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New Bulky Garbage Collection and Disposal Fees in July

Fees Differ by Item and Size

Inquiries: Environmental Service Section, Tel: 22-2155

Revisions to the Ashiya City Ordinance Regarding the Reduction and Proper Disposal of Waste effective July 1, 2003 establish bulky garbage collection and disposal fees for 233 different items (currently only 88 items).

Revised fees will be based not only on the type but also on the size of discarded items. Items such as electric pots and rice cookers (3-cup capacity or less) can be put out for collection with "other nonburnable garbage" since items with one side shorter than 30 cm may be discarded for free once the changes take effect.

In addition, collections that require an application to be submitted in advance have been clearly identified and disposal fees (see table) for a one-time large disposal amount (such as when moving) have been established. All revisions will go into effect in July.

Collections Requiring an Application

- (1) Garbage discarded from a residence that averages more than 10 kg per day
- (2) Bulky garbage (items with one side 30 cm or longer that require dismantling, items with one side 50 cm or longer that do not require dismantling)
- (3) Four designated household appliances (televisions, refrigerators, air conditioners and washing machines)
- (4) One-time large quantities (e.g., when moving)

Fees for a One-time Large Disposal Amount

No.	Amount	Fee
1	Quantity fills a 2-ton truck more than 2/3 full	¥12,000
2	Quantity fills a 2-ton truck more than 1/3 to 2/3 full	¥8,000
3	Quantity fills a 2-ton truck 1/3 full or less	¥4,000

* The bulky garbage fee table will be printed in the *Ashiya Newsletter Special Edition* "Environmental Feature Edition" (June issue).

City Tax Payment Deadlines

The deadlines for FY2003 city tax payments are shown below. As a general rule, the deadline is the last day of each month. If the last day falls on a bank or business holiday, the next business day will be the deadline. Please pay each tax by the deadline.

Month	Type of City Tax
May	Fixed Assets Tax/City Planning Tax (First Period) Light Vehicle Tax
June	Individual City/Prefecture Resident Tax (Regular Collection: Payment via a bank or post office) (First Period)
July	Fixed Assets Tax/City Planning Tax (Second Period)
August	Individual City/Prefecture Resident Tax (Regular Collection) (Second Period)
October	Individual City/Prefecture Resident Tax (Regular Collection) (Third Period)
December	Fixed Assets Tax/City Planning Tax (Third Period) *1
January 2004	Individual City/Prefecture Resident Tax (Regular Collection) (Fourth Period) < Depreciable Assets Report > < Submission of Wage Payment Report >
February 2004	Fixed Assets Tax/City Planning Tax (Fourth Period)
March 2004	Individual Business Facility Tax (for businesses) *2 < Individual City/Prefecture Resident Tax Report > *3
Every Month	Individual City/Prefecture Resident Tax (Special Collection: Deduction from salary) *4
Ongoing	Municipal Corporate Tax/Corporate Business Facility Tax (for businesses)

* 1: The deadline for the Fixed Assets Tax/City Planning Tax in the Third Period is exceptional: December 25 (Thu.).

* 2 & *3: The deadline is March 15 (Mon.).

* 4: The debit date is every 10th of the following month.

Mailing Dates of Tax Notices

Fixed Assets Tax/City Planning Tax	May 2 (Fri.)
Light Vehicle Tax	May 1 (Thu.)
Individual City/Prefecture Resident Tax (Special Collection)	May 12 (Mon.)
Individual City/Prefecture Resident Tax (Regular Collection)	June 6 (Fri.)

Inquiries: Management Subsection, Taxation Section (Tel: 38-2015)

FY2003 Local Tax Laws Revised

The local tax laws and city tax ordinance have been revised.

Tobacco Tax

Inquiries: Management Subsection, Taxation Section, Tel: 38-2015

* Tax increase (effective July 1, 2003)

Per pack of cigarettes (20 per pack)

City Tobacco Tax	¥53.36 to ¥59.54
Prefecture Tobacco Tax	¥17.36 to ¥19.38
National Tobacco Tax	¥54.32 to ¥62.52
Total	¥125.04 to ¥141.44

Business Facility Tax

Inquiries: Management Subsection, Taxation Section, Tel: 38-2015

* The Business Facility Tax on new buildings and expansion was abolished as of March 31, 2003.

