



Guidebook for Garbage Disposal During Disasters

When a major disaster strikes, large amounts of garbage are generated in one go. To achieve recovery and reconstruction as quickly as possible, it is essential to sort and properly dispose of the garbage produced by the disaster.

This guidebook aims to inform residents of Bunkyo City how to dispose of garbage during disasters.

● What kind of garbage is produced during disasters?

Garbage produced during disasters

Bulk waste

Broken furniture and appliances, cracked dishes, futons, etc., from damaged homes



Disaster debris

Waste produced during building demolition (wood scraps, tiles, concrete debris, etc.)



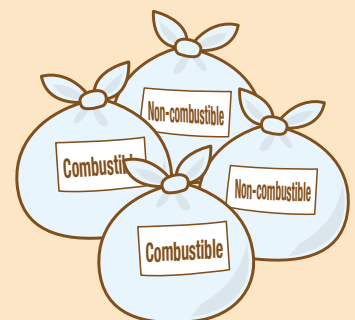
Evacuation center waste

Waste produced inside evacuation centers

Household waste

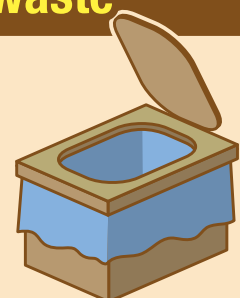
Waste produced during sheltering in place or daily life at home

*Produced during disasters as well as normal conditions



Human waste

Used portable toilets, etc. generated during sheltering in place



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Household waste and **bulk waste** must be disposed of in different locations.

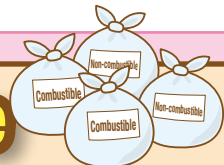
What are district collection points?

These are temporary collection points set up to quickly process bulk waste. Depending on the disaster situation, they will be established at nearby parks or children's playgrounds that residents normally use. After a disaster occurs, the city will designate district collection points and notify residents. Regarding the management of district collection points, we ask for your cooperation in activities such as monitoring to help protect the local living environment.



Home

Household waste



Your usual garbage disposal location (regular collection point)



Combustible waste

We aim to resume collection of combustible waste on the fourth day following a disaster. Please bring garbage to the collection point after collection resumes.

Non-combustible waste / Recyclables

Priority will be given to the collection of combustible waste, so please sort and store non-combustible waste at home, then bring it to the collection point once collection resumes. (We aim to resume collection on the fifteenth day following a disaster).

*Please prioritize the disposal of garbage prone to rotting, such as food waste. Please store garbage that does not need to be disposed of urgently at home to the extent possible.

Human waste (portable toilets)

- (1) Place newspaper or other combustible material inside the plastic bag containing the used portable toilet to make it easier to burn.
- (2) Remove any air from the bag.
- (3) Place the bag in another plastic bag and tie the opening securely.
- (4) Once collection resumes, put it out separately from other combustible waste.

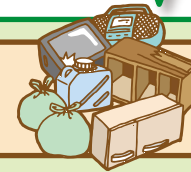


The designated disposal locations and collection dates will be announced by the city after the disaster.

Evacuation center waste

The rules for disposing of garbage at evacuation centers are set by each center. To ensure everyone can stay comfortably, please follow the evacuation center's rules.

Bulk waste



Nearby parks and children's playgrounds (district collection points)

Please do not put out bulk waste at your usual collection point or on the road. It will obstruct the passage of emergency vehicles such as fire trucks and ambulances.



Non-combustible waste (Glass, ceramics, metal, etc.)



Home appliances (4 categories) (TVs, washing machines, air conditioners, refrigerators)



Small appliances / Other appliances (Microwaves, hair dryers, etc.)

Combustible waste (Wooden furniture, plastic products, soiled clothing, etc.)



Tatami mats and futons



Don't put household waste out here

Please do not bring household waste, such as food waste, to the district collection points.

*When disposing of damaged refrigerators at the district collection point, please be sure to remove all contents from inside the refrigerator.

An example of poor garbage disposal



Quick when sorted, slow when mixed together

If garbage is disposed of without sorting, sorting it takes time, which delays the clearance of district collection points. It also leads to increased processing costs and degradation of the environment, including unpleasant odors and insect infestations. We ask for your understanding and cooperation in sorting waste during disasters.

Photo source: Ministry of the Environment Disaster Waste Management Photo Channel

Primary temporary storage site

A site for collecting and sorting bulk waste from district collection points and disaster debris from demolished buildings, which is stored until being taken to secondary temporary storage sites or processing facilities.



Secondary temporary storage site

Intermediate processing (shredding/incineration)

Recycling / Landfill

Preparation is Essential

— Help Minimize the Waste Generated During Disasters —

Use anti-tipping fixtures and protective equipment!

Use fire-resistant curtains

Apply
shatter-resistant film
to windows

Secure using L-shaped brackets
or tension rods
Avoid placing heavy or fragile
items on top of furniture

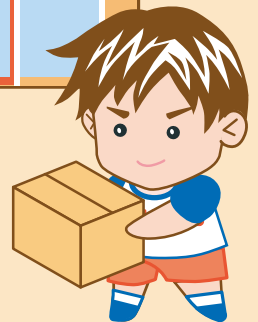
Use fixtures to keep in place

Use heaters with a self-extinguishing device
if possible
Avoid placing flammable items near heaters

Secure furniture by inserting
earthquake-proof stoppers or
boards underneath to brace it
against the wall

Make use of recycle shops
and flea market apps!

Regularly getting rid of unnecessary
items can help reduce the amount of
garbage produced during disasters.



If a disaster occurs, make sure to check announcements from the city!

Methods of communication

Bunkyo City disaster
prevention app

Fumi no Miyako safety and
disaster prevention emails

Bunkyo City disaster
prevention portal

Website and social media

Disaster prevention mass
notification app

Data broadcasts using CATV

Disaster prevention emergency
broadcast system

Noticeboards at evacuation
centers and other locations

Information is also communicated through various other channels.

Bunkyo City
disaster
prevention app



Disaster
prevention mass
notification app

This guidebook was created based on the Bunkyo City Disaster Waste Management Plan.
Please see the plan for further details



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