

Q & A on Plastic Sorting

Q1 How much should we be washing plastic if it isn't clean?

A1 Rinse lightly or wipe down with an old cloth. Items that meet the following criteria can be disposed of as plastics:
 1) No solids are left on the item
 2) There are no sticky substances left on the item
 3) There is no strong odor
 If the item does not fit the above criteria or the contents are difficult to remove, dispose of the item in burnables rather than plastics.

Q2 If the item contains materials other than plastic, can I still dispose of it as plastics for recycling?

A2 In Taito Ward, items made completely of plastic are disposed of as plastics. Items containing materials other than plastics should be disposed of as either burnables or non-burnables. Where the longest side of an item measures 30 cm or more, it should be disposed of as oversized garbage.

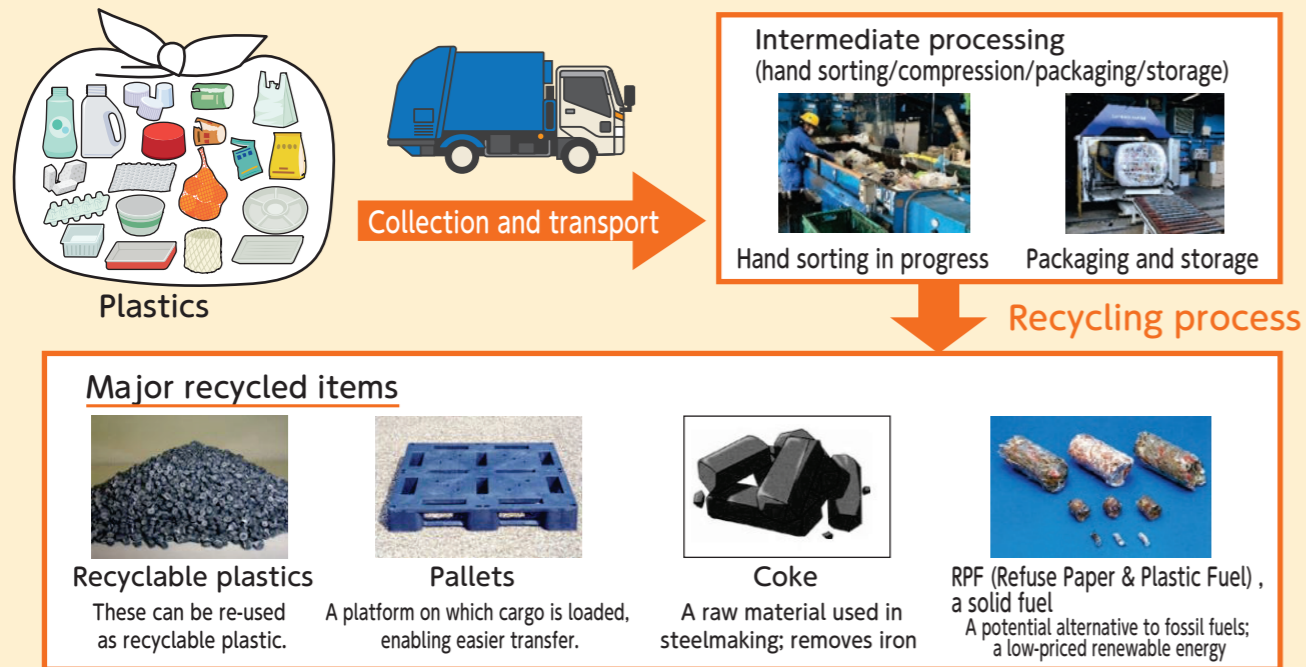
Q3 Should paper stickers and labels such as price-tags be removed?

A3 Remove paper labels and stickers that can be removed easily. Labels and stickers that cannot be removed easily can be left on your plastic item.

Q4 Why are plastics sorted and collected as recyclables?

A4 Recycling plastics helps reduce environmental load by cutting greenhouse gas emissions. To achieve a more environmentally-friendly society, we ask that people help out by separating plastics.

