

Outdoor storage of plastics and metals requires a **license!**



Starting on January 1, 2025, the Saitama prefectural ordinance goes into effect that introduces a license system for the business of storing specified recyclable resources outdoors.



- To operate an outdoor storage business inside Saitama Prefecture* on and after January 1, 2025, you need to obtain a **license** from the Saitama prefectural governor.

(If you already engage in an outdoor storage business at the time the ordinance goes into effect, you will be deemed to be licensed by submitting a notification to the Saitama prefectural governor no later than **June 30, 2025.**)

* To operate an outdoor storage business in Saitama City or Koshigaya City, you must comply with the ordinance of the city concerned.

- You need to **follow the rules** stipulated by the ordinance, such as the height of stored materials.
- You will be **penalized** for violating any of the rules, such as operating an outdoor storage business without obtaining a license or submitting a notification.



1. About specified recyclable resources

Specified recyclable resources refer to the **metals and other recyclable materials listed below (metals, plastics, and miscellaneous scraps (metal/plastic mixtures))**. Some materials, such as wastes specified in the Waste Disposal and Cleaning Act and used hazardous equipment, are excluded.

- Collected end-of-life products (in which metals or other recyclable materials are used)
 - Metals and other recyclable materials derived incidentally in the course of manufacturing or selling products, in construction in civil engineering and architecture, and in other human activities
- (Examples: Purchased copper, metal scrap, bicycles, plastics, PET bottles, etc.)

The restrictions described below apply to a workplace that stores the above-mentioned specified recyclable resources outdoors (when the area of the workplace exceeds 100 m²).



2. Overview of the regulations

① Posting of a sign

- A sign (60 cm or more in length and 60 cm or more in width) indicating the name of the workplace or its operator and other relevant information shall be posted in plain view.
- Such a sign shall be made viewable online. (This does not apply to a workplace with not more than 5 employees or a workplace that has no website.)

③ Enclosure installation

- An enclosure shall be installed around the storage area.
- If the load of stored materials may be applied directly to the enclosure, its structure shall be safe for such load in terms of structural strength.

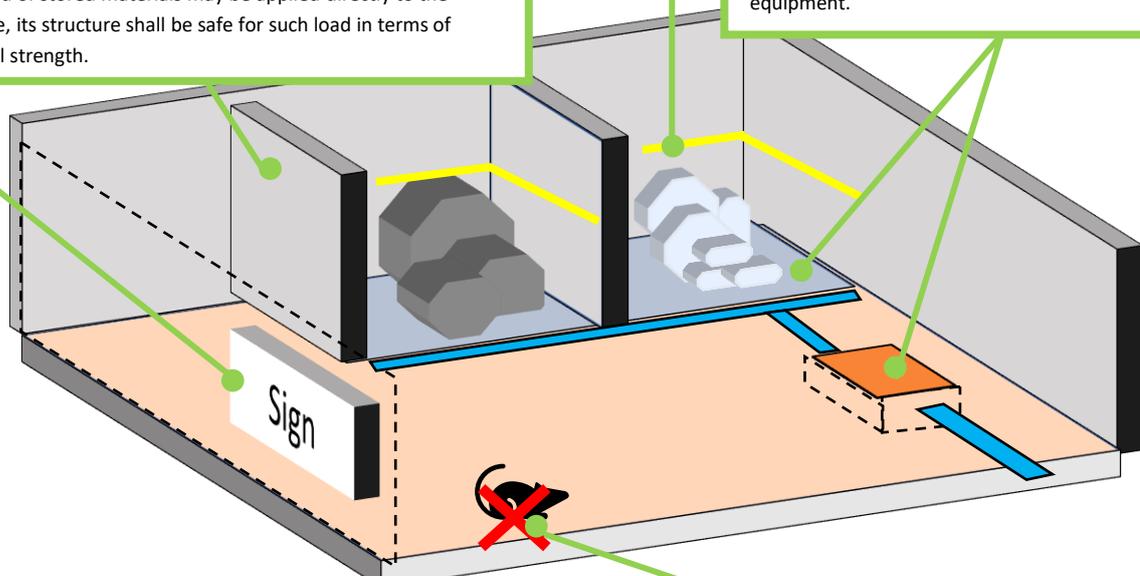
② Height of stored materials

The height specified in the regulation shall not be exceeded.
(Details are given on the next page.)

