

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How can I dispose of batteries?

- **On base housing residents:** Bag separately from all other wastes, place in the "Non-Combustibles" container.
- **Off base housing residents:** Dispose of them in accordance with local trash segregation requirements. Iwakuni City requirement: Bag separately from all other wastes, in a clear bag and take them out to the designated waste pickup point on Plastic, Ceramic/Glass, Metal/Fragmental, Bottle, or Can pickup days.
- **Workplace:** Bag separately from all other wastes, place in the "Non-Combustibles" container.

Q: How do I dispose of Lead Acid Batteries (Vehicle Batteries)?

- Lead-acid batteries are typically used in vehicles and ground support equipment, but this is also applicable to the numerous "sealed lead-acid" batteries found in exit lights and other sources.
- Turn in at the Station Recycle Center, Bldg. 7725 during their operation hours (0800 – 1500).

Q: How do I dispose of bicycles?

- DO NOT DISPOSE THEM IN TRASH ENCLOSURE.
- Bring them to Recycling Center, Bldg. 7725.
- For more information, contact Recycling Center personnel at DSN: 253-3241.

Q: Can I recycle books?

- Yes. Drop soft and hard cover books in the Magazine Recycling Container at Recyclable Material Drop Off point in front of Recycling Center, Bldg. 7725.

Q: Do I have to segregate aluminum and steel?

- No. Aluminum and steel cans do not have to be separated.
- Empty and rinse free of liquid and food residue. Deposit into "cans" container. Place lids and removable tops (aluminum and steel) inside of cans before disposal.
- Cans could also be dropped off in the Can Recycling Container at Recyclable Material Drop Off point in front of Recycling Center, Bldg. 7725. It is accessible 7 days/week, 24 hours/day.
- Off base residents, local national workers, Japanese Self Defensor Force, and all base employees are encouraged to bring cans to the Recycling Center.

Q: How do I recycle cardboard?

- Remove as much tape as possible and separate all other waste including Styrofoam. Break down boxes so that they lay flat.
- Make Sure they are dry. Wet Cardboard cannot be recycled.
- Recyclable Material Drop Off Point is in front of Recycling Center, Bldg. 7725.
- *Other locations:* Take them out to the trash enclosure on a sunny day. Waste pick-up contractor will take them to the Recycling Center.
- All personnel (both from on and off base) are encouraged to drop off their cardboard at the Recycling Center, Bldg. 7725. Recyclable Material Drop Off point is accessible 7 days/week, 24 hours/day.

Q: How can I dispose of items like TVs, computers, radios, irons, vacuum cleaners, rice steamers, ovens, clothes, etc....?

- **On base housing residents:** * Contact Family Housing prior to taking item(s) out.
- **Workplace:** Set an appointment with and take the item to DLA (DSN: 234-0603 or 0611) with the proper paperwork. If the equipment belongs to Marine Corps Property (MCP), contact Responsible Officer (RO) in your office with proper paperwork.

RECYCLE CENTER DOES NOT ACCEPT THESE ITEMS.

Q: Where do I take my Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, and air conditioners?

- **On base housing residents:** You must contact Family Housing to schedule services for removal of Freon and disposal of item. Fees may apply.
- **Off base housing residents:** Please contact Family Housing to discuss proper disposal options, fees may apply for the removal of the item.

RECYCLE CENTER will assist in the removal of refrigerant but DOES NOT ACCEPT THESE ITEMS.

Q: How can I get rid of fluorescent lamps?

- Fluorescent lamps, tubular shaped glass lamps may contain mercury and/or phosphorus.
- Do not break. Protect from accidental breakage by using original protective box or sleeve or wrap in newspaper.
- **On base housing residents:** Put protected lamp in a plastic or paper bag, place item in "Non-Combustibles" container.
- **Off base housing residents:** Dispose them in accordance with local trash segregation requirements.
- **Iwakuni City requirement:** Put protected lamps in a clear plastic bag by themselves and take them out to the designated waste pickup point on Plastic, Ceramic/Glass, Metal/Fragmental, Bottle, or Can pickup days. Contents of the bag must be identifiable. * Number of lamps Iwakuni City accepts is limited to 2 lamps/household/pickup day.
- **Workplace:** Dispose of in accordance with established hazardous waste/material requirements.

Q: How can I get rid of fire extinguishers?

- Please contact the Recycle Center 2 253-3241 to set an appointment for processing and disposal.

Q: How can I get rid of items made of glass or ceramic?

