

■ Garbage disposal system in Japan

“Gomi” ゴミ (also written as ゴミ) is the Japanese word for garbage.

Garbage sorting and recycling in Japan is a very serious business. In general, garbage is separated into burnable, non-burnable and recyclable items. The exact definition of what is burnable, non-burnable and recyclable depends on the municipality and the waste treatment plant that is available locally.

Proper garbage disposal according to the local rules is one of the essential manners in this country.

- Refuse -

Stop buying what you don't really need !

- Refuse single-use plastic bags or unnecessary wrapping
- Avoid any impulsive buying

- Reduce -

Reduce waste in everyday life !

- Avoid using disposable items
- Choose long-lasting products
- To reduce food waste, cook and order just enough.

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- Recycle -

Make recycling a part of your everyday life !

- Get yourself involved in recycling
- Choose recycled products
- Turn the food scraps into organic compost with a food waste decomposer.

See the back cover for the information about “Food waste decomposer” subsidy.

- Reuse -

Reuse until it can't be !

- Refill and reuse.
- Repair and reuse.
- Reuse in any other creative ways.
- Give someone else who needs it.

This guidebook is to assist you to understand the garbage sorting practice in Hakuba Village. Doing the garbage sort is easier and more fun than you think 😊

Your cooperation will help save the planet and keep Hakuba a wonderland.