

Reason for separate collection of plastics in Shibuya

Various environmental problems related to plastics such as marine pollution and petroleum depletion are attracting attention worldwide. In addition, greenhouse gases emitted when processing plastic as waste and the shortage of landfill sites have been cited as issues that must be resolved. In Japan and overseas, reducing the use of plastic and using plastic more effectively are being pursued to solve these issues.

To maintain an environment that does not place a burden on future generations, Shibuya is taking the initiative in collecting plastics from households as recyclable resources instead of processing of them as waste.

By effectively using plastic as recyclable resources, we aim to reduce the amount of waste and extend the life of final disposal sites, as well as to reduce the burden on the global environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Caution



Do not dispose of batteries (dry cell, mobile battery, etc.), lighters, razors, or needles used in home medical care.

- Batteries (dry cell, mobile battery, etc.) may cause accidental fires due to short circuits during the sorting process.
- If razors or the like are mixed in with other plastics, they may injure workers performing collection and sorting tasks.
- DO NOT dispose of needles, since they may puncture the hands or other parts of a worker's body.
- If you double- or triple-bag plastic items for disposal, it will complicate the unbagging and sorting process at the intermediate processing facility. Please put them all directly into one transparent or semitransparent bag.

The information in this flyer is for residents who put out their recyclables and waste for pickup by the Waste Collection Office.

This does not apply to businesses that request collection, transportation and disposal of recyclables and waste by licensed private waste collection and transportation companies.

Inquiries

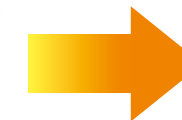
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Important Notice from Shibuya City

Starting in July 2022, the classification and collection method of “plastic items” will change throughout Shibuya City.

Disposal method of “plastic items” will change.

Day for
combustible waste



Day for
recyclables

Plastic items that are currently collected as combustible waste will be collected as **recyclables**.

With this change, the following nine items will be collected in Shibuya as recyclables:

- Newspaper ● Magazines ● Cardboard ● Glass bottles ● Cans ● PET bottles
- Spray cans, cassette gas cylinders ● Fluorescent lights ● **Plastic items**

Plastic items that will be collected as recyclables are as follows:

Dispose of in a transparent or semitransparent bag.

● Plastic items (roughly 30 cm or less on every side)

- Plastic that was used to hold (containers) or wrap (packaging) products and is no longer needed after the products inside are removed (used).

• Other plastics

Examples: Shampoo and detergent bottles, snack wrappings, cup noodle containers, egg trays, food trays, plastic hangers (even if the hooks are metal), CDs, DVDs, videotapes, polystyrene foam products, plastic buckets, plastic toys (batteries must be removed), etc.



Note: Excludes items that cannot be washed clean, lighters, mobile batteries, syringes used in home medical care, etc.

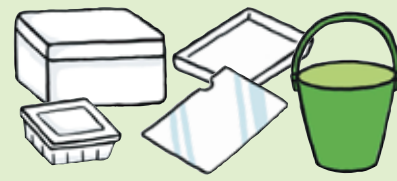
Plastic collected as recyclables



Containers for cup noodles, bento and eggs



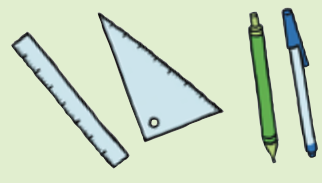
Wrappings and pouches for snacks and retort foods



Polystyrene foam products, food trays, plastic cases and buckets, etc.



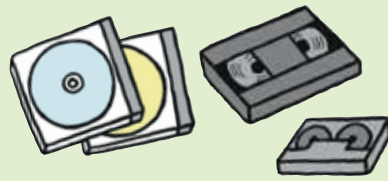
Shampoo and detergent bottles and tubes



Plastic stationery items such as ballpoint pens and rulers



Plastic toys (remove batteries before disposal)



CDs, DVDs, videotapes, cassette tapes, etc.

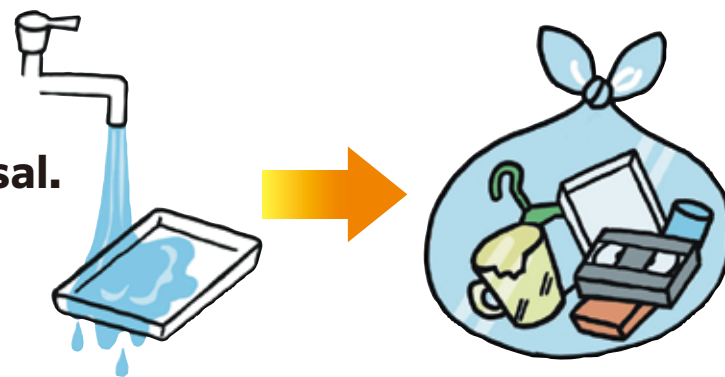


Plastic wrap, PET bottle caps, plastic containers, plastic hangers (even if the hooks are metal), other plastic items

Disposal method

Put items with the  mark and other plastic products together in one bag for disposal.

Rinse plastic containers lightly with water to remove any grime and then place them in a transparent or semitransparent bag for disposal.



Items not collected as recyclables (examples)

Containers that are dirty even after rinsing them off with water



Dispose of as **combustible waste**.

Plastic umbrellas



Dispose of as **incombustible waste**.

Razors



Syringes used in home medical care



Contact a medical institution or the Waste Collection Office.

Lighters

Use the contents completely, place in a bag, label the bag “**きけん (dangerous)**,” and dispose of as **incombustible waste**.



Mobile batteries



Bring them to a collection box located at a retailer or the like.

Plastic sorting FAQ


Q1 Can I recycle plastic containers that are dirty even after rinsing with water?

A1 Dispose of as **combustible waste**.
Since all plastic items are disposed of in a single bag, this is to prevent the stains from sticking to the other plastic items, which may prevent the items from being recycled.

Q2 Can I dispose of PET bottles in the same bag as other plastic items?

A2 **PET bottles are collected separately.**
Put PET bottles with the  mark in a transparent or semitransparent bag for disposal.
Since PET bottles are brought to a different facility than other plastic items are, be sure to dispose of them in a separate bag.
Dispose of dirty PET bottles as **combustible waste**.

Q3 How are the collected plastic items recycled?

A3 At the intermediate processing facility, collected plastic items are debagged and sorted into those with the  mark and other items. The sorted materials can be recycled into plastic products according to their properties, or be processed into alternative fuels to be used as an energy source instead of coal.

Q4 Are there plastic items that cannot be disposed of as recyclables?

A4 Items not suitable for recycling (prohibited items) include lighters and batteries. Lighters and batteries may ignite when loaded into the collection vehicle and cause a vehicle fire.
Always be sure to use up the contents of lighters, place them in a bag, label the bag “**きけん (dangerous)**,” and dispose of them as **incombustible waste**.
Dispose of dry-cell batteries as **incombustible waste**.
Bring mobile batteries to the collection box located at retailers and the like.

Q5 Are there any size restrictions?

A5 Only items that are roughly 30 cm or less on every side are collected. Dispose of items larger than this as **large-sized waste**.