

2026 How to separate/put out garbage and recyclables

Items collected by the city (household garbage)

★Please refer to Kakogawa City's website "Search for how to put out household waste" to check how to separate garbage.
https://www.city.kakogawa.lg.jp/gomi_search/kateigomi/14963.html



Separating helps recycle garbage which was about to be wasted!

☆ Incentive pay is provided to the groups conducting group recyclables collection (unwanted item collection). Please use group collections conducted by PTA, junior club, neighborhood association, etc. Items subject for collection are paper (newspaper, magazines, miscellaneous paper, cardboard, etc.) and textiles.
☆ Collection boxes for used plant-based oil from general households are located at City Hall, Kakogawa Nishi Community Center, and Higashi Kakogawa Community Center. Used plant-based oil will be recycled into aviation fuel. We appreciate your cooperation.

Burnable garbage

(twice a week)

Use a Kakogawa City's designated garbage bag

*Put out recyclables on the recyclable garbage collection day.

Food waste
● Drain food waste, etc. thoroughly
● Oil used for deep fry should be absorbed by paper/cloths
● Empty contents of ketchup, etc.

Vinyl, miscellaneous paper, plastics

Remove excrement from diapers.
Plastic (PET) bottle caps

Leather goods, rubber, cloths, others

Climbing plants (potato, morning glory, etc.) flowers, vegetables, fruits

Non-burnable garbage

(once a month)

Glass, items containing glass
● Wrap broken glass and write "キケン" (dangerous).
Crockery

Metals

Small home appliances
Important
Dry batteries, lithium-ion batteries, and rechargeable batteries must be removed. If they cannot be removed, please take the items as they are to the small home appliances collection boxes located at City Hall, etc.

Oversized garbage

(Door-to-door collection: charges apply)

Furniture

Electric appliances

Household / leisure goods

*Up to 10 rod-shaped pieces (e.g. skis) are counted as one item when they are tied.

Rugs / bedding
(Oversized garbage, even if it fits in a 45-liter garbage bag)

*Items which do not fit in a 45-liter garbage bag are oversized garbage.

Food waste (Drain thoroughly)	Cooking waste, egg shells, seashells, leftover meals, food packages/trays Skewers (break into small pieces or wrap with paper), cooking oil (solidify with coagulant or soak into newspaper/cloths), etc.
Vinyl, miscellaneous paper, plastics	Plastic bags, cling film, table cloths, paper cups, thermal paper, stickers, washbowls, plastic containers, vinyl hose (cut into less than one meter and put in a designated garbage bag), diapers (dispose of excrement into toilet), plastic kitchen utensils, plastic (PET) bottle caps, videotapes, cassette tapes, game cassette tapes, CD/DVD/BD Disks, floppy disks, plastic goods (Only items that fit in a designated garbage bag. If items do not fit in a designated garbage bag, please dispose of them as oversized garbage.), etc.
Leather goods, rubber, cloths, others	Leather shoes, sports shoes, rain boots, geta wooden clogs, slippers, leather goods (bags, belts), bicycle tubes, elastic cords, etc. Stuffed toys, cushions, door/bath mats, pillows, etc. that fit in a designated garbage bag Disposable heat packs, bamboos, bamboo grass, desiccants, ice packs, polystyrene (cut into small pieces and put in a designated garbage bag), etc.
Crockery	Earthenware tableware (e.g. bowls, cups), plant pots, etc. (As roof tiles, etc. are hard-to-process items, they cannot be collected.)
Glass, items containing glass	Plate glass (e.g. windows, mirrors), glassware, glass cups, heat-resistance glass containers, light bulbs, LED lights, bottles which cannot be washed well (e.g. cooking oil bottles), etc.
Metals	Pots, kettles, oil splatter screen, microwave mats, cooking utensils, scissors, aluminum containers, tools, razors, metal caps, 18-liter squared can, wire hangers, umbrellas, etc.
Small home appliances	Radios, hair dryers, shavers, game consoles, electric kettles, rice cookers, toaster, printers, DVD players, etc. *Small appliances whose batteries, such as lithium-ion batteries, cannot be removed must be placed in the small home appliances collection boxes (Slot size: 15 cm × 40 cm). Collection boxes are located at City Hall, the Environmental Beautification Center, Civic Centers, public halls (community centers), and the Human Rights Culture Center.
Furniture	Beds, chests of drawers, desks, chairs, legless chairs, lounge suites (e.g. sofas), bookshelves, cupboards, dressers, cloths case, tatami mats, etc.
Electric appliances	OLED TVs, kotatsu table, gas ranges, microwaves, heaters (make sure to remove kerosene/batteries.), stereo systems, etc. (except items which are subject to the Home Appliances Recycling Law)
Household / leisure goods	Bicycles, tricycles, unicycles, baby carriages, strollers, child car seats, fishing rods, standing blinds, laundry poles, skis, golf equipment, surfboards, etc.
Rugs / bedding	Futon, mattresses, electric blankets, large bean bags, etc.

