

SHIMOSUWA MUNICIPAL HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION

How to Sort and Put out the Garbage

REDUCE WASTE BY RECYCLING!

2023 Edition

Not all waste is created equal! Be sure to put your garbage out correctly by sorting it and then taking it to your nearest collection point at the right time on the right day! We also thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community clean and beautiful by helping to keep your collection location neat and tidy!

Waste Categories * Please be sure to use the officially designated Shimosuwa Garbage Bags

Bags from other municipalities will not be collected!



Recyclables (1x week)
Transparent bag with blue text.
19 types of recyclables (cans, bottles, papers, etc.)



Burnable Waste (2x week)
Translucent pink bag with red text.
Burnable items that cannot be recycled.



Landfill Waste (1x/month)
Transparent bag with green text.
Waste that cannot be recycled or burned.

Basic Rules for Putting out the Garbage: Items disposed of improperly will not be collected!

- Please use the official garbage bags designated by Shimosuwa for each type of waste.
- Please **WRITE YOUR FULL NAME** and **TIE OFF EACH BAG** (don't use tape to seal bags closed).
- Please use your **NEAREST COLLECTION LOCATION** and put your garbage out on the **CORRECT COLLECTION DAY!** Note that recyclables collection varies each week, so be sure to check the **Recycling Calendar** to confirm collection before putting out the recycling. Also, make sure to sort recyclables into separate bags by type. (Note that paper recycling does not need to be placed into an official bag. Also, used batteries, fluorescent tubes, and light bulbs may be placed in the same bag together).
- Regardless of what time the collection vehicle arrives, please put out your waste for collection at your local collection location between dawn (around 6 AM) and 8 AM on the day of collection.
- Each household remains responsible for its own garbage until it has been collected. Be sure to check to make sure your own garbage has been collected!

So as not to inconvenience residents living near waste collection points, and in order to keep our community clean, please be sure to keep your local collection location neat and tidy.

Collection Days * Garbage is collected 3x/week (Burnable Waste 2x, Recyclables 1x; Landfill Waste 1x/month)

Garbage collection days are generally determined by local residents' associations. If you have any questions about your nearest collection location or collection days, please ask a neighbor or inquire at the Town Office.

Burnables	Mon/Thurs	Mon/Thurs	Tues/Fri	Tues/Fri	Wed/Sat	Wed/Sat	Wed/Sat
Recyclables	Tues Tues	Wed Wed	Mon Mon	Thurs Thurs	Tues Tues	Thurs Thurs	Fri Fri
Landfill Waste	Different types of recycling are collected each week. Be sure to check the weekly schedule on the Shimosuwa Recycling Calendar.						
Collection District	Ward 3 Tomonomachi, Hirosecho, Fujimicho, Sugenomachi*, Hirasawacho, Chūōdōri, Hanasakicho, Nakashiocho, Harubicho, Yagihigashi, Yaginishi, Higashiyayoicho, Nishiyayoicho, Sakaecho, Akebonocho, Sakigakecho	Ward 3 Kitashiō, Higashishiō, Nishishiō, Minamishiō, Higashitakanomachi, Nishitakanomachi, Shimizumachi, Higashiakasuna, Nishiakasuna	Ward 1 Higashimachiue, Higashimachinaka Ward 2 Yudamachi*, Shinmachiue*, Shinmachishita* Ward 6 Hagikura, Toyohashi, Higashimata (limited collection), Machiyashiki, Shimoyashiki Ward 7 Higashiyamada* Ward 9 Hoshigaoka	Ward 1 Higashimachishita, Nakamachi, Daimon, Tanakamachi, Yagimachi, Sakuramachi, Midorimachi Ward 2 Tatsumachi, Koyonoue, Yokomachi-Kinoshita, Yudamachi*, Yudanakamachi, Shinmachiue*, Shinmachishita*, Mitamachi, Tsukadamachi Ward 4 Takeiminami*	Ward 3 Taishadōri, Sugenomachi*, Kamibaba Ward 4 Kamikubo, Kubokaidō	Ward 4 Takeiminami*, Takeikita	Ward 4 Kohanchominami, Kohanchokita Ward 5 Higashitakagi, Nishitakagi, Minamitakagi, Kitatakagi Ward 10 Nishiyutaka, Nishihama, Takahama, Higashiyutaka, Hongo, Gokan, Tomigaoka, Sekiya
Days with No Collection	Sundays, Obon (August 15 & 16), New Year's Holiday (December 29 to January 1) Check the accompanying Shimosuwa Recycling Calendar for further details						

Shimosuwa Sanitation Center *ONLY Recyclables and Landfill Waste will be accepted.

