

Law for the Promotion of Recycling of Small Home Appliances
(Small Home Appliances Recycling Law)

The purpose of the law is to develop a recycling-based society through waste reduction, control measures for hazardous substances, and securing resources. Municipalities have the responsibility to dispose of general waste. To preserve the environment and ensure the safety and security of citizens, small home appliances should be also incorporated into the relevant policy to develop the recycling-based society.

Recyclable metals (valuable metals) have not been adequately recovered from small waste home appliances treated by municipalities for disposal. Metal products, excluding large-sized home appliances and automobiles, have been disposed of in landfills, after recovering iron, aluminum and some other metals. An institutional framework must enable related stakeholders to recycle small home appliances in a viable and sustainable way, while overcoming price fluctuations of resources, and costs of collection.

Small home appliances contain reusable resources. When they are collected more widely and efficiently, it will create the economy of scale in recycling, while ensuring the profitability. Thus, a small home appliance recycling scheme has been launched as an enabling system in which related parties cooperate to innovate and lead their collection procedures and recycling processes in a manner suited to their local circumstances. Prospective recycling operators dealing with small home appliances are required to prepare a recycling plan and have certification from the competent minister. With this process, they no longer need to obtain a waste disposal business license, which facilitates waste collection across wider areas in a more efficient way.

Overview of Small Home Appliances Recycling Law

