

To business operators who store or dispose of hazardous used equipment

Starting in April 2018,

Application^{note 1} to prefectural governor or other authority^{note 2} will be required.

If you are already storing or disposing of hazardous used equipment as of April 1, 2018, you are required to file an application by October 1, 2018.

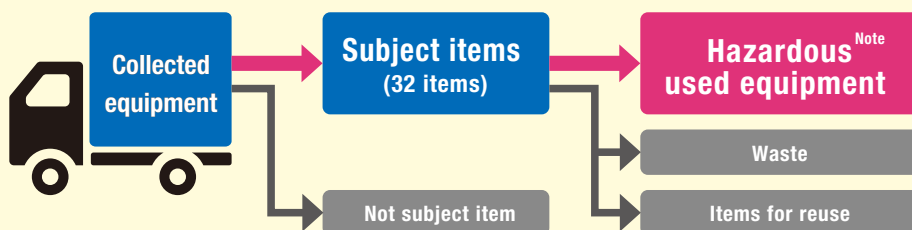
The Act that revises part of Waste Management and Public Cleansing Act (Waste Management Law) was enacted on April 1, 2018.

*Note 1: Mayor of a city designated by government ordinance in Article 24-2 of the Waste Management Law.

*Note 2: A fine of not more than 300,000 yen will be imposed on those who violate the obligation for filing application.

Identifying hazardous used equipment

Hazardous used equipment refers to some of equipment specified as the subject items that are not waste and that are not to be reused.



*Note: Equipment collected after ending their use (excluding waste) and applicable to the following: Some have considerable value as a raw material, and they may cause damage to human health or the environment when stored or disposed of inappropriately.

Application

To start a new business of storage or disposal of hazardous used equipment, it is necessary for the application to be accepted at least 10 days before the start of the business.

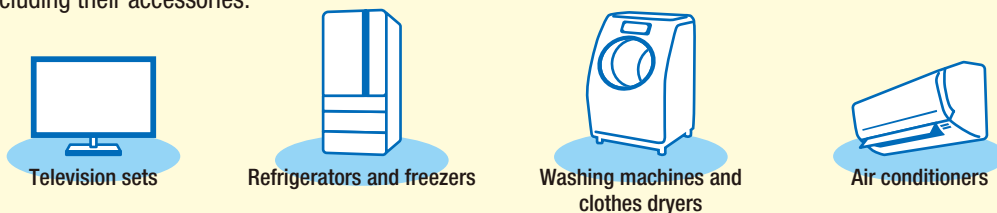
Those for whom an application is not required

Those who are deemed to be capable of handling them in an appropriate manner from the perspective of preserving the environment, including those who have permission based on the Waste Management Law in regard to the subject yard, need not file an application. For details, refer to the Guidelines on Storage, etc., of Hazardous Used Equipment.

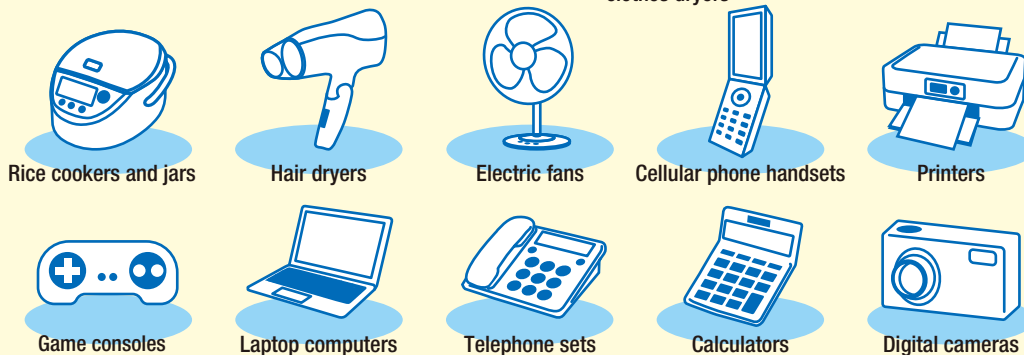
Subject items^{Note}

The subject items are four items specified in the Act on Recycling of Specified Kinds of Home Appliances (Home Appliance Recycling Law) and 28 items specified in the Act on the Promotion of Recycling of Small Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Small Home Appliances Recycling Law), including their accessories.

Items subject to Home Appliance Recycling Law (four items)



Items subject to Small Home Appliances Recycling Law (28 items)



Facsimile machines, PHS phones and smartphones, radio sets, camcorders, DVD recorders, digital audio players and stereo sets, personal computers, magnetic disk units and optical disk units, monitor displays, e-book readers, electric sewing machines, electric grinders and electric drills, bathroom scales, electric inhalers, film cameras, microwave ovens, dehumidifiers, electric irons and vacuum cleaners, electric kotatsu and electric heaters, electric razors, electric massagers, tread mills, electric lawn mowers, fluorescent luminaires, electronic clocks, electronic musical instruments, etc.