Special Landholding Tax

Inquiries: Fixed Assets Tax Subsection, Taxation Section, Tel: 38-2017

* No new taxes will be assessed from FY2003 onward.

Garbage Collection Schedule by Area

Environmental Service Section Tel: 22-2155 Fax: 32-6247

Type of Garbage	Time	Days	Area
Burnable Garbage	By 8:30 a.m.	Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays	Midorigaoka, Shinnozuka, Ohara, Funado, Matsunouchi, Tsukiwaka, Nishi-ashiya, Sanjo-minami, Higashiyama, Higashi-ashiya, Kentani, Okuyama, Yamate, Yama-ashiya, Nishiyama, Sanjo, Okuike, Okuike-minami, Shimizu, Maeda, Tsuji, Kawanishi, Hirata-kita, Hirata, Narihira, Kami-miyagawa, Kusunoki
		Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays	Kimmitsu, Omasu, Chayano, Miyazuka, Uchide-kozuchi, Kasuga, Uchide, Wakamiya, Miyagawa, Seido, Hama-ashiya, Matsuhama, Takezono, Ise, Iwazono, Kurekawa, Nishikura, Hama, Nangu, Daito, Asahigaoka, Rokurokuso
Nonburnable Garbage Separate Collection 2nd and 4th weeks (Cans) 3rd week (Bottles) 1st and 5th weeks (Other nonburnable garbage)	By 12:30 p.m.	Mondays	Yama-ashiya, Nishiyama, Miyagawa, Seido, Hama-ashiya, Matsuhama, Takezono, Ise, Kurekawa
		Tuesdays	Okuike, Okuike-minami, Tsukiwaka, Nishi-ashiya, Sanjo-minami, Shimizu, Maeda, Yamate, Okuyama, Tsuji, Kawanishi, Hirata-kita, Hirata, Kentani, Sanjo
		Wednesdays	Kusunoki, Kami-miyagawa, Narihira, Kimmitsu, Omasu, Chayano, Miyazuka, Uchide-kozuchi, Kasuga, Higashiyama, Higashi-ashiya
		Thursdays	Asahigaoka, Midorigaoka, Shinnozuka, Ohara, Funado, Matsunouchi
		Fridays	Nishikura, Hama, Nangu, Daito, Uchide, Wakamiya, Iwazono, Rokurokuso

Garbage Sorting Instructions

Burnable Garbage	Nonburnable Garbage			Bulky Garbage
	Cans	Bottles/PET Bottles	Other Nonburnable Garbage	
Kitchen scraps, leather goods, paper scraps, plastics, wood scraps, cloth. - Kitchen waste should be drained of any liquid. - Wood scraps should be cut into pieces no more than 50 cm long and with a diameter of 10 cm or less. - Newspapers, magazines, cardboard, cloth, and other recyclable items should be put out for bulk collection done by residents associations, etc. - Put milk cartons in collection boxes or out for bulk collection (as above).	Collected every 2nd and 4th week of the month. Metal/aluminum cans (juice cans, beer cans, canned food cans, etc.) - Empty contents and rinse well before discarding. - Put recyclables such as empty cans out for bulk collection done by residents associations, etc.	Collected every 3rd week of the month. Juice bottles, condiment bottles, PET bottles for beverages, alcohol, soy sauce, etc. * Please place glass bottles and PET bottles in separate bags. - Remove stoppers and lids before discarding. - Empty contents and rinse well before discarding. - Return beer bottles and 1-sho (1.8 liter) bottles to the store where they were purchased.	Collected every 1st and 5th week of the month. Glass: Bulbs, glass, mirrors, cups, etc. Iron: Pots, frying pans, kettles, spray cans, etc. Ceramics: Rice bowls, flowerpots, other ceramics, etc. Other: Razors, dry-cell batteries (excluding nickel-cadmium batteries and mercury batteries).	Bulky garbage is collected by request. - Collection fees: ¥300 to ¥2,400 (in ¥300 increments) per item. - To request an appointment, call Tel: 22-2166. Open weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch from 12 noon to 12:45 p.m.)