- **Examples:** *Cosmetic bottles, pesticide & fertilizer bottles, beverage bottles (e.g., juice, vitamin supplement, liquor, and medicine bottles), food bottles (e.g., salad dressing, pepper sauce, instant coffee, jelly and jam pots), beverage (coffee & tea) cups, ash trays, vases, pottery, flat glass, heat-resistant glass, mirrors and incandescent light bulbs, etc.*
- **On base housing and workplace:** Wash out or rinse the bottles. Wrap dangerous or broken glass with newspaper. Deposit in "Glass" container. Dispose caps (plastic & metal) as "Non-Combustibles".
- **Off base housing residents:** Dispose them in accordance with local trash segregation.
- **Iwakuni City regulation:**
 - Pottery, cups, glasses, cookware, vases, chemical bottles (used-up), window glass, & mirror: Wrap dangerous or broken glass in newspaper. Put in Iwakuni City's designated non-combustible bag (green) and take out on Ceramic & Glass Items pickup day.
 - Bottles (food, condiments, beverage, medicine, and cosmetic bottles): Put in Iwakuni City's designated non-combustible bag (green) and take out on Bottles pickup day.

Q: How do I get rid of my household chemicals?

Examples: *Insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, algaecides, detergents, solvents, paints, lacquers, strippers, cleaners, degreasers, laundry bleach, lubricants, adhesives, hair spray, shaving crème, deodorants, air fresheners, etc.*

- Keep products out of the reach of children.
- Do not discharge any kind of chemicals into drain.
- Share reusable products with others! First, is Reuse, by giving them away to neighbors, friends or other people who can use up the materials.

- To dispose expired/non-usable chemicals:
 - Keep the product securely in its original container. Make sure the product is not leaking.
 - Bag the product separately from all other waste and place it besides the trash container.

Q: Who do I contact to dispose of chemical, toxic wastes?

- **Units:** Contact your Hazardous Waste Managers. Disposal must be conducted in accordance with MCASO 5090.8.
- Contact Station Haz Waste program Manger at 253-6963 for further questions.

Q: What materials are not accepted at the Recycle Center?

- Tires:
 - Auto Hobby Shop, Ext. 253-5325 Fees may apply.
- Household Batteries:
 - On base housing residents: Bag separately from all other wastes, place in the "Non-Combustibles" container.
 - Off base housing residents: Dispose of them in accordance with local trash segregation requirements. Iwakuni City requirement: Bag separately from all other wastes, in a clear bag and take them out to the designated waste pickup point on Plastic, Ceramic/Glass, Metal/Fragmental, Bottle, or Can pickup days.
 - Workplace: Bag separately from all other wastes, place in the "Non-Combustibles" container.
- Oil:
 - No vehicle maintenance is allowed on the installation, only at the Hobby Shop.
- Household Furniture (couches, recliners, mattresses, box springs, floor rugs, carpets, etc. that are unserviceable):
 - On base housing residents: Contact Family Housing prior to taking item(s) out Take them out to the designated large item pickup location (beside trash enclosures or in trash rooms). Large item pickup is scheduled every Tuesday and Friday. Please plan accordingly and only stage items the evening prior to these days to prevent them lying around for an extended period.
 - Off base housing residents: Please contact Family Housing to discuss proper disposal options, fees may apply for the removal of the item.
 - RECYCLE CENTER DOES NOT ACCEPT UPHOLSTERED HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
- Office Furniture:
 - Turn usable furniture to DLA, Bldg. 299 (DSN: 234-0603/0611). If the furniture belongs to the Station Marine Corps Property (SMCP), contact Responsible Officer (RO) at your workplace.
 - To dispose of unserviceable furniture, turn recyclable material (Light and Heavy Metals) into Recycling Center.
 - RECYCLE CENTER DOES NOT ACCEPT UPHOLSTERED OFFICE FURNITURE.
- Electronics (TVs, computers, radios, irons, vacuum cleaners, rice steamers, ovens, etc.):
 - On base housing residents: Contact Family Housing prior to taking item(s) out.
 - Workplace: Take the item to DLA (DSN: 234-0603 or 0611) with the proper paperwork. If the equipment belongs to Marine Corps Property (MCP), contact Responsible Officer (RO) in your office with proper paperwork.

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- Electronics (refrigerators):
 - On base housing residents: You must contact Family Housing to schedule services for removal of Freon and disposal of item. Fees may apply.

- Off base housing residents: Please contact Family Housing to discuss proper disposal options, fees may apply for the removal of the item.
- RECYCLE CENTER DOES NOT ACCEPT THESE ITEMS.
- Plastics:
 - All equipment with wood and plastic, suitcases, bike helmets, chairs, toys, sports equipment, exercise equipment, etc.
- Used Food Containers:
 - Pizza boxes, Styrofoam trays and other containers that have food debris.

