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Gifu City Recycling Center  
Viewing compressed PET bottles





# A Visit by CIRs: How does recycling really work?



CIRs from Gifu Prefecture and the Gifu International Center joined a study tour via Gifu City's "Waste Reduction and Recycling Civic Action" program, visiting the Gifu City Recycling Center in Gifu City and Nippon Taisanbin Kogyo in Ogaki City.

## What Is the Gifu City Recycling Center?

The Gifu City Recycling Center is a facility that manually sorts four types of recyclable waste collected from households: cans, plastic containers and packaging, glass bottles, and plastic (PET) bottles. Which are then processed (storage and compression) before being transported to recycling plants.



Gifu City Recycling Center (Gifu City)

### Recycling Process in Gifu City

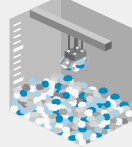
#### ① Collected from Households

Recyclable waste from households is collected by garbage trucks and transported to the Gifu City Recycling Center.



#### ② Separation

Once the recyclable materials arrive at the Recycling Centre, they are transported to their respective receiving areas (such as pits and yards) and stored separately.



#### ③ Hand Sorting

Workers manually remove very dirty items and non-recyclable materials.



Hand Sorting of Plastic Packaging

#### ④ Storage and Compacting

The sorted materials are stored or compacted, then delivered to recycling facilities.



Compressed Cans

#### ⑤ Reprocessing

Specialized recycling companies process the materials into new recycled products.

##### Where Recyclable Materials Go

##### Cans



Steel sheets and aluminum cans

##### Plastic containers and packaging



Pallets, planters, garbage bags, etc.

##### Glass bottles



New bottles and road paving materials

##### Plastic bottles



Pellets, workwear, new bottles, and other recycled products



Trying the Recycling Quiz



Getting Up Close to a Garbage Truck! (This is trick art!)

## What Is Nippon Taisanbin Kogyo?

Nippon Taisanbin Kogyo Co., Ltd. is a company headquartered in Ogaki City that manufactures, processes, and sells glass bottles. The company mainly handles brown and clear bottles and produces approximately 40% of the nutritional drink bottles used nationwide.

Glass bottles transferred from the Gifu City Recycling Center are processed into a powder of crushed glass (cullet) by its group company, Maru Glass, and are then recycled into new bottles by Nippon Taisanbin Kogyo.



Nippon Taisanbin Kogyo (Ogaki City)



Acid-Resistant Bottles Used for Chemical Storage  
(More than 40 years old)

## Reflections from the Coordinators for International Relations:

- Learning about the fire risks of lithium-ion batteries showed me how important proper disposal is for everyone's safety.
- Seeing labels and caps painstakingly removed by hand reminded me to check local recycling rules and be more careful with daily sorting.
- I learned that dirty or coloured plastic bottles and packaging cannot be recycled, so I'll make sure to rinse them before disposal.
- I was surprised to learn that heat-resistant glass (pyrex) cannot be thrown away with regular bottles for safety reasons. In Gifu City it must be disposed of as *sodai* (oversized waste).
- This visit made me realise that even small individual efforts can make a big difference in recycling.

# Protecting Lives

## ~ Accessing Disaster Info in Multiple Languages ~

### Follow the Gifu International Center on Facebook!

The Gifu International Center shares disaster-related information in six languages.

To safeguard yourself and your loved ones, please follow via the QR code below.

#### Information Provided

**Emergency Safety Alert** → Serious risk to life.

**Evacuation Order** → Please evacuate immediately.

**Flood Danger Level** → River may overflow.

**Evacuation Advisory Level** → River level is rising.

**Landslide Warning** → A landslide may occur.

#### Be sure to follow us!



Japanese



English



Chinese



Portuguese



Filipino



Vietnamese

### Example of Information Display (Smartphone)

On this screen, select "See more"

**Hazardous water level: the river may overflow**

- Stay away from the river.
- If you sense danger, seek shelter in a safe location.

Like Comment Share

**Occurrence Time** → 2025.9-5 AM 07:40 ※Automatic translation

**Name of the river** → Sakai river

**Water Level Information** → The water at Umabashi gauge station is close to overflowing.  
Stay away from the river.  
If you sense danger, seek shelter in a safe location.

Website to watch footage of rivers:  
<http://www.kasen.pref.gifu.lg.jp/#/map>

For details see:  
<http://www.gic.or.jp/en/>

## Practical Tips for Waste Disposal



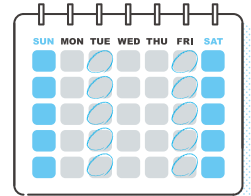
### ① Know the Local Rules

Check your city or town's website or notices to see how to sort and dispose of your waste.  
Rules can be different depending on where you live, so it's a good idea to look them up ahead of time.  
Things like the type of garbage bags to use, where to put them, and when to put them out can all vary.  
Make sure to follow your local rules to keep everything running smoothly.



### ② Sort Your Waste Properly

Each type of waste has its own designated place and collection time.  
Sorting correctly helps make recycling go smoothly.



### ③ Don't Forget Collection Days

Mark your collection days on a calendar so you don't forget to take out your garbage.

**Check your local rules and make sure to follow them when taking out your garbage.**

**Being mindful about how you dispose of waste helps recycling work better and protects our environment for the future.**

## Gifu Japanese Language Learning Support Site

This site is a multilingual web portal where you can search for local Japanese language classes in Gifu Prefecture.

It can be used by foreign residents who want to study Japanese as well as by supporters who need information on Japanese language education.

We have recently launched a new "Case Studies" page.

You can see examples of initiatives by local Japanese language classes on the page, so be sure to have a look.



<https://www.gic.or.jp/nihongo/en/>

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The Gifu International Center is currently searching for individuals and groups who are interested in providing support.

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1 unit (Organization): 5,000 yen (2 units=10,000 yen)

**For more details, please contact  
the Gifu International Center.**

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