④ Wastewater control measures

If there is a risk of dirty water or oil leaking and seeping into the ground, take the following measures.

1. Cover the storage area with impermeable material.
2. Install an oily water separator or other appropriate equipment.



⑤ Fire prevention measures

- Specified recyclable resources shall not be mixed with other materials.
- Batteries, lubricants, and other materials that may cause or catch fire shall be collected and processed appropriately to the extent possible.
- The unit area of storage shall be within 200 m².
- The unit interval between adjacent storage areas shall be 2 m or more (except when partitions are provided).

⑥ Vermin and pest control measures

Measures shall be taken for the control of rats, mosquitoes, flies, and other pests.

⑦ Splash and leak prevention measures

Measures shall be taken to prevent dirty water or oil from splashing, leaking, or seeping into the ground, as well as a foul odor from spreading.

⑧ Noise and vibration control measures

Measures shall be taken to prevent the living environment from being affected.

⑨ Appointment of a supervisor

A supervisor shall be appointed to manage and supervise each workplace.

⑩ Registry creation and retention

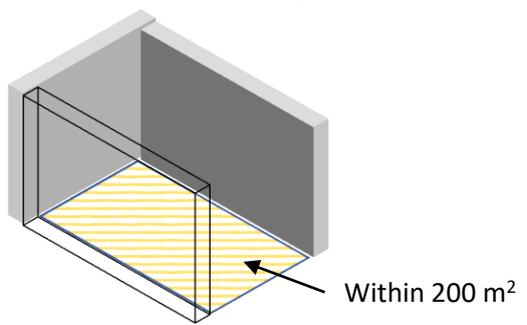
A registry containing information about the dates of handling specified recyclable resources, their types, etc. shall be created and retained for 5 years.

⑪ Prohibition of name-lending

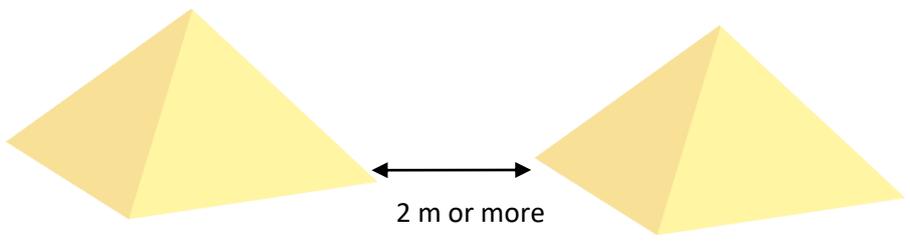
One must not let another person operate a business of storing specified recyclable resources outdoors in one's name.

3. Storage area size and interval (examples)

- The unit area of storage shall be within 200 m².



- The unit interval between adjacent storage areas shall be 2 m or more (except when partitions are provided).

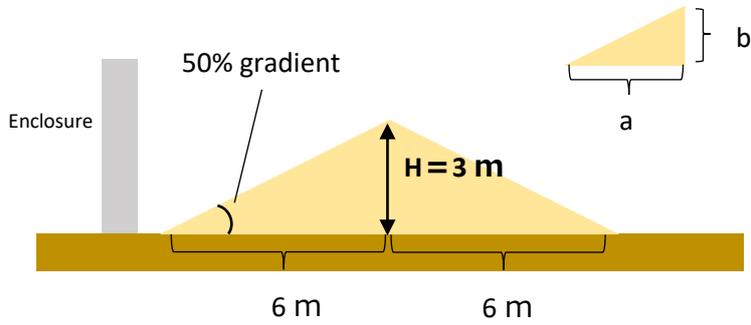


4. Height of stored materials (examples)

■ : Storage range H: Maximum height of stored materials (* up to 5 m for miscellaneous scraps)

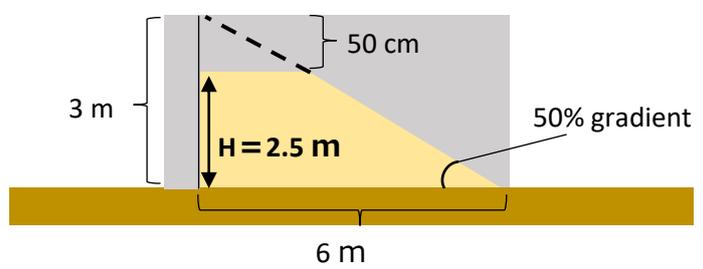
① When no load is applied directly to the storage area enclosure

