The Recycling System for Various Things

Home Electronic Recycling

Under the Home Appliance Recycling Law, TVs, refrigerators/freezers, washing machines and clothes dryers, and air conditioners must be recycled. You cannot put these things out with non-burnable garbage.

What Items Are Covered?

TVs, refrigerators/freezers, washing machines and clothes dryers, and air conditioners. For details, please see the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry's page "Quick Explainer on the Correct Disposal of the Big Four Home Electronics!" As of April 1st, 2024, OLED TVs are covered under this law.

Quick Explainer on the Correct Disposal of the Big Four Home Electronics!

Recycling Fees

Fees will vary by item and manufacturer. For details, please see the Recycling Ticket Center on the Association for Electric Home Appliances' page.

Association for Electric Home Appliances, Recycling Ticket Center

How to Recycle

You can recycle home appliances with the following methods.

- Method 1: Take the appliance to a retail store
 - This involves taking the old appliance to the store from which you bought or replaced it. In addition to the recycling fee, the store will have you pay a collection and transport fee in this case.
- Method 2: Directly bringing the appliance to a designated collection location This involves paying the recycling fee at the post office and bringing the appliance to a designated collection location. You will need to pay the recycling fee and transfer fee in this case. Oshu's designated collection location is DOWA Transport Co. (Mizusawa Sakurakawa Aza Nakata 69-1, TEL: 0197-24-5115.)
- Method 3: Contacting a licensed collection contractor
 This involves reaching out to a licensed collection contractor who has permission from the city. In addition to the recycling fee, the contractor will have you pay a collection and transport fee in this case.

Contact

Association for Electric Home Appliances, Recycling Ticket Center (TEL: 0120-319640)

Computer Recycling

Computers are required to be recycled, under the Law for the Promotion of Effective Utilization of Resources. You cannot put them out with non-burnable garbage.

What Items Are Covered?

Desktop computer (body), laptops, CRT displays, LCD displays, integrated displays

Recycling Fees

- If you know who the manufacturer is and the computer has a PC recycle mark:
 No recycling fees are required. Make an application at the relevant window that's set up at the manufacturer.
- ※ If you know who the manufacturer is but there is no PC recycle mark:

 You will need to pay recycling fees. Make an application at the relevant window that's set up at the manufacturer.
- * If the manufacturer is unknown, has gone bankrupt, or has quit the business; or if it's a home-built computer:

You will need to pay recycling fees. Contact PC3R Promotion Association, Computer Recycling Center (TEL: 044-540-0576)

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PC3R Promotion Association (TEL: 03-5282-7685)

Two-Wheeler Recycling

When you need to get rid of a two-wheeler, please consult the shop or the manufacturer, or inquire at the number listed below.

What Items Are Covered?

Electric bicycles, mini two-wheel vehicles, and small motorcycles

Contact

Japan Automobile Recycling Promotion Center, Two-Wheeler Recycling Call Center

(TEL: 050-3000-0727)

Fire Extinguisher Recycling

When you need to get rid of a fire extinguisher, please consult the shop or the manufacturer, or inquire at the number listed below.

What Items Are *Not* Covered?

Aerosol fire suppression devices and foreign-made fire extinguishers are not eligible.

Contact

Fire Extinguisher Recycling Promotion Center (TEL: 03-5829-6773)

Ink Cartridge Recycling

Please bring items that can be recycled to the shop. Bring Brother, Canon, Epson, and Japan HP Genuine cartridges to a collection box at a post office.

Post Offices with Collection Boxes

Mizusawa Post Office, Hada Post Office, Esashi Post Office, Maesawa Post Office, Isawa Post Office

Contact

Ink Cartridge Satogaeri Project (IS) Office (TEL: 03-3572-6660)