

To the residents of Takasago City



# The designated garbage bag system

## starts from **March 1**, 2024!

Bag with handles type



Flat bag type



There are two types of garbage bag: “flat bag” and “bag with handles.” Both types of bag are available in three sizes.

45ℓ

30ℓ

15ℓ

### When does it start?

Full implementation

Full implementation will start from **March 1, 2024.**

Transition period

From **October 1, 2023** to **February 29, 2024**

### During the transition period



or



Conventional transparent or translucent garbage bags    Designated garbage bags

You can also use your current garbage bags until February 29, 2024.

### After full implementation



Only designated garbage bags can be used  
After March 1, 2024, we will not be able to collect “combustible” or “incombustible” garbage that is not in a designated garbage bag.

## What is the designated garbage bag system?

It is a system to put out garbage using garbage bags (size, color, shape, etc.) of the standard set by the city. The introduction of this system is expected to lead to the proper putting out and thorough sorting of garbage, thereby reducing the amount of waste to be disposed of (disposal costs), improving the recycling rate, and reducing the amount of carbon dioxide that is the cause of global warming.

### Purpose of introducing the system

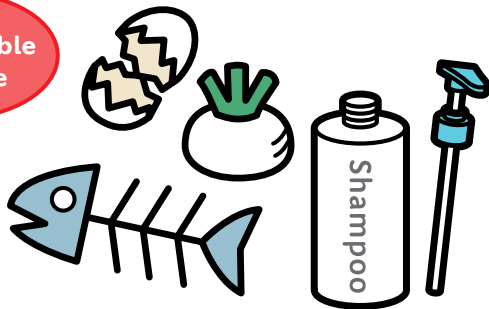
- Thorough sorting of garbage and observing the correct etiquette when putting out garbage
- Reduction of the environmental impact
- Making residents aware of waste reduction and recycling
- Prevention of business waste and out-of-town garbage being brought into the city.

## What kind of garbage is covered?

### Applicable garbage

**“Combustible”** and **“incombustible”** garbage from households to be put out at garbage collection stations

### Combustible garbage



### Incombustible garbage



\*Please put applicable garbage in a designated garbage bag when you put it out at a garbage collection station.

\*Pruned branches from garden trees, bamboo, wooden board scraps, etc. can still be put out on combustible garbage day by tying them together with string into a bundle of up to 30 cm (If you put them in a garbage bag, please use a designated garbage bag.)

\*Just as before, please put empty cans and cloth items in a transparent/translucent plastic bag of 45 liters or less.

## What is the price of a designated garbage bag?

Takasago City designated garbage bags are sold at the following prices.

- Combustible garbage 45 liter flat bag type 10 yen to 15 yen per bag
  - Incombustible garbage 45 liter flat bag type 13 yen to 17 yen per bag
- (As at October 2023, according to Eco cleaner Harima)

## Where are designated garbage bags sold?

We entered the period of transition to the designated garbage bag system from October 1, 2023, and they are sold at places such as supermarkets, hardware stores, drug stores, and some convenience stores just like other commercially available garbage bags.

(Depending on the seller, not all shapes and sizes may be available.)

\*You can check the sellers on the city website.



# We ask for your cooperation in properly putting out and sorting garbage!

This is a photo of empty cans/empty bottles put out by mistake on incombustible garbage day. In preparation for the introduction of the designated garbage bag system, please recheck the rules for the correct separation of garbage.



## Double check! List of frequent garbage sorting mistakes (one example)

<p><b>Small plastic items</b></p> <p>Detergent and shampoo, etc. containers</p>		<p><b>Please put them out as combustible garbage!</b></p> <p>Plastic items that fit in a designated garbage bag are combustible garbage!</p>
<p><b>Empty cans</b></p> <p>Food item cans, beverage cans, gas canisters, spray cans</p>		<p><b>Please put them out on empty can collection day!</b></p> <p>Take out the contents of food and beverage cans, wash them lightly with water, and put them in a plastic bag (transparent or translucent) of 45 liters or less. Use up the contents of spray cans, drain the gas in a well-ventilated outdoor area with no open flames, and then drill a hole in them and remove the gas. *For details, please use the following QR code to check the Garbage Sorting Dictionary.</p>
<p><b>Empty bottles</b></p> <p>Food, beverages and alcoholic beverages Energy drinks Seasoning, etc. bottles</p>		<p><b>Please put them out on empty bottle collection day!</b></p> <p>*Please use up the contents and lightly wash the bottles with water before putting them out. *If you can remove the cap/label, please do so.</p>
<p><b>PET bottles</b></p> <p>Juice/ tea bottles, containers for drinks such as alcohol and condiments</p>		<p><b>Please put them out on PET bottle collection day!</b></p> <p>Takasago City is promoting the “Bottle-to-Bottle Project,” in which collected PET bottles are recycled into 100% new PET bottles. The collected PET bottles are recycled into recycled PET bottles at the plant and used for beverage production at the Suntory Takasago Plant.</p>



\*If you do not know how to put out the garbage, please make use of the “Takasago City Garbage Sorting Dictionary.”





**Q1 Isn't the designated garbage bag system a way of charging for garbage disposal?**

**A1.**“Charging for garbage disposal” is a system in which the city adds the costs of garbage disposal to the bag price, but the designated garbage bag system to be introduced by Takasago City is not a charge for garbage disposal because that cost is not being added to the bag price. The city only determines the specifications (size, color, shape, etc.) of the bags, and they will be sold at the standard retail price.

**Q2 What will happen to garbage bags for empty cans and cloth items ?**

**A2.**Just as before, please put empty cans, cloth items and batteries in transparent/translucent plastic bags of 45 liters or less. (Please do not put these items in designated garbage bags.)

**Q3 How should we use the “notification space” on the bag?**

**A3.**The “notification space” is a blank space on the garbage bag that you can use to freely write out anything you need to. In addition, it is assumed that it will be used to write in messages for the garbage collectors, etc.

**Q4 What will happen to the garbage bags we have at home?**

**A4.**You can use any transparent or translucent garbage bags you have until February 29, 2024. Also, after the full implementation (from March 1, 2024), they can be used to put out “empty cans,” “clothing” and “batteries,” and small plastic bags can be used as inner bags to put out items such as food waste and hygiene products.

**Q5 What happens to garbage collected by community cleanup activities?**

**A5.**Just as before, it can be put out in transparent/translucent plastic bags of 45 liters or less.  
\*Since collection of garbage collected by community cleanup activities takes place separately from the regular collection at garbage collection stations, if you require collection please contact Eco cleanpeer Harima (Garbage collection manager Tel: 448 -5220.)



**Please note!!**

**After March 1, 2024, we will not be able to collect “combustible” or “incombustible” garbage that is not in a designated garbage bag.**

Also, in order to encourage thorough sorting and disposal of garbage, please note that even if it is placed in a designated garbage bag, if it is deemed to be incorrectly sorted it cannot be collected (the same as under the previous garbage collection rules).

For garbage that is not collected, please refer to the Garbage Sorting Dictionary (QR code at the bottom of page 3), separate the garbage properly, and put it out again.

**Thank you for your understanding and cooperation regarding the designated garbage bag system.**

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