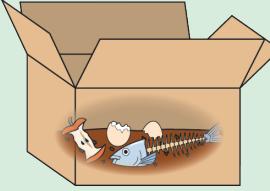




Reducing Kitchen and Food Waste

Approximately half of combustible garbage taken out by households consists of kitchen or food waste. Below are some methods that can help you reduce food waste in your home.

Preventing "Food-loss"	<p>"Food-loss" is what happens when you throw away leftovers or unconsumed foods that can still be eaten.</p> <p>【How to reduce "Food-loss"】</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① Buy only the amount of ingredients you need when cooking. ② Understand the difference between the "best by" and "use by" date of certain foods. ③ Eat all of the food you cook or order, and incorporate edible vegetable skins or leaves into your cooking. 	
Compost your food waste	<p>Place your food waste into a compost machine to turn it into fertilizer for a home vegetable garden.</p> <p>The city also sponsors a compost machine that does not use electricity. Classes on its use, a free trial system, and financial assistance to buy your own are conducted by the city.</p>	
Strain your food waste	<p>Roughly 70 to 80% of food waste contains liquid. Straining it before disposal can reduce its size and odor as well as keep insects away.</p> <p>【How to strain your food waste】</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① Keep your food waste from getting wet and throw waste with low liquid content away immediately. ② Squeeze out any liquid with your hands or a straining device. ③ Dry the waste by placing it on top of used newspaper. 	



Designated Trash Bag Q&A



Q What will happen to combustible waste not disposed of in designated trash bags?	A The waste will not be taken and collectors will post a notice slip on the bag. Place the garbage in a designated bag and put it out on the next collection day.
Q I still have regular garbage bags left over. What should I do with them?	A Plastic wrapping and container waste, and non-combustible garbage may still be taken out using regular garbage bags. Please use see-through or partially see-through bags when disposing.
Q What should I do if the designated trash bag rips?	A Seal the ripped area with packing tape or cover the designated trash bag with a regular, see-through bag. If you have a defective bag, please take it to the store of purchase or the City Beautification Division at city hall to exchange for a new one.
Q I want to reuse a designated bag that has a notice seal on it. What should I do?	A Gently peel off the notice or draw an X on the notice with a thick marker if you would like to reuse the bag.
Q Can I return designated bags I don't need?	A Unused designated trash bags may not be returned or refunded.



Explanatory Sessions About the New System



The City Beautification Division conducts regular explanatory sessions in order to spread awareness about the new trash disposal system to citizens city wide. The sessions are also held for neighborhood residents and small groups (in Japanese only).

For more information on how to book an explanatory session, please contact the City Beautification Division at Kizugawa City Hall. (Sessions can be held on any day of the week as long as the day chosen is not already booked)