Garbage Collection Calendar

	May							June							July						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1st week (Other Nonburnable Garbage)					1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	5
2nd week (Cans)	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3rd week (Bottles/PET Bottles)	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
4th week (Cans)	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
5th week (Other Nonburnable Garbage)	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30						27	28	29	30	31		

Hyogo Prefecture Health and Welfare Office Program Schedule

(Tel: 32-0707) (in Ashiya City)

Program Name	Day/Hours	May	June	July
Infants Clinic	2nd Mon., 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.	12	9	14
Child-Rearing Consultations	2nd Thu., 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.	8	12	10
Psychological Consultations for Parents and Children	2nd Tue., 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.	13	10	8
Psychological Consultations	3rd Tue., 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. 1st Wed., 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.	20 -	17 4	15 -
Tuberculosis Checkups	3rd Tue., 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.	20	17	15
Clinic - General Health Consultations - Workplace Checkups - HIV Antibody Checkups HCV Antibody Checkups HBs Antigen Checkups	Clinic Test Date	1st & 3rd Fri., 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., HIV/HCV/HBs test, 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.	2 16	6 20
	Post-Test Instruction Date	2nd & 4th Fri., 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. HIV/HCV/HBs test result: two weeks after the test	9 23	13 27
Families of Alcoholics Program	2nd Fri., 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon	9	13	11
"Good Luck" Day Care for Mentally Challenged Patients	1st & 3rd Wed., 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon	7, 21	4, 18	2, 16
Mental Health Volunteers' Gathering at El. Home	4th Fri., 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon	23	27	25
Families of Elderly Persons with Senile Dementia "Ajisai Hydrangea Club." Held at Ohara Day Service Center on dates with ().	3rd Mon., 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.	(19)	16	(28)
Specialized Nutritional Consultations	1st & 2nd Tue., 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon	6, 13	3, 10	1, 8

Nonburnable Garbage Collection in Ashiyahama and Minami-ashiyahama Districts

(Burnable garbage is collected by the vacuum pipeline system)

Area	Cans	Bottles/PET Bottles Bottles: Collection Containers (anytime) PET Bottles:	Other Nonburnable Garbage
Takahama, Wakaba	Every Mon., Wed., Fri.	Every Tue.	Mon., Wed., Fri. of the 1st and 5th week
Hamakaze	Mon. of the 2nd and 4th week	Mon. of the 3rd week	Mon. of the 1st and 5th week
Niihama, Midori	Wed. of the 2nd and 4th week	Wed. of the 3rd week	Wed. of the 1st and 5th week
Shiomi	Fri. of the 2nd and 4th week	Fri. of the 3rd week	Fri. of the 1st and 5th week
Yoko, Kaiyo	Thu. of the 2nd and 4th week	Thu. of the 3rd week	Thu. of the 1st and 5th week

Ashiya Health Center

Tel: 31-1586 Fax: 31-1018

Program	Hours	Place	May	June	July	
Tuberculin skin tests, BCG vaccinations	1:30 ~ 2:30 p.m.	Ashiya Health Center	T. skin test	-	-	7
			BCG	-	-	9
Expectant parents' classes (reservation required)	1:30 p.m. ~	Ashiya Health Center	First period	-	4, 18, 25	-
			Second period	7, 21	-	2, 16
			Bathing class (with fathers)	17	-	29
Health consultations for pregnant women	1:30 ~ 3:30 p.m.	Ashiya Health Center	19	16	14	
Home visits to newborn babies	Anytime	Ashiya Health Center	Anytime			
Child-rearing consultations	9:30 ~ 10:30 a.m.	Ashiya Health Center	15	19	17	
Child-rearing classes	9:45 ~ 11:30 a.m.	Ashiya Health Center	26	23	28	
Health checkups for 4-month-olds	1:15 ~ 2:00 p.m.	Hyogo Prefecture Health and Welfare Office	6, 27	3, 24	15, 22	
Health checkups for 1-year-olds	Anytime	Designated medical facilities	Anytime at designated medical facilities			
Health checkups for 18-month-olds	1:15 ~ 2:00 p.m.	Ashiya Health Center	8, 22	12, 26	10, 24	
Health checkups for 3-year-olds	1:15 ~ 2:00 p.m.	Hyogo Prefecture Health and Welfare Office	1	5	3	
Allergy consultations (appointment required)	9:30 ~ 10:30 a.m.	Ashiya Health Center	12	2	7	
Periodontal disease prevention class	1:00 ~ 2:30 p.m.	Dentists Association Hall	21	18	16	
Home visits to people to prevent their becoming bedridden		Apply with Ashiya Health Center	Anytime			
Home visits for dental care to those who are bedridden						
Citizens' health checkups (lung cancer tests for those aged 40 or above)	9:30 ~ 10:30 a.m.	Ashiya Health Center	2, 13	6, 10	4, 11	
Anemia tests						
Health checkups (appointment required)	9:15 a.m. ~	Ashiya Health Center	6, 12	2, 3, 9	1, 7, 8	
Osteoporosis checkups (appointment required)	9:30 ~ 10:00 a.m.	Ashiya Health Center	23	27	22	
Nutritional consultations (appointment required)	9:30 ~ 11:00 a.m.	Ashiya Health Center	20	17	15	
Health consultations (appointment required)	1:00 ~ 3:00 p.m.	Ashiya Health Center	13, 27	10, 24	8, 22	
Stomach cancer tests (appointment required)	9:15 ~ 10:30 a.m.	Ashiya Health Center	Mondays and Thursdays			
Cancer of the large intestine tests	Apply in the morning	Ashiya Health Center	Tuesday mornings			
Get-together for seniors (functional training)	9:30 ~ 11:30 a.m.	Shiomi Elementary School	20	17	15	
Health classes, "Nutrition Advice for Various Diseases" (reservation required)	1:30 p.m. ~	Ashiya Health Center	23	-	-	