Q: How do I dispose of office furniture?

- Turn usable furniture to DLA, Bldg. 299 (DSN: 234-0603/0611). If the furniture belongs to the Station Marine Corps Property (SMCP), contact Responsible Officer (RO) at your workplace.
- To dispose of unserviceable furniture, turn recyclable material (Light and Heavy Metals) into Recycling Center.
- RECYCLE CENTER DOES NOT ACCEPT UPHOLSTERED OFFICE FURNITURE.

Q: How do I dispose of household furniture?

Examples: *couches, recliners, mattresses, box springs, floor rugs, carpets, etc. that are unserviceable.*

- **On base housing residents**: * Contact Family Housing prior to taking item(s) out Take them out to the designated large item pickup location (beside trash enclosures or in trash rooms). Large item pickup is scheduled every Tuesday and Friday. Please plan accordingly and only stage items the evening prior to these days to prevent them lying around for an extended period.
- **Off base housing residents**: Please contact Family Housing to discuss proper disposal options, fees may apply for the removal of the item.

RECYCLE CENTER DOES NOT ACCEPT UPHOLSTERED HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Q: What can I do to recycle magazines?

- Drop them in the Magazine Recycling Container at Recyclable Material Drop Off point in front of Recycling Center, Bldg. 7725.
- Almost all unsoiled, un-corrugated paper products are accepted in the Magazine Recycling Container; soft and hard cover books, filing folders, wrapping papers and boxed food containers (cereal boxes, 6 & 12 pack soda cartons, etc.) for example.
- Do not include corrugated cardboard, newspapers, and white papers in this category.
- Recyclable Material Drop Off point is in front of Recycling Center, Bldg. 7725. It is accessible 7 days/week, 24 hours/day.
- All personnel (both from on and off base) are encouraged to drop off recyclables.
- For more information, contact Recycling Center personnel during their operation hours (Mon – Fri, 0800 – 1500) at 253-3241.

Q: What if I find medical waste?

- Contact Environmental Health Officer, Branch Health Clinic at DSN: 255-8000.

Q: How can I recycle newspapers?

- Small volume of newspaper may be commingled with the magazines and unsoiled paper.
- Drop large volume of newspaper in the Newspaper Recycling Container at Recyclable Material Drop Off point in front of Recycling Center, Bldg. 7725.
- Recyclable Material Drop Off point is accessible 7 days/week, 24 hours/day.

Q: Can I bring trash from off-station?

No, Off-base trash dumping is prohibited on the air station per MCASO 5090.9. Please use the community/neighborhood established trash disposal programs.

ZERO off-base trash can be disposed on base. Off-base residents must use off-base facilities.

Q. Can I bring recyclables from off-station?

- A: Yes, all Paper products, PET Bottles, Cans, Glass Bottles, and Textiles can be dropped off at the 24-Hour Recycling Bins in front of the Recycle Center. Bicycles, Vehicle Batteries, Scrap Metal, and Cooking Oil (NO Animal Fats) can be brought to the Recycle Center during operating hours, 0900-1500 Mon-Fri only for disposal.

Q: What kind of paper products can I recycle?

White Paper: i.e., White printable sheet paper, clean, unbound, uncoated, non-glossy, regardless of size, shredded or un-shredded; used for printing or copying. Remove sticky labels, etc. and put it in White Paper Recycling bin or in proper Recyclable Material Drop Off container in front of the Recycling Center, Bldg. 7725.

Small volume of white paper from household may be commingled with the unsoiled paper category.

Shredded White Paper: We accept shredded white paper. Bag it in a trash bag and put it in the White Paper Only Recycling bin. Bag(s) can also be brought to the Recycling Center, Bldg. 7725 directly.

Cardboard (corrugated): Remove as much tape as possible and separate all other waste including Styrofoam. Break down boxes so that they lie flat.

Recyclable Material Drop Off Point in front of Recycling Center, Bldg. 7725.

Other locations: Take cardboard out to the trash enclosure on a non-raining day. Waste pick-up contractor will take them to the Recycling Center. For pick-up schedule, contact Recycling Center.

Newspapers: Small volumes of newspaper may be commingled with the unsoiled paper.

Drop large volumes of newspaper in the Newspaper Recycling Container at Recyclable Material Drop Off point in front of Recycling Center, Bldg. 7725.

Magazines: Small volumes of magazines may be commingled with the unsoiled paper.

Drop large volumes of magazines in the Magazine Recycling Container at Recyclable Material Drop Off point in front of Recycling Center, Bldg. 7725.

