

Points in Laws Enacted and Revised Based on the Basic Law.

Revision of the Waste Management and Public Cleansing Law

- Establishment of a framework for prefectures to establish facilities for safe and appropriate waste disposal
- Strengthening of responsibility of a discharging business party (business party that discharges wastes)
- Prohibition of outdoor incineration, etc.

Law for Promotion of Effective Utilization of Resources (revision of the Law for the Promotion of Utilization of Recycled Resources)

- Introduction of measures for restricting (reducing) the generation of wastes through saving product resources and prolonging the use life of products
- Introduction of measures for reuse of parts, etc.
- Making it obligatory for business parties themselves to systematically tackle measures to reduce and recycle by-products.
- Making product collection and recycling obligatory of business parties, etc.

Construction Material Recycling Act

- Making it obligatory for a party that placed an order for dismantling of a building, to report to the prefectural governor.
- Making the following obligatory of a party who received an order for dismantling of a building, etc.
 - ① Sorted dismantling of specific construction materials (concrete, wood, etc.), etc.
 - ② Reuse of specific construction materials as resources
- A prefectural governor's advice, warning, or order to a party who received an order for dismantling, etc.
- Registration of building dismantling business parties with a prefectural governor, etc.

Food Recycling Law (law concerning promotion of reuse of food recyclable resources, etc.)

- The National Government establishes judgment standards related to efforts by food-related business parties (business parties that produce/sell foods, restaurants, etc.) , regarding restriction of the generation of leftover foods and their recycling.
- Food-related business parties will promote recycling, etc., according to the judgment standards.
- A registration system of reuse business parties will be established, and use of foods as fertilizer and feed will be promoted.

Law on Promoting Green Purchasing

- The National Government, etc., takes initiative in promoting the procurement of environmentally friendly products (eco-products), such as reproduced products, based on the procurement plan.
- Promotion of providing information helpful for "green purchasing," etc.

To Every Citizen

In the 21st century, we will say good-bye to the conventional "throw-away" society.

It is the time for us to work to establish the "Recycling-based society" for efficient utilization of the valuable resources our earth provides.

And the year 2000 is the first year of this challenge toward establishing the Recycling-based Society.

Now we are facing waste problems. The problems are directly related to the conveniences of modern life and an affluent society filled with things - like the front and back sides of a coin.

In order to tackle the problems, we have no choice but to review our economic activities and lifestyles, which presently consist of mass production, mass consumption, and mass disposal.

We have responsibility to assuredly pass down the environment we have inherited from our ancestors to future generations, in good condition. For that purpose, the Basic Law for Establishing the Recycling-based Society was enacted, as a basic framework for such efforts.

- Above all, try not to produce wastes, as much as possible.
- Use the produced wastes as resources, as much as possible.
- Properly dispose of wastes that cannot be used by any means.

These three points are the basic message to you all, which were incorporated in the Basic Law.

Tomorrow is too late to start efforts toward establishing the Recycling-based Society.

Let's start our efforts today.

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