Accepted Items	Landfill Waste	Waste will be processed free of charge if provided in official Shimosuwa garbage bags (Landfill Waste). Otherwise, waste will be weighed and charged a processing fee of 110 yen per 10 kg.
	Recyclables	Accepted free of charge . Please sort items by type (see reverse for details). NOTE: papers and used fabric will not be accepted. Please use the Recycling Box (see reverse).
Hours	Mon to Fri: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM / Saturdays 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM	
Holidays	Sundays, Holidays, Obon (Aug. 15/16), New Year's holidays (Dec. 29 to Jan. 3) Notice of occasional holidays will be circulated in residents' association newsletters (kairanban).	

Lake Suwa Clean Center *ONLY Burnable Waste and dead animals (pets) will be accepted.

Accepted Items	Burnable Waste	Waste will be processed free of charge if provided in official Shimosuwa garbage bags (Landfill Waste). Otherwise, waste will be weighed and charged a processing fee of 110 yen per 10 kg.
		Please be sure to remove and dispose separately of any metals or other unburnable materials!
Dead Animals (Pets)	A processing fee of 940 yen per animal applies. Please place the corpses of pets (dogs, cats, etc.) into tied plastic bags, and bring to the Sanitation Center in a sealed cardboard box.	
Hours	Mon to Fri: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM / Saturdays 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM	
Holidays	Sundays and New Year's holidays (Dec. 31 to Jan. 3) Notice of occasional holidays will be circulated in residents' association newsletters (kairanban).	

Business Waste

Waste produced by commercial operators (companies, factories, shops, restaurants, etc.) is treated as Business Waste and is not eligible for collection from local collection locations. Business owners are asked to hire a licensed operator or else to transport waste themselves to the appropriate disposal location (Recyclable and Landfill Waste to the Sanitation Center and Burnable Waste to the Lake Suwa Clean Center). (Acceptable materials are identical to those accepted as Household Waste).

Handling fees for Business Waste are 160 yen per 10 kg. Note that processing fees will be calculated by weight even if

What NOT to bring to the Sanitation Center or Lake Suwa Clean Center

Hazardous materials, chemicals, etc.

Specified Consumer Electronics (4 Types)

Oversized Items

- Waste oil, gasoline, kerosene, paint, pesticides, etc.
- Concrete, gypsum board, construction waste, soil, etc.
- Pressurized containers (butane gas cylinders, etc.)
- Medical waste
- Explosives

- CRT or flat-screen TVs
- Refrigerators, freezers
- Washing machines, dryers
- Air conditioning units

- Items from which metal parts are not easily removed (tires, batteries, bicycles, electric blankets, electric carpets, sprung mattresses, fire extinguishers, etc.)

Please contact the dealer or a professional disposal service.

Please contact your dealer or one of the Disposal Service Providers listed below (a recycling fee and transportation fee will be charged)

Please dispose of these items as large-sized / dangerous waste (fees apply) or consult a Waste Disposal Service Provider on the list below.

For inquiries related to waste collection:

For information on sorting, disposal, local collection locations, the Food Waste Processing Unit Subsidy, etc. please contact the Shimosuwa Town Office.

Living Environment Division, Residents' Environment Section
tel: 0266-27-1111 (ext.142) (in Japanese only)

e-mail: kankyoutown@town.shimosuwa.lg.jp

Website: <http://www.town.shimosuwa.lg.jp/>

Please contact one of the following providers to request disposal of any waste materials that are not processed at the Sanitation Center

Waste Disposal Services

Oversized waste	Clean Waste, Inc.	Phone: 0266-28-7328
Papers and Used Fabrics	Tenryu Shoji, Ltd.	Phone: 0266-28-1522
Home appliances (TVs, refrigerators, washing machines, AC, etc.)	Tsumura Shoji, Ltd.	Phone: 0266-27-6208
Used fire extinguishers (Recycling section)	Chiyoda, Inc.	Phone: 0266-27-2525
Used fire extinguishers (Recycling section)	Fujisawa Shoji, Ltd.	Phone: 0266-27-6141

Burnable Waste

Burnable items that cannot be recycled

Fees Apply



- Collection 2x/week. **Check the collection schedule for your nearest local collection location.**
- Designated garbage bags are available in 10ℓ, 22ℓ, and 45ℓ sizes. A service fee of 1¥ is included in the purchase price of the bags.
- Make sure to remove all non-burnable materials (metals, etc.).
- **Incineration takes place at the Lake Suwa Clean Center (ecoPoppo).**

Plastic containers and packaging

- Includes bags, cups, bottles, tubes, and other items marked with the "Plastics" logo (♻️).



Rubber & Wood Products, etc.

- A construction scrap wood isn't accepted.
- Disposable wooden chopsticks, a skewer and a toothpick are broken in 2.