Other Paper Products: You can drop off almost all unsoiled, un-corrugated paper products in the Magazine Recycling Containers; soft and hard cover books, filing folders, wrapping papers and boxed food containers (cereal boxes, 6 & 12 pack soda cartons, etc.) for example.

- Do not include corrugated cardboard, newspapers, and white paper in this category.
- All personnel (both from on and off base) are encouraged to drop off recyclable paper at the Recycling Center, B# 7725. Recyclable Material Drop Off point is accessible 7 days/week, 24 hours/day.
- For more information, contact Recycling Center personnel during their operation hours (Mon – Fri, 0800 – 1500) at 253-3241.

Q: How can I use large paper shredder at the Recycling Center?

A request to use the industrial size shredder can be sent to iwakuni.recycle.center@usmc.mil. Please include your name, phone number, date, and time you would prefer. Operating hours for the shredder are Mon-Fri, from 0900-1145 & 1300-1430.

Note: Recycling Center personnel are not authorized to handle other unit's documents/files that require shredding. Units will be responsible for the actual operation of the shredder with an assistance of Recycling Center personnel.

For more information, contact Recycling Center personnel during their operation hours (Mon – Fri, 0800 – 1500) at 253-3241.

Q. How can I dispose of large plastic toys, play sets, reinforced vinyl tarps, plastic signs, etc.?

On base housing residents: Take them out to the designated large item pickup location (beside trash enclosures or in trash rooms). Large item pickup is scheduled every Tuesday and Friday. Please plan accordingly and only stage items the evening prior to these days to prevent them lying around for an extended period.

* Contact Family Housing prior to taking item(s) out.

Off base housing residents: Dispose them in accordance with local trash segregation requirements. Iwakuni City requirement: If the item fits in an Iwakuni City designated trash bag, put them in a non-combustible trash bag (green) and take them out to the designated waste pickup point on Metal and Fragmental Items pickup day.

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Q: How can I recycle printer toner cartridges?

We are unable to recycle printer cartridges and toners now. Dispose them as “Non-Combustibles” until further notice.

Q. Who to contact to turn in EMPTY propane gas cylinder?

You must ensure they are empty. Then bring to Recycle Center, Bldg. 7725.

Q: How do I dispose of scrap metal?

Bring it to the Recycling Center, Bldg. 7725 during operation hours; Mon-Fri, from 0800 to 1500.

For more information, contact Recycling Center personnel at 253-3241.

Q: Is shredded white paper recyclable?

Yes. We accept shredded white paper. Bag it in a trash bag and put it inside the White Paper Only Recycling bin.

* Please place the bags inside the bin to prevent soiling them or detracting from the Station's appearance.

All personnel (both from on and off base) are encouraged to drop-off recyclable papers at the Recycling Center, B#7725. Recyclable Material Drop Off point is accessible 7 days/week, 24 hours/day.

Q: What is the recommended way of trash segregation on base?

Everyone is required to segregate combustible and non-combustible trash.

- Combustible
- Plastics/Metals (Non-combustibles)
- Ceramics/Glass Items
- Recyclables

Please refer to brochures for specific guidance.

Q: What is “Unsoiled Paper”?

Any pure clean paper product that is not contaminated with bodily fluids, cleaning agents or food or beverage residue.

Note: Paper products that contain attachments other than paper (i.e., window envelopes, wax paper, gum wrappers, etc.) are not recyclable. A few staples are permitted.

Q: Who do I contact for used motor oil pick up?

Cool down completely and put it back into the original container. Take them out to the designated location (beside trash enclosures or in trash rooms) or deliver to Recycling Center.

Must be free from all food debris and other solid substance.

Q: Is shredded white paper recyclable?

Yes. We accept shredded white paper. Bag it in a trash bag and put it in the White Paper Only Recycling bin.

Bag(s) can also be brought to the Recycling Center, Bldg. 7725 directly.

Q: Where can I get a White Paper Recycling bin?

Contact your Building Manager.

Building Managers may contact Recycling Center for issuance (Free of charge).

For more information, contact Recycling Center personnel during their operation hours (Mon – Fri, 0715 – 1600) at 253-3241.

Q: What kind of paper is not considered white paper?

- Maps
- Colored paper
- Books, binders, and magazines
- Glossy paper

Q: How can I get rid of grass, trees, or plants from my garden?

On base housing residents: Deposit in “Combustibles” container. Place items that are bigger than container beside trash enclosures or in trash rooms.

Off base housing residents: Dispose them in accordance with local trash segregation requirements.

* Iwakuni City Requirement: Remove dirt. Cut into pieces and put in Iwakuni City’s designated burnable trash bag (red). Take out on Combustibles pickup day.