

Garbage Collection



How to Separate and Dispose of Garbage and Recyclable Resources

- Please use the city designated bags for burnable / non-burnable garbage.
- Please write your name and residential area on the garbage bag or a sticker.
- Please dispose of garbage at the designated collection site by 8:30am on collection day.
- Please do not dispose of garbage at night or at collection sites other than yours.

Burnable Garbage

Twice a week (Please use the city designated bags with green letters for burnable.)

- **Paper waste** (non-recyclable paper): paper scraps etc.
Take care to correctly sort items into Garbage and Recyclables.
- **Kitchen waste** (raw garbage): food scraps, kitchen waste
Please drain all liquids from kitchen waste.
- **Textile:** clothing, cushion, cloth scraps, etc.
- **Plastic items:** food trays, plastic wrappers, shampoo, detergent and other plastic containers, vinyl hose, plastic buckets, video tape cassettes, CDs, DVDs etc.
Food trays should be disposed of at stores that offer collection.
- **Rubber and leather products:** shoes, belts, bags etc.
- **Others:** ash of stove (put it in a plastic bag), disposable lighters, defoliation / small branches, kairo (disposable hand warmers), cold insulation agent, small quantity of edible oil.
Please use up or remove the gas from lighters outside the house and away from fire.
Cut branches to approximately 50cm and tie them in small bundles.
Cooking oil should be congealed with an oil disposal formula or soaked up with paper.

Non-Burnable Garbage

Twice a month (Please use the city designated bags with red letters for non-burnable.)

- **Spray cans and cassette gas cylinders**
 - * Be sure to empty the contents completely. Do not make holes in spray cans.
 - * To prevent garbage truck fire accidents, spray cans and cassette gas cylinders are collected separately. Spray cans and cassette gas cylinders should be put into a designated garbage bag separate from that for small metal objects, glass, batteries, etc.
- **Metallic objects:** knives, scissors, aluminium foil
 - * Please wrap knives, scissors and other sharp objects in thick paper
 - * Please try recycle metals as “shigen gomi” whenever possible
- **Glass / Ceramics objects:** light bulbs, broken glass, cups, crockery, flowerpots etc.
Please wrap sharp items, such as broken glass, in a vinyl sheet or newspaper.
- **Battery:** alkaline batteries / manganese batteries
Rechargeable batteries and button-type batteries should be returned to electronics retailers.
 - * Computers cannot be thrown out as non-burnable garbage. Please look at the small household appliances column.

Recyclables

Twice a month

- **PET bottles:** juice, alcoholic beverages, soy sauce etc.
Remove the label and the caps and rinse the inside. Dispose of them as they are without crushing.
Please dispose of the very dirty or damaged PET bottles and the caps as burnable garbage.
- **Glass bottles:** drinks, food, seasoning, beverages etc.
Remove caps and lids, and rinse well. Labels and plastic rings do not need to be removed.
Please separate bottles by color: put the colorless bottles in the white container, the brown bottles in the yellow container, and other colored bottles in the blue container.
Please dispose of bottles that are extremely soiled or damaged as non-burnable garbage.

Oversized Garbage

4 times a year

Attach oversized garbage stickers (*sodai gomi shiru*, available at local supermarkets) to the items. Limit to 6 items at a time. Please separate burnable and non-burnable items.

- **Furniture:** desks, chairs, dressing tables, wardrobes, cupboards and bookshelves.
- **Home appliances:** kotatsu (table with an electric heater), stoves, electric fan heaters etc.
- **Beddings:** beds (please separate the springs) and bedding (futon, blankets).
- **Others:** carpets, skis, bicycles, stoves, water heaters, galvanized iron, children's toys etc.

Landfill Garbage

(Items and disposal procedures vary depending on the citizen group)

- **Waste paper:** newspapers, magazines, flyers, cardboard boxes, milk cartons etc.
- **Metals, iron and aluminum products:** empty cans, pots, kettles etc.
- **Bottles:** beer bottles, 1.8-liter bottles of sake (brown, green) etc.
- **Clothes:** cotton (100%) goods, clothes, sheets, towels, jeans etc.

