

## III-6 Garbage

### 1. Garbage Disposal

Separate garbage collection is carried out in order to reduce its amount and aid recycling.

#### Types of garbage separation

- Burnable garbage
- Non-burnable garbage
- Newspapers, magazines, cans and PET (plastic) bottles

If you do not follow the rules or proper method regarding garbage disposal, it may cause you to get into trouble with your neighbors.

#### Things you should not do

- ① Dispose of garbage on non-garbage-collection days.
- ② Dispose of garbage outside the designated area.
- ③ Dispose of garbage without sorting.

The exact rules and types of garbage to be sorted out are different depending on municipality, so we recommend asking someone at the ward office, city/town hall or even your neighbors about this. Some public offices offer explanations regarding garbage disposal rules in foreign languages.

### 2. How to Dispose of Other Types of Garbage

#### (1) Batteries, Drinking Bottles and Other Types

Batteries contain dangerous substances and require special care and technology for their disposal. Therefore, they should essentially be returned to the collection box at the store in which they were purchased. Moreover, some stores refund money on empty beer and juice/soda bottles and others, so it is recommended that you confirm this at the store when purchasing.

#### (2) Plastic Film Packaging

Please collect plastic containers and wrapping films in a bag and dispose of them on the designated day.

#### (3) Large-Sized Garbage

Furniture and appliances no longer used (except for air-conditioners, TVs, refrigerators and washing machines: rules for these items are mentioned below) should be collected either on a designated day as "large-sized garbage" or taken away upon special request. Some municipalities may charge for collection of large-sized garbage.

#### (4) Air conditioners, TV sets, refrigerators, washing machines, tumble dryers

When you dispose of an air conditioner, a television, a refrigerator, a washing machine or a tumble dryer you must contact the shop you bought it from (or the shop you are going to buy a new one from) to take them away for a certain charge. Manufacturers will recycle these appliances. Municipalities do not collect them.

(For your information) Home Appliances Recycling Law

URL [http://www.meti.go.jp/policy/it\\_policy/kaden\\_recycle/](http://www.meti.go.jp/policy/it_policy/kaden_recycle/)