

Beginning in January 2008

See-Through Bags Will Be Required for Waste Disposal

Osaka residents are required to use see-through bags for waste disposal, starting in January 2008, to help advance the City's efforts to promote waste separation, reduction, and recycling.

Please use **see-through** (transparent or semi-transparent) **bags** when disposing of general and recyclable waste as well as plastic containers and packaging.

Under the new rule, trash that is set out in colored (black, blue, etc.), non-see-through bags or that is not properly separated will not be accepted for collection.



The City of Osaka appreciates your cooperation
in advancing the practice of waste separation.

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Q&A about the Use of See-Through Trash Bags

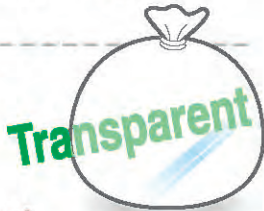
Q1 Why do we need to use see-through (transparent or semi-transparent) trash bags?

A The new rule is intended to ensure that people pay sufficient attention to how they sort their trash, which is an important step in reducing waste and increasing the recycling of waste. See-through trash bags are also helpful in preventing accidents caused by hazardous materials left in the waste.



Q2 What kinds of trash bags can I use?

A Transparent or semi-transparent bags that allow the contents to be seen.



How transparent?

Enough so that a newspaper placed in the bag can be read from the outside.

Other requirements

Commercially available trash bags that are durable enough under normal use conditions (90-liter size or smaller).

Note: Waste put out in cardboard boxes will not be accepted for collection.

Q3 Can I use plastic bags provided by supermarkets and convenience stores?

A Yes, as long as they are see-through (transparent or semi-transparent).



Q4 How can I dispose of an item that I do not want others to see?

A You may hide from view the item in question by putting it in a small bag before placing it in a see-through trash bag.



Q5 Where can I get those see-through (transparent or semi-transparent) trash bags?

A They can be purchased at supermarkets and retail stores (there are no products specially made or sold by the city government).



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