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This month, we will finish our series on garbage (trash) separation with Part 4! This last part will mainly cover hazmat and oversized trash with info on specific home appliances requiring recycling at a store.

Garbage Separation Poster



Everything this newsletter will cover about trash separation can be found on the poster found at this QR code. However, the explanations are a bit lacking. I will fill in the gaps and give some advice to make this poster more understandable. You can get this poster for free at the locations listed at the top of the poster.

Part 3: Harmful and Hazardous Trash (Hazmat)

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There are certain items that contain **toxic chemicals** and can cause damage to the environment if you throw them away in a purple bag and should be disposed of as **hazmat trash**. You can use any clear bag, just like recycle trash. Disposal day is the same as blue trash, meaning once every two weeks. The following categories should be bagged **separately**.

A) Dry Cell/Coin Batteries (CR, BR)

Basically any **non-rechargeable** battery fits this description. Items in this category include:

- Small batteries including AAA, C, etc.
- “Coin batteries” which look like small coins and start with letters CR and BR



There are some batteries that are smaller than coins that look like little buttons. They start with letters SR, PR and LR. These batteries should be recycled at stores participating with the Battery Association of Japan, which are generally stores where you buy these batteries in the first place.

ADVICE:

- If you only have a couple of batteries, you can save money with tiny bags.

B) Mercury Thermometers

This refers specifically to thermometers that contain mercury (the red liquid) inside the tube. Digital thermometers can be thrown away with blue trash.

C) Fluorescent Lightbulbs

Non-broken fluorescent lightbulbs...

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...should be placed in their **original box** if possible and be placed into a clear bag for hazmat disposal. Broken fluorescent lightbulbs LEDs and regular lightbulbs should be thrown away with **blue trash**.

D) Lighters

Basically any kind of lighters can be bagged together and disposed of as hazmat trash. Specifically:

- Disposable lighters
- Arc and jet lighters
- Oil lighters

These can all be disposed of **even if they still have gas inside**, so don't worry about trying to empty them before disposal.

E) Small Rechargeable Batteries

We covered dry cell batteries, but rechargeable batteries are their own section.



They might have one of these three marks on them.

Be sure to **tape off the metal ends** before disposal.

- Shredded paper, as in paper you shred up by hand or by machine, is not recyclable. You probably shredded it for a reason, so I would imagine you'd also like it burned to ashes, wouldn't you?

F) E-Cigarettes and Vapes

While regular cigarettes aren't recyclable, e-cigarettes and vapes can be. You can bag together any kind of e-cigarette except for these two brands: "Ploom" and "glo". You can properly dispose of them at the store that sold them or is any store participating with the Tobacco Institute of Japan (TIOJ).

Part 4: Oversized Garbage

In Part 1, we covered "bigger" non-recyclable trash that can be disposed of with a ticket. However, this section refers to items that a) do not fit in a 40L bag, b) no side is larger than 2m, c) weighs less than 100kg. There is a 3 step process for disposing of these items, but first I will talk about 3 categories that are special exceptions.

1) Special Oversized Categories

A) Home Appliances

The following 4 home appliances **must be recycled at an appliance store** and will not be collected by any other means. Please **do not dismantle** them and try to throw them away in blue bags.

- Air conditioners (including outdoor components)
- TVs (CRT, LCD, plasma, etc.)
- Refrigerators and freezers
- Washing machines and dryers

B) Computers

No more Minecraft for you. You need to contact the manufacturer for disposing desktops, laptops, and monitors (CRT, LCD, etc). You can usually look it up online by searching "brandname computer recycling japan". The sites I checked out even offer some free money vouchers for recycling!

C) Dangerous/Unprocessable Items

This covers items that are too spooky or annoying for the garbage man to take. You need to contact the seller, a private disposal company, or the Obihiro Public Cleaning Section for info on how to dispose of them. These items are:

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- Fire extinguishers
- Gas tanks (empty or otherwise)
- Car batteries and tires
- Oil (car oil, etc. For cooking oil, see Part 1)
- Motorbikes
- Pianos
- Pesticides and poisons

2) Non-Exception Oversized Trash

Any items that do not fit the above categories can be disposed of through your local trash. However, you need to follow the following process.

Step 1: Apply for disposal by contacting the Garbage Reception Center (0155-67-5010) from 9-5pm or at <https://www.clean-kankyo.jp/obihiro/>

Step 2: Buy an Oversized Garbage disposal ticket and put it on the item. You can purchase them at stores that sell other kinds of tickets from Part 1.

