

How to sort and dispose of household waste
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You can also check sorting guidelines on LINE.

In Soo City, waste is collected separately into "burnable waste," "non-burnable waste," "non-burnable waste that can be recycled," and "recyclable waste." City-designated garbage bags are sold at supermarkets, convenience stores, pharmacies, and other shops within the city.

Basic rules for taking out the trash

- Please bring it directly to the Soo City Clean Center.
- The neighborhood association's garbage collection point is managed by the neighborhood association. If you wish to use it, please consult with the neighborhood association.
- Only household waste can be disposed of; industrial waste cannot be collected.
- There is no garbage collection on Sundays, August 15th (Obon), and from December 31st to January 3rd.

Soo City Clean Center	(Business day) Monday to Saturday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (Special Business day) Every third Sunday of the month, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Closed days) Sundays, national holidays, substitute holidays, January 1st to 3rd, August 15th (Obon), December 31st
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Types of waste		How to sort and dispose of garbage	Things to keep in mind when sorting your trash
Burnable waste Yellow trash bag		Paper that cannot be recycled, grass, flowers, fallen leaves, branches, scraps of wood, paper laminated with aluminum or vinyl, food waste, leather, used textiles that cannot be recycled, and items that require hygienic disposal (such as diapers). 	☒ To ensure proper sorting, please do not wrap items in newspaper or other materials when putting them out for disposal. ☒ Plants and branches less than 10cm in diameter and about 1m in length should be disposed of as bulky waste. Anything larger should be handled by a professional disposal company. ☒ Remove the waste from the disposable diaper. ☒ Remove moisture from food waste and wrap it in paper before putting it out. ☒ Compost food waste using a food waste disposer or similar device. ☒ Dispose of futons and blankets as bulky waste.
Non-burnable waste Red garbage bag		Ceramics, glass, rubber, and metal parts make up 80% or less of the total (excluding televisions, refrigerators/freezers, washing machines, clothes dryers, air conditioners, and outdoor units). 	☒ Items that do not fit in a bag should be disposed of as "bulky waste". ☒ Remove batteries from battery-operated toys and dispose of them with used small electrical appliances. ☒ Wrap broken items in paper before disposal. ☒ If metal parts can be removed, dispose of them with metal waste. ☒ Never put batteries in items as they can cause a fire. ☒ Agricultural waste vinyl is collected by the Proper Disposal Promotion Council, so please contact the Agricultural Policy Division.
Recyclable waste	bags for each item (transparent bag)	Plastic containers and packaging (Plastics) (Vinyl) 	☒ This applies to plastic items such as the containers that the product came in or the packaging that wrapped the product. ☒ Remove caps and labels from bottles and tubes, and wash the inside of the containers. ☒ Lightly rinse trays and cups with water to remove any dirt. ☒ Put all the clean items into the same bag for recyclable waste and set them out for collection. (You can fold or crush the bag if necessary.)
		Aluminum cans, steel cans 	☒ Rinse aluminum and steel cans with water inside and dispose of them without crushing them. ☒ Put aluminum and steel cans in the same recycling bag.
		plastic bottle 	☒ Remove the cap and label from the plastic bottle, rinse the inside with water, and discard it without crushing it.
		Plastic Products 	☒ Clean off any dirt before putting it out. ☒ Do not mix with plastic packaging. ☒ Dispose of heavily soiled items as non-burnable waste. ☒ If it does not fit in a bag, dispose of it as bulky waste. ☒ If there are metal parts that can be removed, separate them before disposal.
	container	Brown bottles, clear bottles, other bottles 	☒ Place bottles in separate containers by type. ☒ Always remove caps, rings, and stoppers before disposal. ☒ Remove plastic labels. Paper labels do not need to be removed. ☒ If there are stains that cannot be removed by washing, dispose of them as "non-burnable waste".
		fluorescent light Dry cell batteries Mobile battery 	☒ Please be careful not to break the fluorescent tubes. ☒ Wrap broken light bulbs in paper and dispose of them as non-burnable waste. ☒ Please arrange for the disposal of batteries from vehicles, agricultural machinery, and the like at a retailer or similar facility.
		Used small electrical appliances 	☒ Always remove fluorescent tubes and other components from electrical lighting fixtures before disposal. ☒ Remove videotapes, cassette tapes, game software, MDs, CDs, DVDs, and BDs from used small electrical appliances before disposal.
		metals *80% is metal 	☒ Wrap dangerous items such as knives in paper before putting them out. ☒ Even large items can be put out with metals if they are disassembled and fit into a bag. ★Do not put aluminum or steel cans in.
		spray can 	Always puncture spray cans and portable gas cylinders to release the gas. *When puncturing spray cans, do so outdoors in a well-ventilated area.
		Tie it with paper string paper 	☒ Tie each type with paper string. ☒ Put them in a recycling bag on rainy days. ☒ Remove fasteners, oil paper, carbon paper, waterproof paper, photographs, etc. ☒ Please thoroughly wash, dry, and open up milk cartons and similar containers before disposing of them.
	container	Used cooking oil (Tempura oil) ◎Transfer to the designated container at the collection point. ◎Only edible oil is accepted. ◎Remove any impurities. ◎Industrial waste oil and similar materials are not accepted.	
Regarding the disposal of products covered by the Home Appliance Recycling Law		If you need to dispose of a television, washing machine, clothes dryer, refrigerator/freezer, or air conditioner, please consult the store where you purchased it or the store where you replaced it. If you only need to dispose of the item and the store where you purchased it is unknown, there are cooperating stores in the city that will pick it up. Recycling fees and collection/transportation fees will apply. You can also check the city's website for a list of cooperating stores.	