

## Waste Disposal Rules for Kusatsu

### … and how to understand the garbage calendar

This booklet explains how to throw away household waste in Kusatsu. Please use this booklet along with the garbage calendar to make sure you dispose of your garbage in the correct way.

In Kusatsu, we divide the household waste in two categories. One is the waste that can be dropped at the designated drop-off site of your neighborhood, and the other is the waste that cannot be dropped at the designated drop-off site.

Please make sure where your designated drop-off site is by asking your landlord or neighbors.

Kusatsu city has rules of how to throw away your garbage. If you dispose your garbage incorrectly, the city will not collect them, and it will cause problems for people who live near the drop-off site.

Please take a careful look at this booklet, and throw away your garbage correctly.

### The waste that can be dropped at the designated drop-off site.

In Kusatsu, you can drop the following garbage at designated drop-off site. Different kinds of garbage are colored in different colors on the garbage calendar. Make sure that you are disposing the correct items on the assigned day.

Kind of Garbage		Color in the Calendar	How to Dispose
burnable items		blue	designated bag
plastic containers		pink	designated bag
plastic bottles		green	designated bag
cans		grey	container
food & beverage glasses		light blue	container
Solid waste for crushing		purple	clear bag
ceramic / glass		orange	clear bag
paper	newspaper, ads	bright yellow	Bundle with string
	magazine, miscellaneous recyclable paper	yellow	
	cardboard	brown	

Please dispose them between 6 AM and 8 AM of the collection day.

## Burnable items (blue)

Please use the city's designated bag for the burnables. We will not collect cardboard or trash that are in different bags.

### Burnable items include:

- Raw garbage (kitchen garbage, food, tea leaves, fruits peels, etc.) - Please drain water.
- Paper waste (paper, paper cups, paper diapers, etc.) - Please take off the solids from

diapers -- Please drop cake boxes and wrapping paper on the “magazine & miscellaneous recyclable paper” day.

- Rubber, leather and fabric product (shoes, bags, pillows, curtains, etc.)
- Plastic waste except plastic bottles and containers (cassette tapes, video tapes, CDs, DVDs, game softwares, toothbrush, plastic toys, etc.)
- Home medical waste (plastic bags, tubes, catheters, cotton, gauze, etc.)
- Other (disposable body warmer, wet pack, ice pack, etc.)

You have to strap wood and branches with strings. Each piece of wood or branch has to be less than 50 cm long and less than 5 cm diameter.

## Plastic containers (pink) Only the ones with the recyclable marks

Please use the city's designated bag for the plastic containers . We will not collect them if they are in different bags.

### Plastic containers include:

- Bags, nets, trays, cups, tops, labels, cushioning made of plastic - Please make sure that they are empty. If there are food remains, please rinse them off.

Even if the plastic trash has the recyclable mark on it, if it does not get clean by washing, or if you need lots of soap to wash it clean, throw them away with the burnables.  
Please don't double bag your plastic container-trash.

## Plastic bottles (green)

Please use the city's designated bag for the plastic bottles. We will not collect them if they are in different bags.

### Plastic bottles include:

- Beverage bottles, alcohol bottles, soy sauce bottles with PET mark.
  1. Take the top and label off. (tops and labels go to the “plastic containers”)
  2. Rinse inside.
  3. Put in the designated bag.

## Cans (grey)

Please drop in the city's designated grey container.

### Cans include:

- Soda/juice cans, beer cans, food cans, spray cans, etc.
  1. Rinse juice or beer cans.
  2. Crush.
  3. Drop in the city's designated grey container directly without bags.

## Food & beverage glasses (light blue)

Please drop in the city's designated grey container directly without bags.

### Food & beverage glasses include:

- Spice bottles, alcohol bottles, soda bottles.
  1. Take the top off. If the top is made of metal, throw them in the “solid waste for crushing”.
  2. Rinse inside.
  3. Drop in the city's designated grey container directly without bags.

Bottles for cosmetics or topical drugs, bottles that had chemicals that don't go per mouth, go to “ceramic / glass” category.

## Solid waste for crushing (purple)

There is no designated bag for it. If the waste is bigger than 20 cm, don't put in any bag. If the waste is smaller than 20 cm, put in the clear bag.

### Solid wastes for crushing include:

- Small metal wastes (frying pans, pots, kettles, etc.)
- Small electrical appliances (game consoles, blenders, telephones, kettles, water filters, shavers, clothes irons, hair dryers, toasters, etc.) -Please remove the batteries.
- Hard plastic things (buckets, wash basins, flower pots, etc. Things that are made of hard plastic and bigger than 20 cm)
- Other (umbrellas, edged tools, metal tops of bottles or jars, electric cables, disposable lighters, etc.) - Please wrap the edged tools with cloth, etc. for the safety.

**Ceramic / glass (orange)**

There is no designated bag for it. Please put in the clear bag.

