

## 6 What items should not be disposed of?

- Items that remain dirty even after a quick rinse
- Plastic products with the longest side measuring over 50 cm

(It is possible to dispose of it, if you cut or disassemble it less than 50cm and pack into the plastic bag.)

- Plastic products with the metal parts

(It is possible to dispose of it, if you remove the metal parts)

※Items not categorized into "Used plastics" should be sorted according to their material as "burnable waste," "non-burnable waste," "hazardous waste," or "bulky waste."

### Sorting rules of the non-eligible items:

Plastic items with the longest side over 50 cm



e.g. poly tanks

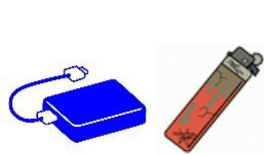
Dispose as bulky waste

Used small appliances



(dispose as non-burnable waste or put into collection boxes in the city hall)

Lithium-ion batteries and lighters



(bring in the store collect batteries) (dispose as "Hazard waste") as they can cause fires during collection

PET bottle



PET bottle is not categorized into "Used plastics."

Recyclable waste

ex) ballpoint pens



※please remove metal parts and refills where possible

Source: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Waste Illustration Collection Container and Packaging Recycling Association

## 7 Regarding the distribution of bags and the survey

The city will provide 45-liter transparent bags that are large enough to easily check for fire-causing items and fit larger items like big plastic buckets and laundry baskets. Around May 2025, we will send these bags along with instructions on "how to separate waste" and an enclosed survey to residents of the target areas.



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If you have not received the bags and other materials by late May 2025, please contact us.



## We kindly ask for your cooperation with the Model Demonstration Project for Plastic Recycling!

We apologize for any inconvenience caused to residents of the target areas, but this model demonstration project is the first step to start to recycle plastics in our city.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in reducing and recycling waste.

### Items to be separated

#### Plastic packages



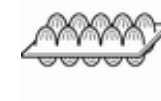
Package with this mark

Plastic packages, containers, or wrapping

Caps and labels from PET bottles



Egg cartons



Bento boxes



Bags for snacks and other items



Trays for fish or meat



Instant noodle containers

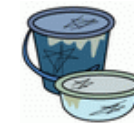


※Please rinse lightly and dry.

#### Plastics products

100% plastic products that are less than 50 cm in length

Plastic buckets and bowls



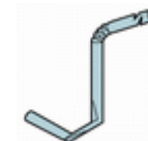
Plastic cups



Plastic storage containers



Plastic straws



Plastic toys



※Please remove any metal parts as much as possible.

these items together in the clear bag distributed by the city and dispose of them at your usual waste station.



- If items are too dirty or contain foreign substances that cannot be removed, please dispose of them as "burnable waste."
- Items over 50 cm in length, or those that do not fit into the designated waste bags, should be disposed of as "bulky waste."



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# 1 Why do we recycle plastics?

Plastics are indispensable in modern society because of their usefulness, being widely used in various products and packaging. However, due to their characteristic of being difficult to decompose in nature, they contribute to the marine plastic waste problem.

Additionally, incinerating plastics without recycling releases a significant amount of greenhouse gases, which is one of the factors contributing to global warming.

Japan is also taking nationwide action to address this issue, and in April 2022, the "Act on Promotion of Resource Circulation for Plastics" (New Plastic Law) was enacted. This law mandates that municipalities strive for the separate collection and recycling of plastic resources, and that citizens, work to reduce the disposal of used plastics.

Therefore, it is necessary to further promote the recycling and reduction of plastics products by the comprehensive collection.

【Comparison of the waste weight per person per day in fiscal year 2022.】

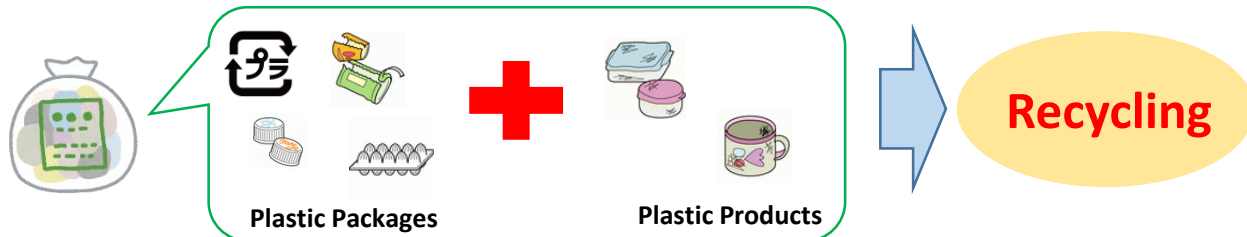
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# 2 What is comprehensive plastic recycling?

It involves collecting and recycling both "Plastic Packages" and "Plastic Products" that are currently disposed of as burnable waste.



Since plastic materials account for approximately 20% of burnable waste, comprehensive plastic recycling is an effective means to promote waste reduction.

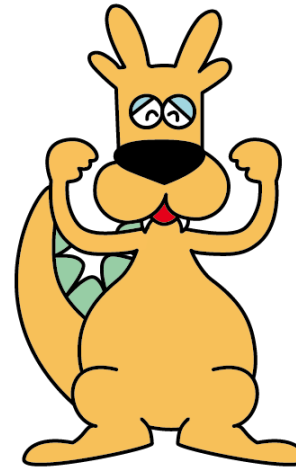
# 3 Why needs a model demonstration project?

Through the model demonstration project, we will examine the amount of used plastics being disposed of, the rate of non-collectible materials mixed in, and the time required for collection.

In addition to these survey results, we will gather feedback from citizens and waste collection company involved in the demonstration project. This gathered information will serve as foundational data for implementing plastic recycling.



# 4 Project Overview



When will it start?

It will be implemented for a period of one month starting from June 1, 2025 (Reiwa 7).

Collection Dates:

The dates vary depending on the target areas, so please check the attached document for details.

How should it be prepared?

Please put the items into transparent bags provided by the city.

Where should it be placed?

Please take it to the waste station you normally use.

# 5 Notice for Disposal

① If there is any residue or dirt such as scraps or soil, please rinse it off quickly.

e.g.

Instant noodle containers



any residue

How to rinse!



Using leftover water from washing dishes to rinse off the dirt and dry it before disposal.

② Please check if your waste station is a target station for the model demonstration project.

The target stations will have this signboard.

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