Flow of operations following plastics sorting/collection



Any changes to content are noted in the local newsletter (Taito) at the time the changes are implemented, as well as on the Taito Ward Website, and more. We ask everyone to please work with us on recycling initiatives.
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Taito Ward Website

Important notifications from Taito Ward Announcing launch of plastics sorting and collection

Plastics previously disposed of in an incinerator as **burnables**—and styrofoam food trays and cups previously collected as **recyclables**—are now collected as **Plastics** for recycling. Please note this update.

Applicable plastics ① Labeled bags ② A label on a bag indicates it is made entirely of plastic.



Collection location
In front of building
 (individual household garbage collection※)
 ※Same location as burnable garbage /non-burnable garbage

Day of week of disposal
Day of week for recycling
 (until 8 am on specified day)
Do not dispose of garbage at recycling location

Collection to be launched in some locations as of October 2024.

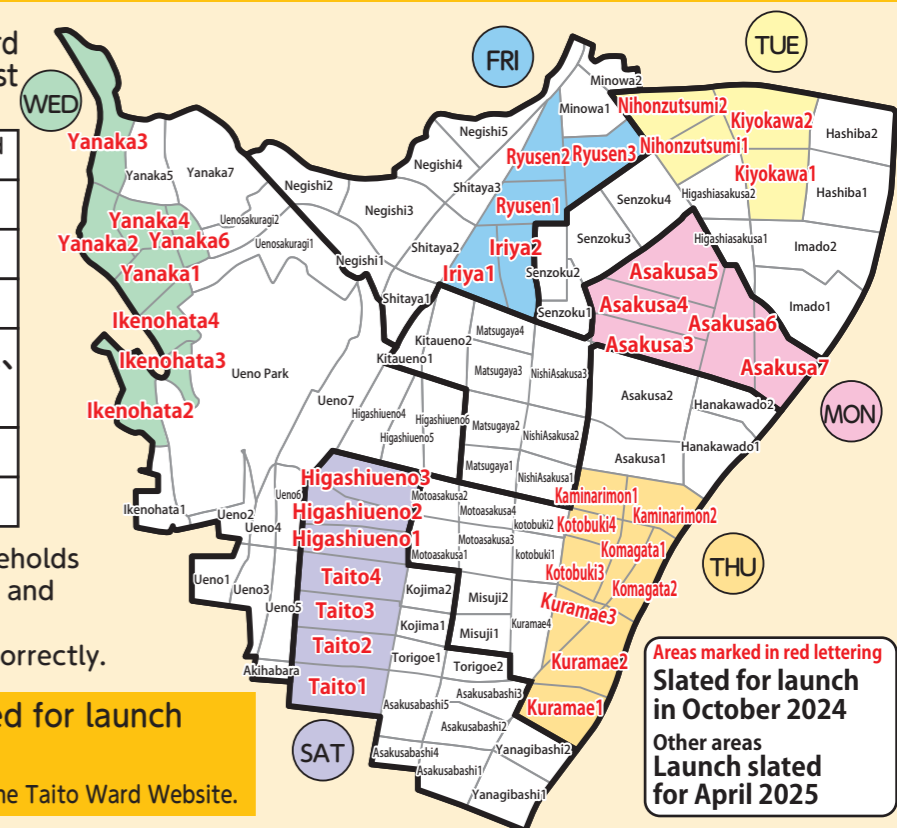
Plastic collection will be launched for Taito Ward starting **October 2024**. See the following for a list of areas and collection days.

Day of week	Collection slated for launch in part of Taito Ward (October 2024)
MON	Asakusa3~7
TUE	Kiyokawa1~2, Nihonzutsumi1~2
WED	Ikenohata2~4, Yanaka1~4・6
THU	Kaminarimon1~2, Komagata1~2, Kotobuki3~4, Kuramae1~3
FRI	Iriya1~2, Ryusen~3
SAT	Taito1~4, Higashiueno1~3

Plastics will be collected from individual households on the **recycling** day (same place as burnables and non-burnables). See the next page for details on how to sort correctly.

