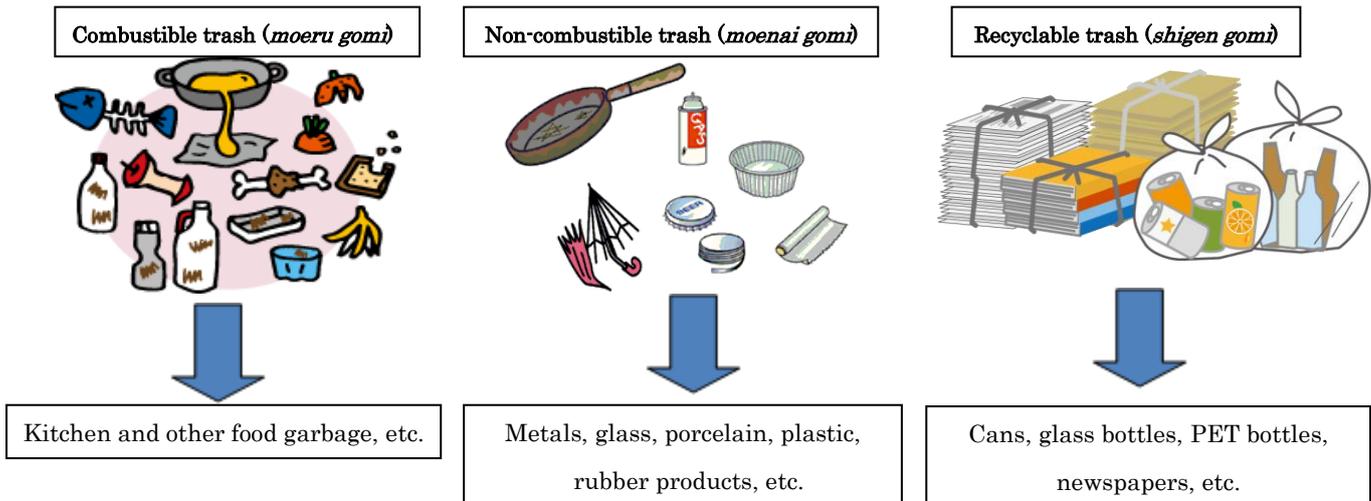


4-3 Garbage Disposals

In Japan, garbage (*gomi*) disposal is carried out at the municipal level. That means that each city, town, and district has a completely different system. One of the first things you will need to do when you are at the City Hall to notify your residence, is to get a pamphlet concerning how to handle garbage, so as to confirm the locations, days, and times of garbage collection as well as the garbage separation policy. If you are going to live in an apartment or housing complex, you should confirm the matter with the apartment manager.

Trash-related issues could easily become a cause of trouble with your neighbors. To establish a good relationship with your neighbors, you should follow the local rules for trash collection.

Roughly speaking, there are three broad categories of garbage for disposal purposes:



Each category is collected separately on a designated day. For further details please see the links below:

●Fujisawa City

<https://www.city.fujisawa.kanagawa.jp/jinkendanjyo/gaikokugo/english/index.html>

> Access to "Living Guide in Fujisawa" link

●Yamato City

<http://www.city.yamato.lg.jp.e.gg.hp.transer.com/web/purpose/environment/shigen.html#cate2>

●Chigasaki City

<http://www.city.chigasaki.kanagawa.jp.e.ox.hp.transer.com/kankyo/>

●Yokohama City

<http://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/shigen/sub-shimin/dashikata/e.html>

For oversized garbage (*sodai gomi*), like furniture, bedding, home appliances, municipalities have different ways of collecting it. In some places, certain days are set for collecting oversized garbage. In other places, you need to notify the municipal administrative office in advance, and then dispose of the garbage on the assigned day. There are also some places that require you to pay collection fees in advance. Collection fees may vary according to the size and kind of garbage. Therefore, please confirm with the municipality or sanitation office on how to dispose of oversized garbage. Please note that the following seven appliances are not considered oversized garbage: air conditioners, televisions, refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, clothes dryers and computers.

You are expected to observe all rules and regulations concerning garbage disposal and recycling in your city.