



IV Group Collection of Steel Cans

1. How Many Municipalities Practice Group Collection?

About 80% of Municipalities Practice Group Collection Programs

The rate of municipalities involvement in group collection, all forms included is 81.9%. 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 Hokuriku, Shikoku and Kyushu/Okinawa regions.



People are sorting recyclable wastes

The Rate of Practicing Group Collection

81.9% of municipalities are practicing group collection, and about 80% of them are involving in the system to some extent.

	FY2012		FY2010		FY2008	
	# of wards and cities	rate(%)	# of wards and cities	rate(%)	# of wards and cities	rate(%)
Practice	603	81.9	561	79.7	593	80.7
Do not practice	94	12.8	113	16.1	111	15.1
Unknown	39	5.3	30	4.3	27	3.7
Others	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	0.5
Total	736	100.0	704	100.0	735	100.0

Note. [Do not practice] and [Unknown] include municipalities that have no information because group collection is performed privately.

The Rate of Practicing Group Collection according to the Scale of Population in FY2012

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 the ratio gets lesser in smaller cities.

	Practice		Do not practice		Unknown		Total	
	# of wards and cities	rate(%)	# of wards and cities	rate(%)	# of wards and cities	rate(%)	# of wards and cities	rate(%)
Less than 30,000	37	58.7	17	27.0	9	14.3	63	100.0
30,000 ~ 50,000	117	74.1	25	15.8	16	10.1	158	100.0
50,000 ~ 100,000	204	85.0	29	12.1	7	2.9	240	100.0
100,000 ~ 200,000	131	87.3	15	10.0	4	2.7	150	100.0
200,000 ~ 300,000	41	89.1	4	8.7	1	2.2	46	100.0
300,000 ~ 500,000	42	87.5	4	8.3	2	4.2	48	100.0
More than 500,000	31	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	31	100.0

Target Item for Group Collection (multiple answers)

The ratio of municipalities that designate steel cans for group collection 61.0%. The ratio of other items remains the same, but steel cans and trays are increasing gradually.

	FY2012		FY2010		FY2008	
	# of wards and cities	rate(%)	# of wards and cities	rate(%)	# of wards and cities	rate(%)
Waste paper	602	99.8	557	99.3	586	98.8
Fabric	465	77.1	437	77.9	459	77.4
Aluminum cans	471	78.1	440	78.4	475	80.1
Steel cans	368	61.0	328	58.5	329	55.5
Iron scrap	195	32.3	174	31.0	174	29.3
Returnable bottles	385	63.8	357	63.6	373	62.9
PET bottles	143	23.7	114	20.3	100	16.9
Trays	39	6.5	24	4.3	20	3.4
Cartons	376	62.4	282	50.3	—	—
Used cooking oil	12	2.0	—	—	—	—
Hazardous waste	6	1.0	—	—	—	—
Others	81	13.4	87	15.5	158	26.6
Total	603	100.0	561	100.0	593	100.0

Note1. [Others] indicates plastic containers for beer, mixed paper, plastic items, etc.

Note2. [Used cooking oil] and [Hazardous waste] are added since FY2011