Collection for all of Taito Ward※ slated for launch starting April 2025.

※Information is continuously updated on the Taito Ward Website.



Areas marked in red lettering
Slated for launch in October 2024
 Other areas
 Launch slated for April 2025

How to Dispose of Plastics

Collection location...**In front of building** (individual household garbage collection)

※Same location as **burnables** and **non-burnables**.

If you live in a housing complex, follow the rules determined by the building's management company or management association.

How to dispose...**Place items in garbage bags or garbage containers** of your items (polyethylene buckets or similar)

Place plastics in clear or semi-clear bags, inside a garbage container with a lid.

There is no specific type of bag that you need to use.

You are free to use bags that you have in your house.

Day of disposal...**Put garbage out on the day of week specified for recyclables collection (once weekly) by 8 am.**



	District and number	Day of week of collection
A	Akihabara	wed
	Asakusa 1・2	thu
	Asakusa 3~7	mon
	Asakusabashi 1~5	sat
H	Hanakawado 1・2	thu
	Hashiba 1・2	tue
	Higashiasakusa 1・2	tue
	Higashiueno 1~3	sat
	Higashiueno 4~6	wed
I	Ikenohata 1~4	wed
	Imado 1・2	tue
	Iriya 1・2	fri
K	Kaminarimon 1・2	thu

	District and number	Day of week of collection
K	Kitaueno 1・2	mon
	Kiyokawa 1・2	tue
	Kojima 1・2	sat
	Komagata 1・2	thu
	Kotobuki 1~4	thu
M	Kuramae 1~4	thu
	Matsugaya 1~4	mon
	Minowa 1・2	fri
	Misuji 1・2	thu
N	Motoasakusa 1~4	thu
	Negishi 1~5	fri
	Nihonzutsumi 1・2	tue
	Nishiasakusa 1~3	mon

	District and number	Day of week of collection
R	Ryusen 1~3	fri
S	Senzoku 1~4	tue
	Shitaya 1~3	fri
T	Taito 1~4	sat
	Torigoe 1・2	sat
U	Ueno Park	wed
	Ueno 1~7	wed
	Uenosakuragi 1・2	wed
Y	Yanagibashi 1・2	sat
	Yanaka 1~7	wed

※Collection will be launched for all of Taito Ward starting April 2025.

Sorting plastic

Some examples of plastics

Bags
Confectionary bags/bread bags /grocery bags, etc.

Wrapping/packs
Containers for eggs, tofu, take-home bento boxes, etc.

Trays and cups
Containers for fish trays, cup ramen, gelatin, etc.

Bottles
Shampoo, cream rinse, detergent bottles, etc.

Caps and labels
PET bottle caps and labels, etc.

Styrofoam/cushioning material
Cushioning material/ plant containers

CD and DVD cases

Tubes
Tube containers such as mayonnaise, toothpaste tubes, etc.

Do not include PET bottles!
PET bottles (not the caps) will continue to be collection as recyclables. These go in the green containers/green netting.

Other plastic items
Cases, toys, rulers, plastic dishware, buckets, etc. (limited to items less than 30 cm in length)

Key Points for Sorting Plastics

Sorting launch



Items that cannot be recycled as plastics (example)

Items that cannot be cleaned
→ **Burnables**

Large items measuring greater than 30 cm in length
→ **Oversized garbage**

Plastics with metal parts → Separate components and recycle appropriately
Ball-point pens → **Burnables**
Scissors → **Non-burnables**

Medical waste (used for in-home medical treatment)
Tubes, intravenous drip container, syringes with needles removed → **Burnables**
Hypodermic needles → Pharmacy collecting used needles

Potentially flammable items such as dry batteries, rechargeable batteries, lighters, etc.
Dry batteries → collected at specific locations
Lithium-ion batteries → JBRC collection box
Lighters → **Non-burnables**