

Oversized Garbage Disposal Guide

While living in Japan, you might become overwhelmed with the complex rules on garbage disposal. Here are some simple tips that might be helpful:

Oversized Garbage:

Furniture, electronics, futons, bicycles, and items 30cm or longer. (Air conditioners, TV, refrigerator/freezer, washing machine and computers DO NOT fall under this category)

It is required by law that you contact the Meguro Oversized Garbage Center to dispose of the items. Please inquire below.

Meguro Oversized Garbage Center 03-5715-0053 (Mon -Sat 8am-7pm)

Request via internet: <http://www.sodai.city.meguro.tokyo.jp/>
(certain items may not be applicable)



Air Conditioner, TV, Refrigerator/Freezer and Washing Machine:

By law, it is your responsibility to recycle. Please contact the original seller of the item to dispose, or the seller of the replacement. However, if the seller does not provide any recycling services, you may also inquire the Household Appliance Recycling Center:

Household Appliance Recycling Center 03-5296-7200

(Mon -Sat 8am-5pm, except the New Year's holiday)

Personal Computers:

Please contact the manufacturer. ( This mark means that the company offers recycling for free)

*For DIY computers, please contact 3R Initiative Center at 03-5282-7685
<http://www.pc3r.jp/>

“Japanese Pictograms to be Revamped!”

Have you ever had a problem not using advanced Japanese toilets?

The Japanese toilets are popular among foreigners, but at the same time it has been pointed out that the pictograms on the control panel are hard to understand, and that there are no standard pictograms across different manufactures.

Considering the inconveniences, “The Japan Sanitary Equipment Industry Association” in Nagoya composed of the major toilet manufactures decided to introduce standardized pictograms on the toilet control panels in 2017.

Moreover the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) announced that they would redesign pictograms other than toilet-related with which foreigners get easily confused. METI will be launching the new designs on July 20, 2017.

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We hope the new pictograms will help visitors from all over the world understand what they exactly mean.