*Note: The business equipment, only those that are difficult to distinguish from home appliances at the site, will also be included.

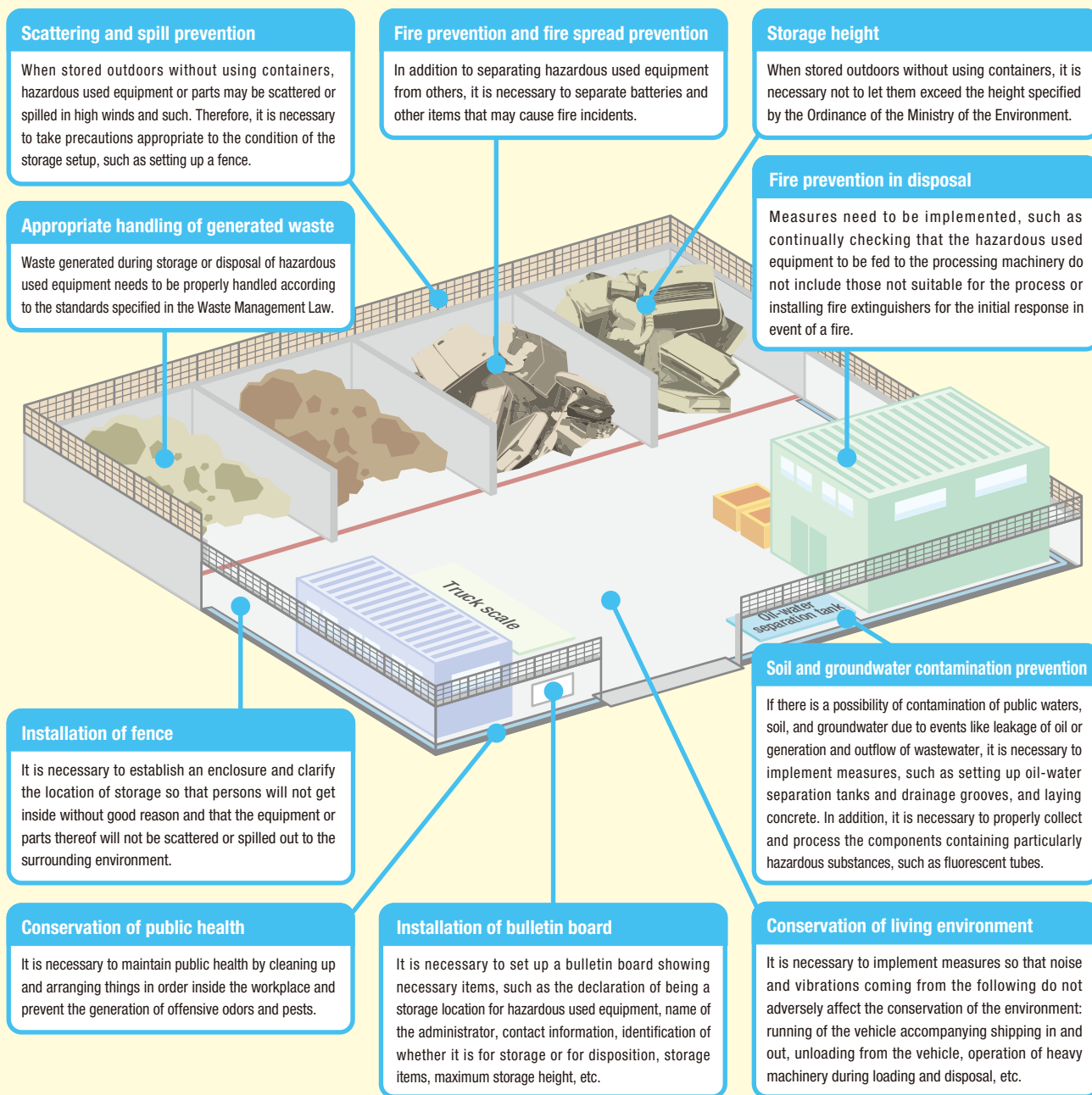
Background of revising Waste Management Law

Some mixtures of used electric / electronic equipment and metal scrap or the like (so-called miscellaneous scrap) containing hazardous substances, such as lead, are stored or discarded without adequate environmental conservation measures being taken. They have been disrupting the conservation of the environment, which include fire incidents. Increased actions are required to address this situation.



Standards for storage and disposal of hazardous used equipment

Hazardous used equipment storage operators need to comply with the standards and appropriately store or dispose of them to prevent their impact on the environment. The outlines of the standards are indicated in the following figure.



Because the Japanese language is used generally in on-site inspections, we ask for your cooperation to make arrangements to enable us to conduct on-site inspections in Japanese.

Contact

For applications in regard to storage and disposal of hazardous used equipment, please contact your local prefecture or cities designated by ordinance.

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For details, please refer to the guidelines concerning the storage or other matters on hazardous used equipment. (<http://www.env.go.jp/recycle/waste/laws/kaisei2017/index.html>)