- 50% gradient height 50% gradient = a : b = 2 : 1



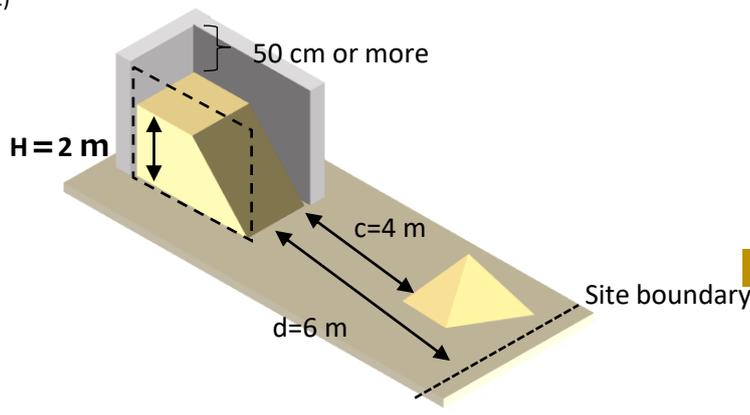
② When a load is applied directly to the storage area enclosure

- Whichever is smaller of the following: "enclosure height – 50 cm" and "50% gradient height"



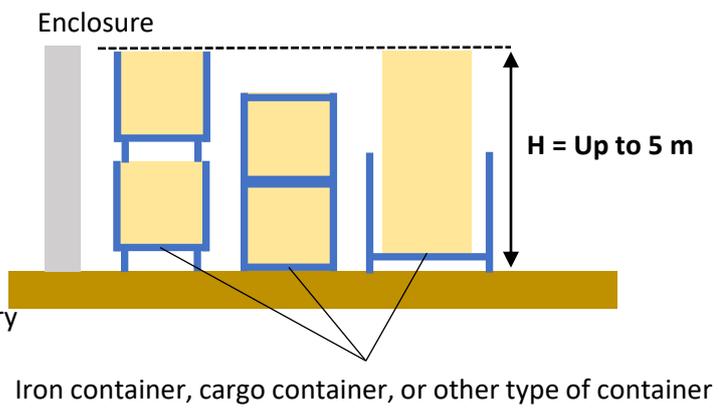
③ When a load is applied directly to 3 sides of the storage area enclosure

- Height equivalent to half of whichever is smaller of the following: (c) distance to the facility used for the business of storing specified recyclable resources outdoors and (d) distance to the site boundary (H = (c or d)/2)



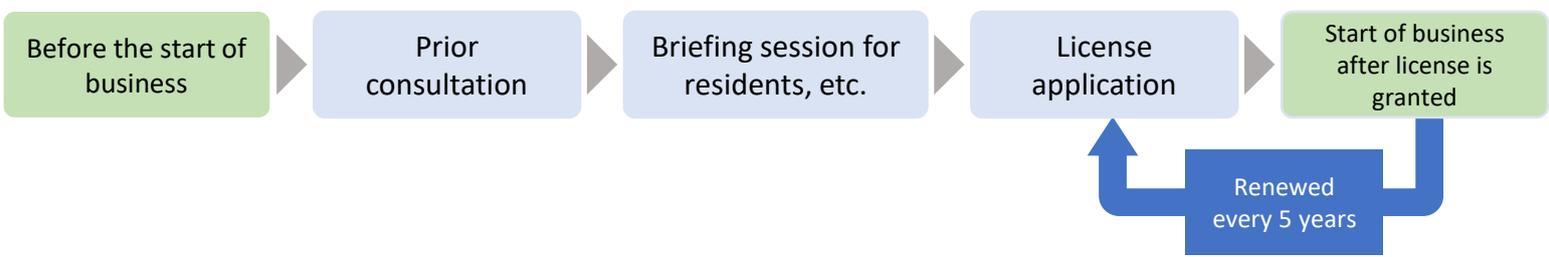
④ When materials are stored in containers with no load applied directly to the enclosure

- Up to 5 m



5. Procedure

To start an outdoor storage business, you need to obtain a license from the Saitama prefectural government, as shown in the flowchart below. If your workplace is already engaged in such a business on January 1, 2025, you will be deemed to be licensed by submitting a notification no later than June 30, 2025. Also, you will be exempt from some of the regulations (for details, see 6. Transitional measures).



