

Waste Disposal Guidelines for Kusatsu City Residents

This booklet explains how to throw away household waste in Kusatsu. Please use this booklet along with the garbage collection 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 for waste disposal. 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.

Basic Guidelines for Waste Disposal

In Kusatsu City, the following garbage can be placed at designated drop-off sites. 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 on the Calendar	How to Dispose
Burnable items		Orange	Designated bag
Plastics		Pink	Designated bag
PET plastic bottles		Green	Designated bag
Cans		Grey	Container
Glass jars and bottles for food & beverages		Light blue	Container
Solid waste for crushing		Purple	Clear bag
Ceramic / glassware		Red	Clear bag
Paper	Cardboards	Yellow	Bundle with string
	Newspapers, ads		Bundle with string
	Magazines, miscellaneous recyclable paper		Bundle with string

※Burnable items, plastic containers, plastic bottles must be placed in city-designated trash bags. Any other types of bags are NOT acceptable and they will not be collected.

※Please put the trash out between 6 AM and 8 AM of the collection day.

Burnable items (Orange)

Be sure to use the trash bag designated by Kusatsu City for burnable items. Wastes placed in cardboard boxes or non-designated trash bags such as plastic shopping bags will NOT be collected.

Burnable items include:

- Food waste (kitchen garbage, food, tea leaves, fruits peels, etc.) - Please drain off the 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 that does not belong to the “plastics” category (cassette tapes, video tapes, CDs, DVDs, game software, 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 bundle 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.

Plastics (Pink) Only items with the recyclable marks

Please use the city's designated bag for plastics. We will not collect them if they are in any other bags.

Plastics include:

- Plastic bags, netting, containers, trays, cups, bottles, tops, plastic film, labels, and plastic packaging material
 - ※Please make sure that they are empty and free of residue.
If there are any remaining residue, please wipe or rinse it off. If the paper label cannot be easily removed, you may leave it on when recycling.
The basic guideline is that no residue should be seen. Washing with soap is unnecessary. Lightly rinse the insides with water. A little grease/stickiness left is fine.
Please do not double or triple bag your plastics.

PET plastic bottles (Green)

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

PET plastic bottles include:

- Beverage bottles, alcohol bottles, soy sauce bottles with the PET mark.
 1. Remove the top and label. (Tops and labels belong in the “plastics”)
 2. Rinse inside.
 3. Place them in the designated bag.

Cans (Grey)

Please place them loose in the grey container designated by Kusatsu City.

※Do not recycle them bagged.

Cans include:

- Soda/juice cans, beer cans, food cans, spray cans, etc.
 1. Completely empty aerosol cans and gas cartridges before disposing them.
(There is no need to puncture the cans.)
 2. Rinse the insides of juice or beer cans with water.
 3. Place them loose in the city's designated grey container. No bags.

Glass jars and bottles for food & beverages (Light blue)

Please place them loose in the grey container designated by Kusatsu City.

※Do not recycle them bagged.

Glass jars and bottles for food & beverages include:

- Spice bottles, alcohol bottles, soda bottles.
 1. Remove the top. The label may be left on. (If the top is made of metal, they belong in the “solid waste for crushing.”)
 2. Rinse the inside.
 3. Place them loose in the city's designated grey container. No bags.
 - *Bottles that contained non-drinkable items such as topical cream and cosmetics belong in the “ceramic/glassware” category.

Solid waste for crushing (Purple)

Do not use garbage bags from Kusatsu City or any other cities and towns. If the waste is bigger than 20 cm and under 50 cm, you may place it directly at the collection spot. If the waste is smaller than 20 cm, please place them in a clear bag.

Solid wastes for crushing include:

- Small metal wastes (frying pans, pots, kettles, etc.)
- Small electrical appliances (game consoles, telephones, shavers, hair dryers, toasters, etc.)
 - *Please remove the batteries.
- Hard plastics (buckets, wash basins, clothes storage boxes, etc.)
 - *Items that are made of hard/rigid plastic and exceeding 20 cm.
- Other (umbrellas, edged tools, metal tops of bottles or jars, electric cables, portable chargers, etc.) –
 - *Please wrap the edged tools with cloth, etc. so that they can be safely collected.

Ceramic / glassware (Red)

There is no designated bag for it. Please place them in a clear bag.

Ceramic / glassware include:

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

*Please wrap any broken glass with paper for safety.

Paper (Yellow)

Paper includes:

- Cardboards

Tie crosswise with a paper/plastic string.

*Do not stuff them in another cardboard box.

- Newspaper, flyers, magazines (weekly magazines, comics, textbooks, wrapping paper, copier paper, etc.)

Tightly tie crosswise with string or place them in a paper bag or an envelope.

*Bundle them separately from cardboards.

Unacceptable

- Very dirty or smelly items.
- Paper that have waterproofing, wax or aluminum finish.
- Special types of paper such as carbon paper, crimped postcard, photographs.

*The above items cannot be recycled. Please throw them away as “burnable waste.”

Bulky waste (Regular door-to-door waste collection)

They are picked up twice a month. You have to request this service in advance and pay for it.

