • Printers, with ink cartridges removed • Electronic blood pressure monitors • Electronic thermometers • Car navigation systems • USB flash drives • Remote controls • Cords • Laptops (*1) | -Erase all personal data from devices. -Note that once put into the collection box, items cannot be returned. -Remove dry cell, button & rechargeable batteries before depositing. If batteries cannot be removed from a product, deposit it with the batteries still attached. -Do not deposit items categorized as 'Specific Kinds of Home Appliances' or fluorescent tubes. *1: For PCs, laptops, tablets, and mobile phones, it is recommended to utilize the manufacturer's or retail outlet's recycling service. |

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| Non-collectable garbage | Large Amount of Waste (due to moving, tidying up, clearing a deceased estate, etc.) Do not place large amounts of waste, such as those generated from moving, tidying up, trimming garden trees, clearing deceased estates and other activities, at any Garbage Collection Point. | [Treatment Methods] You can either: 1) Take the items directly to the appropriate Waste Treatment Facility (Burnables/Non-Burnables). 2) Ask a company licensed for collecting and transporting, and/or disposing of non-industrial waste to remove them. | The Waste Treatment Facility for Burnables, where you can directly bring burnable waste for disposal: Limpiar INABA 925, Yamate, Kawahara-cho, Tottori City [Contact telephone numbers] Weekday: 0857-26-0596 Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays: 0858-85-3010 [Opening hours] Monday to Friday: 8:30-16:30 Saturday: 8:30-12:00 [Fee] 120 yen per 10 kg |
| Non-collectable or non-carry-in waste | Medical/Hazardous/Commercial (industrial) Waste Do not leave any medical waste, hazardous waste (flammable or with a strong odor), or commercial waste (both non-industrial and industrial) at any Garbage Collection Point. Examples: [Medical Waste] ○ Insulin syringes ○ Medical tubes [Hazardous Waste] ○ Smoke candles ○ Poisonous substances ○ Gas cylinders, spray cans and lighters that haven't been emptied [Commercial Waste] ○ Aze sheets (long plates to protect ridges between rice paddies)/mulching sheets ○ Fertilizer bags ○ Agricultural chemicals ○ Agricultural equipment (grass cutters, sprayers, etc.) ○ Construction debris ○ Fishing nets ○ Fishing lights ○ Waste oil (machine oil/ cooking oil from restaurants) | [Treatment Methods] You can either: 1) Request the supplier of the product or a specialized company to collect the waste. For medical waste, request each medical institution to collect it. 2) Request a company licensed for collecting and transporting, and/or disposing of non-industrial/industrial waste to collect and/or dispose of it. | The Waste Treatment Facility for Non-Burnables, where you can directly bring non-burnable waste for disposal: Tottori Prefecture Eastern Environmental Clean Center 2220, Fushino, Tottori City [Contact telephone numbers] Tel: 0857-59-1802 [Opening hours] Monday-Friday: 8:30-12:00, 13:00-16:00 The 2nd and 4th Saturday: 8:30-11:30 [Fee] 390 yen per 10 kg |
| For more information, please contact: Tottori area Public Environment Division (2nd floor of the Main Building of the City Hall) Tel: 0857-30-8084 _____ area Citizens' Welfare Division, _____ Branch Office Tel: _____ Please fill in the area you live in as well as the Branch Office name and phone number of the Citizens' Welfare Division of your area. | | | |