Clinic Open during the Holidays

Name: Ashiya Municipal Holiday Emergency Clinic

Address: 5-13 Kimmitsu-cho, Ashiya-shi

Tel: 21-2782

Medical departments:

Internal medicine, pediatrics

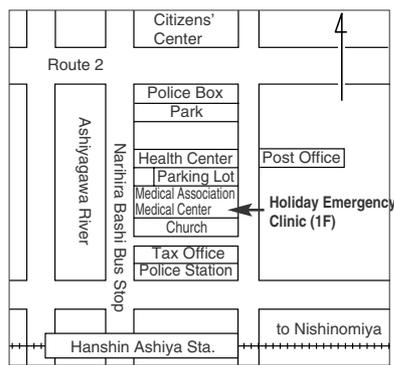
Days: Sundays and national holidays

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

* Evening/night services are available on a rotating basis.

Please call the Fire Department (Tel: 32-2345)

for the clinic on duty.



Dentists (Hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon)

	Clinic Name	Address	Tel.
May 3	Ono D.C., Hamakaze Office	3-5 Hamakaze-cho	23-6474
4	Masuda Dental Clinic	11-15 Shinnozuka	22-5359
5	Yorifuji Dental Clinic	1-13 Miyazuka-cho	22-5941
11	Seiai Dental Clinic	1-11 Kasuga-cho	32-0356
18	Yoshikawa Dental Clinic	5-12-202 Kurekawa-cho	32-6178
25	Yoshizaki Dental Clinic	4-10 Nishi-ashiya-cho	31-8020
June 1	Wakabayashi Dental Clinic	4-1-407 Funado-cho	22-4882
8	Wada Dental Clinic	3-14 Tsuji-cho	31-0384
15	Watanabe Orthodontics/Children's D. C.	3-5 Funado-cho	31-5939
22	Sakita Dental Clinic	4-1-402 Funado-cho	32-4180
29	Akashi Dental Clinic	9-6 Kimmitsu-cho	31-1560
July 6	Aramaki Dental Clinic	8-13 Kawanishi-cho	34-6483
13	Ikezawa Dental Clinic	3-9 Matsunouchi-cho	32-1780

Child Upbringing Center "Children's Festa" Everyone Come and Have a Good Time!

There will be "kabuto" helmet making, traditional games, and handicrafts. Come in clothes that you don't mind getting dirty!

Date and time: May 10 (Sat.), 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Place: Seido Kindergarten playroom and playground

Participants: Preschool children and their parents/guardians. Bring the whole family!

Inquiries: Child Upbringing Center (at Seido Kindergarten)

Tel: 31-8006

Luna Masterpiece Theater *Tasogare Seibei* ("The Twilight Samurai"), 130 min.