Non-recyclable papers

- Carefully check the "Papers" section on the back of this sheet. **Note that cartons with foil interiors (liquor cartons, etc.), papers soiled with oil or food waste, waterproofed paper (waxed paper cups, etc.), and photo paper cannot be recycled. Please dispose of these as Burnable Waste.**
- **Be sure to sort out recyclable materials for recycling!**



Non-recyclable fabrics

- **Clothing, fabrics, and leather items that cannot be re-used.** Please check the "Used Fabrics" section (right) to confirm.
- Please take futon mattresses, carpets, and other items that will not fit into the designated garbage bags directly to the Lake Suwa Clean Center or put them out for collection as Oversized / Dangerous Waste.
- **Be sure to sort what is recyclable from what is not!**



Tree & Grass Clippings, Fallen Leaves, Garden Waste

- Tree clippings, etc. should be less than 25 cm around and cut to 60 cm in length, then tied in bundles of less than 30 cm thick and **wrapped in a 45ℓ Shimosuwa Burnable Waste bag labelled with your name.**
- Waste OTHER THAN tree clippings will not be collected, even if wrapped with a bag.
- To dispose of grass, fallen leaves, and garden waste, shake off any dirt and remove any metal or plastics, **then put them out for collection in a Shimosuwa Burnable Waste bag with your name on it.**
- **These materials are collected free of charge for part of the year (check the reverse of this page or the Shimosuwa Recycling Calendar for details).**



In any case, let's try to compost clippings and other garden waste in our own gardens as much as possible!

Recycle these too!

Food Waste

- Drain food waste as much as possible before putting it out for collection.
- Please make sure that no non-burnable waste (spoons, etc.) gets mixed in.
- **Let's remember to always try to waste as little food as possible!**
- **Composting also helps to prevent the crows from making a mess of collection sites!**



Food Waste Reduction Recycling Project

The **Food Waste Reduction Recycling Center** in Akasunasaki processes household food waste to convert it into compost for fertilizer. Food waste may be **brought directly to the Center**, or pick-up can be arranged as part of a **group collection**.

- The service is free of charge
- Collection containers and bags are provided

Applications are accepted at any time. Feel free to ask at the Living Environment Section at the Shimosuwa Town Office.

(Initial guidance will be provided. Please help us move this project smoothly forward in order to reduce burnable waste and create high-quality compost!)

Food Waste Processing Unit Subsidy

To reduce burnable waste by helping individual households process their own raw food waste, Shimosuwa is subsidizing the purchase and installation of food waste processing units (*values rounded to the nearest 100 yen)

- Per unit from 2,000 yen to 10,000 yen (tax included):
Up to 80% of purchase price (maximum 5,000 yen)
- Per unit over 10,000 yen (tax included):
Up to 66% of purchase price (maximum 50,000 yen)

Apply at the Residents' Environment Desk at the Town Office. (Please bring 1) the purchase receipt, 2) explanatory leaflet, and 3) banking information)

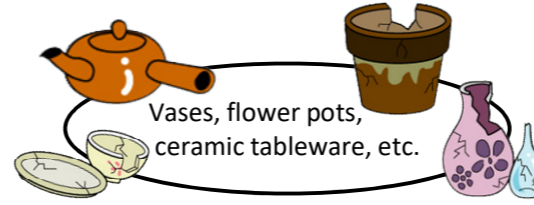
Landfill Waste

Waste that cannot be recycled or burned.

Fees Apply

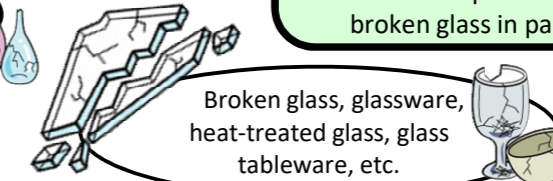


- Collection takes place once a month (Week 4). **Please check dates on the Recycling Calendar.**
- Designated **Landfill Waste** bags are available in 10ℓ and 22ℓ sizes. A handling fee of 1 ¥ per liter is included in the price of each bag.
- Be sure to dispose of Landfill Waste in the correct bags. Waste in **Recycling Bags** will not be collected.
- Please wrap items with sharp edges such as broken glass in paper before placing in bags.



Vases, flower pots, ceramic tableware, etc.

Milky white cosmetics containers (incl. pottery and ceramics)



Broken glass, glassware, heat-treated glass, glass tableware, etc.

Glass nail polish bottles

Collection

Week 4

You can bring Burnable Waste directly to ecoPoppo!

GUIDE TO THE LAKE SUWA CLEAN CENTER

◆Days of Operation◆

- Mondays to Saturdays (no waste accepted during the year-end holidays between December 31 and January 3)

◆Opening Hours◆

- [Mondays to Fridays] 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM • [Saturdays] 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM

◆Important Notes◆

- Please go to the Waste Reception Entrance, park at the weighing station, and then follow staff directions after checking in.
- **After filling in your name and address at reception, please show photo ID (such as a driver's license) for identification verification.**
- The contents of the material you bring to the facility for disposal will be checked. If any unsuitable materials are found, you will be asked to take these home.



The ecoPoppo mascot, "Ecopon"

ecoPoppo Guide Map