**Ceramic / glass include:**

- ceramics (bowls, vases, tea cups, dish, clay pots, etc.)
- glass (glass sheets, dish, heat resistant glass wares, cosmetic bottles, drug bottles, bulbs, mirrors, etc.)

note: please wrap the broken glass with paper, etc. for the safety.

**Paper (newspaper & ads: bright yellow, magazines & miscellaneous recyclable paper: yellow, cardboards: brown)**

Please make bundles of size that are easy to carry.

**Paper includes:**

- Newspaper & ads - Please strap crosswise with string.
- magazines & miscellaneous recyclable paper (magazines, comics, hard covers, textbooks, catalogs, wrapping paper, brochures, copier paper, paper bags, envelopes, etc.) - Please strap crosswise with string tightly.
- Cardboards - Please strap crosswise with string.

Things we don't collect.

- Very dirty or smelly things.
- Things that have waterproofing, wax or aluminum finish.
- Things with particular material such as carbon paper, double postcard, photographs.

\*The above items cannot be recycled. Please throw them away as “burnables.”

**The Waste that cannot be dropped at the designated drop-off site**

**Oversized waste (Picked up regularly at your door)**

They are picked up twice a month. Dates are different depending on the area you live. You have to request this service in advance and pay for it.

**Oversized waste includes:**

- Things that are more than 50 cm and heavier than 10 kg.
- Things that are listed on the oversized waste list.

Pick-up days (scheduled according the area)

Area	days
Shizu-A / Shizu-B	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday
Kusatsu-A / Kusatsu-B	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday
Ôji-A / Ôji-B / Shibukawa	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday
Yagura-A / Yagura-B / Yamada-A	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Oikami-A / Oikami-B	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday

Tamagawa-A	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday
Tamagawa-B / Kasayama	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
Yamada-B / Kamigasa	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday
Kasanui-A / Tokiwa	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday
Kasanui-B / Hirai	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday

## How to get your oversized waste collected.

1. Check your oversized waste.
  - o Check the category and number of the waste.
  - o Check the collecting date of your area.
  - o Request for the pick-up at least 7 days prior to the pick-up date.
  - o Pick-up schedule might change at the end & beginning of a year.
2. Request City Office (Department of Promoting Waste Reduction) for oversized waste pick-up.
  - o Give your name, address, telephone number, and category & number of the waste.
  - o We will tell you how many tickets you need.

**Telephone Number: 561-2300**

Open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:15 PM, closed on Saturday, Sunday, national holidays, the end and beginning of a year.

3. Purchase the “oversized waste disposing ticket”.
  - o Tickets are available at City Office, Civic Center (Shimin Center), and oversized waste ticket agents.
4. Put oversized waste outside your front door before 9:00 AM of the pick-up day.
  - o Write down your name on the ticket and tape it on the oversized waste.
5. We will come to your door and pick up your oversized waste.

### Batteries

Please use the battery container that are placed at public facilities such as City Office, Civic Center, public schools, etc. Button batteries and rechargeable batteries are collected at the stores you purchase them.

### Fluorescent light tubes

Please dispose in the florescent tube disposal containers at City Office and Civic Center. Incandescent light bulbs and glow tubes go to “Ceramic/glass” trash.

## Trash that city does not process

- cars and car parts (tires, batteries, engine oil, etc.)
- motorcycles and its parts
- used oil (gasoline, kerosene)
- propane gas cylinders
- pianos
- fire extinguishers
- agricultural machinery and agricultural chemicals
- soil, sand, gravel
- construction waste, fireproof board, drywall
- Specific electric appliances: air conditioner, TV, refrigerator/freezer, clothes washer/dryer
- computers (both desktop and laptop)

We cannot process them. Please take them to the stores that sell those items.

## Bring trash to the Clean Center

When you have large amount of trash, you can bring the trash directly to the Clean Center. There is a charge for this service.

**Address:** 1200 Bamba chô, Kusatsu shi

Tel/Fax: 562-6361 (Tel), 566-1694 (Fax)

**Days:** Every Monday and Friday. Closed on national holidays.

**Time:** 9:00 AM to 12:00PM, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

## Recycle no Yakata

You can donate your recyclable things to Recycle no Yakata. Donations will be exhibited on open days and anyone can get them for free. If more than one person wants the same thing, it will be decided by lot.

**Address:** 6-28 Ôji-chô, Kusatsu shi

**Open day:** Second Sunday of the month

**Time:** 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

## Tickets for Kusatsu city's designated trash bags

**We give out tickets** for 135 bags each year per family. If you are the only one in the household, you will receive tickets for 90 bags.

### How to use the tickets

- Determine the kind of bag you want, either “burnables”, “plastic containers” or “plastic bottles”, by placing a check mark in the correct box.
- You can use each ticket to get 5 bags of any one kind.
- Please don't use too many tickets at one time, and use them only as needed.
- You can use the tickets at designated stores that carry the bags.

### Note:

- Tickets have to be used before the expiration date.
- Don't lose them as we cannot reissue them.

If you use up all your tickets, you can purchase the bags at designated stores. Each bag costs 110 yen.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

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