Small Household Appliances and Personal Computers

Home pickup

Shibukawa city has a contract with ReNet Japan Inc., a company certificated by the Ministry of the Environment to collect small household appliances and personal computers via parcel delivery service.

If you apply through the ReNet Japan website (<https://www.renet.jp>), a delivery person will come to collect your items at the date and time you specify (the next day at the earliest).

You can also call ReNet Japan (Tel: 0570-085-800).

- Place your used small appliances in a box—which must not weigh more than 20kg and its height, length and depth in total must not exceed 140cm.
- Collection fee is 1,500 yen per box (tax excluded).
- One box can be collected for free if the items include a personal computer.

Collection boxes

Please dispose of used household appliances that run on electricity or use batteries and fit into the opening of the collection box (the deposit opening measures 30 cm wide × 15 cm high)

- **Small appliances that can be collected:** mobile phones, digital cameras, video game consoles, wall clocks, hair dryers, etc.
 - * Household appliances that do not fit in the collection box should be disposed of as non-burnable garbage. Please attach the oversized garbage disposal stickers to oversized items.
 - * It's important to properly delete any personal information before disposal.
 - * Be sure to remove batteries before you put your used small household appliances in the collection box.
- **Collection box location:** Shibukawa City Hall (the west side of the main building and the second office building), and each administration center. (Collection boxes are not being installed at any community centers in Shibukawa city.)
- **Collection time:** working days from 8:30 to 17:15.

Used Fluorescent Tubes and Used Cooking Oil

Collection box locations: the main building of City Hall, each administration center etc.

Collection time: office open days from 8:30 to 17:15.

- **Used fluorescent tubes:** fluorescent light bulbs, straight or circular type, compact fluorescent light bulbs.
Please place these items in their original packaging or paper and put them in a designated collection box.
Wrap broken fluorescent tubes in paper to avoid injuries and dispose of them as a non-burnable.
- **Used cooking oil:** used oil from households / used tempura oil.
Please put used cooking oil in a plastic bottle and tighten the lid (don't put it in a glass bottle). Bottles of expired oil can be thrown away unopened.

Garbage That Cannot Be Collected

- **The city does not offer collection services for:** gas cylinders, paint, scrap blocks, home medical waste, agricultural chemicals / equipments, motorcycles, batteries, tires, water heaters, fire extinguishers etc.
Please return such items to the store where they were purchased or to the manufacturer.
- **Four electric home appliances**
According to the Home Appliance Recycling Law, TVs, air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, and cloth dryers can not be collected and processed by the Clean Center.
Ask the store where the item was purchased, the store where you buy a new item, or at an authorized recycling company to collect and dispose of it.
- **Vehicles / Vehicles parts**
For the used cars, according to the “End-of-Life Vehicle Recycling Law”, vehicle owners (end users) will be obliged to deliver their end-of-life vehicles to ELV collecting businesses. The law also regulates the removal of used car parts. The Clean Center can not handle ELV or ELV parts.
Request a city government approved ELV collecting business to dispose of your ELV.

Business-related garbage

Business owners are required by law and regulations to dispose of garbage generated by their business.

The trash generated by business activities must be delivered directly to the garbage treatment facilities or collected by a city government disposal company.

Citizens and companies are both legally obligated to separate garbage and follow the rules of disposal when putting out garbage for collection.

For collection / transportation please contact:

- Dept. of Environmental Systems ☎ 0279-22-2114
- Cleaning management office ☎ 0279-24-6919
- Ikaho Administration Center ☎ 0279-72-3155
- Onogami Administration Center ☎ 0279-59-2111
- Komochi Administration Center ☎ 0279-24-1211
- Akagi Administration Center ☎ 0279-56-2211
- Hokkitsu Administration Center ☎ 0279-52-2111