Bulky waste includes:

Items exceeding 50cm in length, width or height or weighing more than 10 kg.

Pick-up days (Scheduled according to area)

Area	Collection days
Shizu-A / Shizu-B	1st & 3rd Monday
Kusatsu-A / Kusatsu-B	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Ôji-A / Ôji-B / Shibukawa	2nd & 4th Friday
Yagura-A / Yagura-B / Yamada-A	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Oikami-A / Oikami-B	1st & 3rd Friday
Tamagawa-A	1st & 3rd Thursday
Tamagawa-B / Kasayama	1st & 3rd Wednesday
Yamada-B / Kamigasa	2nd & 4th Wednesday
Kasanui-A / Tokiwa	2nd & 4th Thursday
Kasanui-B / Hirai	2nd & 4th Monday

【How to Dispose of Bulky Waste】

1. Book a bulky waste collection.
 - Check how many items you need to dispose of and the bulky waste category each item belongs to. Also, check the size of each item.
 - Check the collection date for your area.
 - Request for collection at least 7 days prior to the collection date.
 - **Bulky Garbage Reception Call Center Phone: 077-561-2300**
Open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:15 PM. (Closed on Saturday, Sunday, national holidays, and New Years season)
 - **Book Online 24/7**
 - We will need your name, address, phone number, and the category & number of the waste.
 - We will tell you how many tickets you need.
2. Purchase a “bulky waste disposing ticket” from available stores (Listed on the back of the garbage collection calendar.)
3. Write down your name and the collection date on the ticket and tape it on the bulky waste. Place the bulky waste outside your front door by 8AM of the collection day.
4. You do not need to be present at collection time. Collection time cannot be specified for we will collect the wastes in order.

Batteries

Please use the battery collection boxes that are placed at public facilities such as the city office, the civic center, public schools, etc.

*Coin batteries (Models: CR and BR) are to be disposed as solid waste for crushing.

*Regarding button batteries (Models: SR, LR and PR) along with rechargeable batteries, please contact the stores which sell these items.

*Make sure all battery terminals are taped in order to properly insulate them.

Fluorescent light tubes

Please dispose in the florescent tube disposal containers at the city office and the civic center.

*Incandescent light bulbs and glow tubes go to “Ceramic/glassware” trash.

*LED bulbs belong to the “solid waste for crushing” category.

Unacceptable trash

We cannot process the items listed below. Please take them to the stores that handle or sell those items.

- 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)

Bring trash to the Clean Center (Advance booking only)

You can bring bulky waste and sorted garbage directly to the Clean Center. (Fees apply)

Address

Kusatsu City Clean Center
1200-25 Bamba-chô, Kusatsu-shi

Hours & Holidays

Monday to Saturday and holidays (Closed on Sunday and during New Years season)

8:30 AM to 11:30PM, 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

There is a limited number of slots in a day.

Book a slot

● **Bulky Garbage Reception Call Center** Phone: 077-516-4030

Service hours: Weekdays 8:30 AM to 5:15 PM (Closed on Saturday, Sunday, holidays and during New Years season)

● **Book Online 24/7**

Fees

- When the carry-in amount in a single time is less than 200 kg: 110 yen per 10 kg
- When the carry-in amount in a single time is 200 kg or more: 210 yen per 10 kg

Note

- You cannot bring in any trash without booking in advance.
- Please have the trash sorted prior to bringing them in.
- Be sure to bring documents that can verify the identity of the person disposing the trash.
- You will have to bring the trash to the designated spot yourself. For a smooth drop-off, please be sure to have the trash sorted correctly. If you have a large amount of trash, please be sure to come with a sufficient number of people.

Kusatsu City's Designated Trash Bags

Burnable waste, plastics must be disposed of in trash bags designated by Kusatsu City.

The table below shows where you may obtain each type of bag.

Type of Waste	Size	Price (incl. tax)	Available locations
Burnable waste	L (45L)	10 bags 150 yen	Supermarkets, convenience stores, home centers, drugstores, etc.
	M (30L)	10 bags 100 yen	
	S (15L)	10 bags 50 yen	
Plastics	60L	A total of 40 bags to use for both types yearly per family Additional bags cost 150 yen per 10 bags	Please check the back of the garbage collection calendar.
PET plastic bottles	60L		

Purchasing burnable waste trash bags

They may be purchased at available locations as written on the above table. The trash bags are available in three sizes and they may be purchased in units of 10 bags.

Distribution of vouchers

We give out a year's worth of trash bag vouchers around September every year. Please check with your neighborhood association, the rental property management company, or the real estate company for information on how to obtain the vouchers.

How to use the vouchers

- Choose either plastics or PET plastic bottles. Place a check mark in the box next to the type of bag you require. The vouchers cannot be exchanged for burnable waste trash bags.
- Each voucher can be redeemed for 10 trash bags of one kind.
- You can use the vouchers at stores listed on the back of the garbage collection calendar.

Note

- Vouchers must be used within the validity period. The vouchers are valid until September 30th of the following year.
- There will be no reissuing of vouchers. Be sure to keep them in a safe place.

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