6. Transitional measures

The following regulations mentioned in "2. Overview of the regulations" do not apply to the workplaces already in operation on January 1, 2025.

- ② Height of stored materials, ⑤ Fire prevention measures, ⑥ Vermin and pest control measures, ⑦ Splash and leak prevention measures, ⑧ Noise and vibration control measures (6 months from January 1, 2025)
- ③ Install an enclosure around the storage area, ④ Wastewater control measures (5 years from January 1, 2025)
- ③ If the load of stored materials may be applied directly to the enclosure, its structure shall be safe for such load in terms of structural strength. (No time period specified)

7. Violations and penalties

In case of violation



8. Contact information

Name	Address and phone number	Jurisdictional areas
Chuo Environmental Management Office	3F, Urawa Joint Government Building, 5-6-5, Kita Urawa, Urawa-ku, Saitama-shi 330-0074 ☎ 048-822-5199 📠 048-822-5139	Kawaguchi City, Konosu City, Ageo City, Warabi City, Toda City, Okegawa City, Kitamoto City, Ina Town
Seibu Environmental Management Office	4F, Westa Kawagoe Public Building, 1-17-17, Arajyukumachi, Kawagoe-shi 350-1124 ☎ 049-244-1250 📠 049-246-7885	Kawagoe City, Tokorozawa City, Hanno City, Sayama City, Iruma City, Asaka City, Shiki City, Wako City, Niiza City, Fujimi City, Hidaka City, Fujimino City, Miyoshi Town
Higashi Matsuyama Environmental Management Office	2F, Higashi Matsuyama Local Government Building, 5-1, Rokken-cho, Higashi Matsuyama-shi 355-0024 ☎ 0493-23-4050 📠 0493-23-4114	Higashimatsuyama City, Sakado City, Tsurugashima City, Moroyama Town, Ogose Town, Namekawa Town, Ranzan Town, Ogawa Town, Kawajima Town, Yoshimi Town, Hatoyama Town, Tokigawa Town, Higashichichibu Village
Chichibu Environmental Management Office	2F, Chichibu Local Government Building, 29-20, Higashimachi, Chichibu-shi 368-0042 ☎ 0494-23-1511 📠 0494-23-6679	Chichibu City, Yokoze Town, Minano Town, Nagatoro Town, Ogano Town
Hokubu Environmental Management Office	3F, Kumagaya Local Government Building, 3-9-1, Suehiro, Kumagaya-shi 360-0031 ☎ 048-523-2800 📠 048-526-3949	Kumagaya City, Honjo City, Fukaya City, Misato Town, Kamikawa Town, Kamisato Town, Yorii Town
Koshigaya Environmental Management Office	3F, Koshigaya Joint Government Building, 4-2-82, Koshigaya, Koshigaya-shi 343-0813 ☎ 048-966-2311 📠 048-966-5600	Soka City, Yashio City, Misato City, Yoshikawa City, Matsubushi Town
Tobu Environmental Management Office	5-4-10, Seiji, Sugito-machi, Kita Katsushika-gun 345-0025 ☎ 0480-34-4011 📠 0480-34-4785	Gyoda City, Kazo City, Kasukabe City, Hanyu City, Kuki City, Hasuda City, Satte City, Shiraoka City, Miyashiro Town, Sugito Town
Saitama Pref. Industrial Waste Disposal Guidance Division	2F, Government Building No. 3, 3-15-1, Takasago, Urawa-ku, Saitama-shi 330-9301 • Information on new licenses ☎ 048-830-3121 📠 048-830-4774	—

For information on the regulations concerning workplaces in Saitama City and Koshigaya City, contact the relevant division of the city concerned.

- Saitama City Industrial Waste Disposal Guidance Division ☎ 048-829-1608 📠 048-829-1933
- Koshigaya City Waste Disposal Guidance Division ☎ 048-963-9188 📠 048-963-9175

For other details, see the website of the Saitama Prefectural Government.

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