## **How to Dispose of Plastic**



- With the renewed garbage collection schedule, items to be disposed of under the category Plastic ("Plastic") will be picked up **starting Thursday**, **October 5**, **2023**.
- Plastic should be brought to the garbage pickup station <u>between early morning and 8 a.m. on</u> the pickup day.
- Do not leave Plastic the day before the pickup day or after the pickup operation.

**Plastic examples** 

Sort out Plastic based on the "Pla-mark" ( ) and wash off stains to the extent possible.

Films/bags

\*Heavily stained plastic items should be disposed of as Burnable Garbage.

Snack bags with aluminum on the reverse side should be treated as Plastic as long as the "Pla-mark" ( ) is there.















Bottle labels

Grocery bags

Frozen food/snack bags

Refill packs

Tablet packages

Food packaging

### Containers/cups/packaging











Caps/toothbrushes



Seasoning containers

Detergent containers

Egg containers

Bento/cup noodles containers

Other plastic containers

Container caps

**Toothbrushes** 

Others

Items without the "Pla-mark" may be disposed of as Plastic only if the item is 30cm or less and is obviously only made of plastic in order to prevent materials unsuitable for recycling from being mixed in.













Plastic wrap

Toys

Tupperware

Plastic hangers
\*With no metal parts

Cushioning such as Styrofoam

CD/DVD cases
\*Disks are Burnable garbage

# **Unsafe Items** that must not be disposed of as Plastic

Medical plastics, razors, lighters, batteries, blades, e-cigarettes, and electronics that may be mixed in with Plastic are classified as "Unsafe Items" which are dangerous for recycling plants to handle. Never dispose of these Unsafe Items as Plastic.



Medical plastics, including IV bags, IV tubes, and syringes



Blades

Lighters



batteries



cigarettes



Electronics

### **Exceptions**

PET bottles and food trays should continue to be disposed of in the nets as before.



PET bottles/food trays

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- Stains should be washed off to the extent possible.
- Please dispose of Plastic in a transparent bag.















Items heavily stained with food cannot be disposed of as Plastic.

<u>Clean the item</u> with running water, etc. before disposal. <u>Use of detergent is unnecessary</u>.

The item can be disposed of even if minor stains such as food pigment and oil remain.

All Plastic items should be put in the same bag for disposal regardless of the type of plastic.

## How to decide whether it is Plastic or not - Decision criteria -

#### Yes! Dispose of it as Plastic.

#### No! Don't dispose of it as Plastic.



Clean items with no food pigment/oil



Items that have been rinsed and only trace amounts of food pigment/oil remain



Items that have not been washed with some liquid remaining



Items with liquid and food residue

Low Degree of dirtiness

High



Items with stains and odors not easily removed, such as cooking oil containers, natto containers, small seasoning sachets, and glue containers, should be disposed of as **Burnable garbage**.

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\*However, such items may be disposed of as Plastic if the stains and odors can be washed off with water.

Sort out ONLY Plastic items and put them in a transparent bag for disposal.
 Do not double bag (do not separate further into smaller-sized bags).



