



IV Group Collection of Steel Cans

1. How Many Municipalities Practice Group Collection?

More than 80% of Municipalities, Group Collection Programs are Practiced

The rate of municipalities involvement in group collection, all forms included, is 81.4%. This would probably be higher if resource collections performed privately were included. By population, cities with population more than 500,000 have the highest implementation rate (100.0%). By regions, group collection was practiced in more than 80% of municipalities except Shikoku, Kyushu and Okinawa regions.



People are sorting steel cans and aluminum cans.

■ The Rate of Practicing Group Collection

The percentage of municipalities practicing group collection is 81.4%, and the ratio is increasing.

	FY2009		FY2008		FY2007	
	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)
Practice	578	81.4	593	80.7	561	79.8
Not practice	109	15.4	111	15.1	109	15.5
Unknown	22	3.1	27	3.7	28	4.0
Others	1	0.1	4	0.5	5	0.7
Total	710	100.0	735	100.0	703	100.0

Note. [Unknown] includes wards and cities that have no information because group collection is performed privately.

■ The Rate of Practicing Group Collection According to Scale of Population in FY2009

In large cities where more than 500,000 people reside, the ratio of practicing group collection (=participation of municipalities) is 100%, however, the trend indicates that ration gets lesser in smaller cities.

	Practice		Not practice		Unknown		Others		Total	
	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)
Less than 30,000	32	55.2	20	34.5	6	10.3	0	0.0	58	100.0
30,000~50,000	115	71.4	37	23.0	8	5.0	1	0.6	161	100.0
50,000~100,000	193	83.9	32	13.9	5	2.2	0	0.0	230	100.0
100,000~200,000	128	89.5	13	9.1	2	1.4	0	0.0	143	100.0
200,000~300,000	40	93.0	2	4.7	1	2.3	0	0.0	43	100.0
300,000~500,000	39	88.6	5	11.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	44	100.0
More than 500,000	31	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	31	100.0

■ Target Items for Group Collection (multiple answers)

The ratio of the municipalities that designate steel cans for group collection is 56.6%. The ratio of other items remains the same. However, the ratio of PET bottles has increased from 14.3% in FY2007 to 19.7% in 2009. Also, as the questionnaire asked about the paper packages from this time, 37.9% of the municipalities designated it to be group collected which is even rather lower ratio than other paper.

	FY2009		FY2008		FY2007	
	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)
Waste paper	573	99.1	586	98.8	551	98.2
Fabric	437	75.6	459	77.4	433	77.2
Aluminum cans	457	79.1	475	80.1	450	80.2
Steel cans	327	56.6	329	55.5	314	56.0
Iron scrap	172	29.8	174	29.3	166	29.6
Returnable bottles	372	64.4	373	62.9	353	62.9
PET bottles	114	19.7	100	16.9	80	14.3
Trays	26	4.5	20	3.4	20	3.6
Cartons	219	37.9	—	—	—	—
Others	73	12.6	158	26.6	135	24.1
Unknown	1	0.2	2	0.3	3	0.5
Total	578	100.0	593	100.0	561	100.0

Note. [Other] indicates cartons, Prastic container for beerr, mixed paper, plastic items, etc.
Note2. [Cartons] is added since FY2009, including milk cartons only.