Once a month

Twice a month

Once per two months

Recyclables

Cans
● Food & beverage cans
Blue basket
Brown basket
● Gas cartridges
Yellow basket
● For drink, food, confectionery cans, etc., rinse with water and put in the blue or brown baskets for collection.
● For gas cartridges and spray cans, use up all contents, make sure you pierce them in a ventilated outdoor area and put in the yellow basket for collection.

Bottles/jars
Blue basket
Transparent colorless bottles/jars
Brown basket
Brown bottles/jars
Yellow basket
Other colored bottles/jars
● Remove caps, rinse with water and put in each of the three color baskets. If you cannot wash inside or remove dirt, dispose as non-burnable garbage.

Plastic (PET) bottles
PET
Blue basket
Brown basket
Yellow basket
● Squash and put in the basket.
● Remove caps/labels, wash with water for collection. Plastic rings that remain after taking off the caps do not need to be removed.
● If the contents were oil or you cannot remove dirt, dispose as non-burnable garbage.

Textiles
Please note that textiles cannot be recycled if they get wet in the rain. If it is raining on collection day, please refrain from putting out for collection.
● Dispose of clothing, underwear, curtains, duvet covers, sheets made of vinyl as non-burnable garbage.
● Put in a transparent or translucent 45-liter plastic bag for collection so that the contents can be seen. You do not need to use a designated garbage bag.

Paper
Please sort out paper into the following four categories:
1) Newspaper (including flyers)
2) Cardboard
3) Magazines
Miscellaneous paper (Put small pieces of paper between pages of a magazine or in a paper bag.)
4) Cartons
● Tie them crosswise with a string for collection.
● Dispose of paper with dirt or smell, thermal paper, oiled paper as non-burnable garbage.

Pruned branches/grass
Less than 10cm-diameter per one branch
Less than one-meter long
Less than 30cm-diameter per bunch of branches
● Pruned branches should be cut less than one-meter long, less than 10 cm-diameter per one branch, and less than 30cm-diameter per bunch of branches.
● Remove soil, sand and mud well from small branches, weeds and fallen leaves, and put them in a transparent or translucent 45-liter plastic bag. You do not need to use a designated garbage bag.

Fluorescent lights, types of batteries, disposable lighters
● Sort out by type, take out from packages and put in each basket.
1. Fluorescent lights (circlines, tubes, etc.)
* Please dispose of LED lights and incandescent light bulbs as non-burnable garbage.
2. Dry batteries, button batteries, rechargeable batteries (lithium-ion batteries, etc.), portable charger, heated tobacco, electronic cigarettes.
3. Disposable lighters, oil lighters, ignition rods (Chakkaman lighters)
* Empty as much contents as possible before disposal.

Items not to be collected

● Please seek advice from retailers, etc.

Items stated in the Home Appliances Recycling Law and the Law for the Promotion of Effective Utilization of Resources

Hazardous/hard-to-process items (garbage that cannot be processed)

- Gas cylinders, fire extinguishers
- Tires, storage batteries, car parts
- Paint, lacquer
- Kerosene, powerful medicine, agricultural chemicals
- Large machinery (agricultural equipment)
- Construction waste (tiles, debris, etc.)
- Concrete blocks, concrete, bricks, stones, soil, sand, etc.
- Safes
- Syringes

TVs (except OLED TVs), air conditioners, washing machines, refrigerators, freezers, dryers

PCs

- Desk-tops
- Laptops
- PC monitors

* Items which fit the slot (15cm x 40cm) of the small home appliances collection box can be put in the box.

* You may be eligible for a free door-to-door collection service by ReNet Japan. Please refer to the website for details.

Garbage from business activities

General waste from business activities such as restaurants, grocery stores and offices

- Business operators should dispose of waste by either bringing it to a disposal plant themselves or working with a disposal company that has been approved by the city. (For a fee)
- Please try to recycle your waste. (Recyclable paper can be carried in to the recycling [Shigenka] center) (free of charge)

● For the following items that are not collected by the city, please inquire the organizations below. (Charges may apply for disposal)

Type of waste	Main stores/organizations for inquiries
Storage batteries	Retailer where you purchased or electrical components store
Car parts	Nearest auto-repair garage/car wrecker
Spray cans (those whose contents are not used up)	Manufacturer written on the spray can Aerosol Industry Association of Japan (Tel 03-5207-9850)
Gas cartridges for portable stove (those whose contents are not used up)	Manufacturer written on the gas cartridge or Japan Industrial Association of Gas and Kerosene Appliances Gas Cartridge Customer Center (Free Dial 0120-14-9996)
LP gas cylinders	Distributor written on the gas cylinder or Hyogo LP Gas Association (Tel 078-361-8064)
Fire extinguishers	Firefighting equipment retailer or Fire Extinguisher Recycle Promotion Center Corporation (Tel 03-5829-6773)
Tires, thinner, paint	Retailer where you purchased or distributor
Industrial waste from business activities (Waste plastic, construction waste, debris, etc.)	Hyogo Prefecture Industrial Waste Association (Tel 078-381-7464) or please seek advice from contractors, etc.