Step 3: When you contact the disposal center, they'll give you a collection day. On that day, take the item out before **9am** and it will be taken for you.

Part 6: Final Words

This has been a long series on how to dispose of garbage in Obihiro. I wish I could get into more specific items and give better advice, however these 4 articles should be enough to get you started on the path to becoming a garbage separation pro!

I'd also like to suggest selling unnecessary items that can still be used to recycle shops. You may not get much money back at all, but it's good for the environment and easy to do. It may seem annoying and bothersome to separate your garbage so specifically, but every one person that cooperates is one more step in the direction of helping the planet. Good luck with your sorting!

Movies @ Cinema Taiyo in Obihiro

Nishi 3 Minami 11, Obihiro Tel: (0155) 20-1525

Not all movies are listed. Times and movies are subject to change.
To confirm, call or check online at: www.taiyogroup.jp/movie/obihiro

Title	Genre	Lang	Dates
Detective Conan: Black Iron Submarine <i>Meitantei Konan Kurogane no Gyoei</i>	Anime	JP	All month
The Super Mario Bros. Movie <i>Za Sūpā Mario Burazāzu Mūbī</i>	Animation	JP	All month
Knights of the Zodiac <i>Seinto Seiya Za Biginingu</i>	Action	EN, JP	All month
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 <i>Gādianzu Obu Gyarakushī</i>	Action	EN, JP	From 3 rd
Fast X <i>Wairudo Supīdo / Faiyā Būsuto</i>	Action	N/A	From 19 th

KEY: JP = Japanese voice EN = English voice with Japanese subtitles

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The Super Mario Bros. Movie



Knights of the Zodiac

Events in Tokachi

Please be aware that these and other events may be affected by COVID-19. To find out if these events are still running, please contact the respective organizers or check out their webpages online.

When	What	Where/Contact
5/9, 5/23 (Tue)	International Exchange Mini Volleyball 国際交流ミニバレー Meet foreign and Japanese people while relaxing and getting exercise with a game of mini volleyball! Fee: 200 yen/person Notes: Please bring a towel and indoor shoes	Kawanishi Nogiyosha Kenshu Center @ Obihiro Rohayhu Hokkaido (Pedro) 080-2874-5532
5/20 (Sat) 12:30-16:30	Consultations for Foreign Residents in Obihiro 「移動相談会」と「専門家相談」in帯広 The Hokkaido Foreign Resident Support Center is holding a Free Consultation Session in Obihiro. In addition to the staff, professionals will be available for consultation. These individuals include: <u>Support Center Staff</u> : For questions about health insurance, pension, driver's license, work issues, COVID-19 related issues, etc. <u>Certified Scriveners</u> : For questions about residence status, contracts, wills, car registration, land use, etc. <u>Immigration Officials</u> : For questions about residence status, re-entry permits, permanent residence, etc. Fee: Free Registration: Registration recommended (QR code), but walk-ins welcome	Obihiro Shimin Bunka Hall, Meeting Room #2 @ Obihiro Hokkaido Foreign Resident Support Center 011-22-9595 support@hiecc.or.jp 
5/21 (Sun) 7:00-19:00	Day Trip for Intl. Students to Shibazakura Park and Kussharo Lake バスで国際交流小旅行: 東藻琴芝桜公園と屈斜路湖 Enjoy a day trip from Obihiro to see the Shibazakura (pink moss, sakura of the ground) in Ozora town and Lake Kussharo by bus. Departs and returns to Koryu Kaikan 1 in Obihiro University. Fee: 3000 yen + 600 yen park entrance fee +800 yen lunch (optional) Max People: First 25 Reservation: Call by phone	Obihiro University Koryu Kaikan 1 @ Obihiro Rohayhu Hokkaido (Pedro) 080-2874-5532
5/27 (Sat) 16:00-18:00	International Talk: Britain, Talking Like a Local インターナショナル・トーク: イギリス「地元の人のように喋る」 International Talk is an event where guest speakers give talks about their home countries. This time, our guest is Annie from the United Kingdom. Interact with the guest in simple English through quizzes and other activities, listen to a introduction comparing the UK and Japan, and learn interesting facts about the people, customs and lifestyle of the UK. Fee: Free	Tokachi International Relations Center @ Obihiro 帯広市観光交流課 0155-34-0122 tirc@city.obihoro.hokkaido.jp

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