Date and times: June 7 (Sat.)/Showing at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

Place: Luna Hall (Ashiya)

Admission: Presale: Adults: ¥1,000, Seniors 60 and older/Handicapped: ¥900

Day of event: Adults: ¥1,500, Seniors 60 and older/Handicapped: ¥1,000, Children (elementary to high school): ¥800 (presale not available for children). All seating is general admission.

This is the first true period drama by director Yoji Yamada, who spent 10 years conceptualizing this film. It is based on a novel by premier period novelist Shuhei Fujisawa. The cast includes Hiroyuki Sanada, Rie Miyazawa, Tetsuro Tanba and Keiko Kishi. Seibei is a low-ranking samurai who forgoes the companionship of his fellow samurai to return quickly home at the end of each day to take care of his children and elderly mother. "What is true happiness?" In the character of poor yet proud Seibei, this film captures the essence of what has been lost in contemporary Japanese society.

Presale Tickets

Mont et Mer Daichiku, City Office shop, Ashiya Foundation of Culture office

* Once the theater capacity has been reached, no additional viewers will be allowed to enter.

Inquiries: Ashiya Foundation of Culture, **Tel:** 0797-31-4962

8-24 Narihira-cho, Ashiya City 659-0068

URL: <http://www.ashiya-web.or.jp/center/luna.htm>

ACA

1. ACA Twilight Concerts

72nd "Songs for a May Evening"

Performers: Ayumi Kita (soprano), Ai Awata (piano)

Program: "Satokibibatake," "Kamome," and others

Date and time: May 16 (Fri.), 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

73rd "An Evening of Chanson, Songs of the Heart Sung in French"

Performers: Kiyoshi Mori (chanson singer), Yuji Ueda (piano)

Program: "Paris canaille," "C'est si bon," and others

Date and time: June 20 (Fri.), 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Both concerts:

Place: La Mall Ashiya 1F Plaza (Atrium)

Admission: Free

Capacity: 100

2. Cooking Cuisines of the World

31st Lesson: Traditional Hawaiian Food

Instructor: Mr. Fujiwara

Date and time: June 28 (Sat.), 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Place: Ashiya Citizens' Center Cooking Classroom

Menu: *Lao lao*, macadamia nut dumpling cake dessert, and more.

Fee: ¥1,500 members, ¥1,800 non-members (an ingredients fee of ¥1,500 will be collected from those who cancel on the day of the event.)

Capacity: 23 (reservations required). Men are encouraged to participate!

Items to bring: Apron, kitchen towel

* Reservations will be accepted starting May 12 (Mon.)

3. Carpe Diem Society

1st Meeting: The Background of Chanson (French Songs)

Instructor: Tadashi Matsushima (professor at Kyoto University)

Date and time: April 29 (Tue., a national holiday) 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Place: ACA

Fee: ¥500 members, ¥1,000 non-members

Capacity: 40 (reservations required)

2nd Meeting: Enjoy Chanson — Listen to a Radio Program (Jane Birkin) with Prof. Matsushima

Date and time: May 23 (Fri.) 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Place: ACA

Fee: Actual copy costs

Capacity: 20 (reservations required)

4. Philippines School Project 2003

Dates: August 9 (Sat.) to 17 (Sun.) (8 nights, 9 days)

Place: Amsic Elementary School, Pampanga, Luzon Island, Philippines

Program: Recorder lessons

Participation Fee: ¥150,000

Capacity: About 15 people (Names will be drawn randomly if there are more than this number of applicants.)

Eligibility:

- Mentally and physically healthy adults 15 years of age or older as of April 1, 2003.
- ACA members (non-members may apply and become members if selected).
- Must be flexible and willing to fully experience life in an Asian farming village.
- Must be cooperative and willing to participate in group activities.

Pre-departure training: July 6 (Sun.), July 13 (Sun.) and August 2 (Sat.).

To apply: Fill out the designated application form and submit it to ACA in person, by mail or by fax.

Deadline: Applications must be received by June 16 (Mon.), 6:15 p.m.

Orientation: June 1 (Sun.) from 10:00 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. at the ACA

Application and inquiries: Ashiya Cosmopolitan Association (ACA)

Address: La Mall Ashiya 2F, 2-6-209 Ohara-cho, Ashiya-shi, Hyogo-ken 659-0092

Tel: 0797-34-6340 **Fax:** 0797-34-6341

E-mail: aca@sannet.ne.jp **URL:** <http://www02.so-net.ne.jp/~aca/>