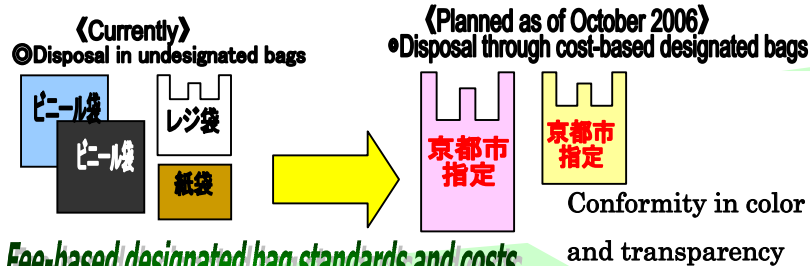


Basic Policy for Inducting a Cost-Based Designated Garbage Bag Program for Household Garbage Collection

The report, "Definitive Measures for Inducting a Designated Garbage Bag Program," was submitted by the Committee for the Promotion of Waste Material Reduction, summarizing the basic policy for inducting the Cost-Based Designated Garbage Bag Program for household garbage collection. The objectives of inducting the Cost-Based Designated Garbage Bag Program are to reexamine garbage from daily life, and to further promote waste reduction and recycling while creating an opportunity to shift our present lifestyles, which result in mass quantities of production, consumption and waste.

Primary Features of the Basic Policy

The Cost-Based Designated Garbage Bag Program is one wherein the city residents use municipally designated garbage bags to dispose of garbage. Through this program, improvements can be made to promote reduction and separation of waste and recycling while making the burden of costs for waste disposal fair. Further, the designated garbage bags will be made semitransparent in consideration of privacy, and business-related and recyclable garbage will be made separate using transparent garbage bags to prevent being mixed with hazardous materials.



Category		Transparency	Size	Estimated Cost Each (tax incl.)
Regular Garbage (Household Garbage)		Semitransparent	45L	50 Yen
			30L	30 Yen
			10L	10 Yen
Recyclables	Cans, Glass Bottles, Plastic Bottles, Plastic Boxes and Wrapping	Transparent	45L	25 Yen
	Small-Sized Metals		30L	15 Yen
		Transparent (not disposed in designated bags)		

It is estimated that household garbage will be reduced by 20% with the induction of this program. It is our mission to leave a better environment for the next generation. Reduction of CO2 and other green house gases is possible through the further promotion of waste reduction and recycling, leading to solutions to global environmental problems.

The schedule of implementation is planned as follows:

2005	October	...	Announcement of basic policy for inducting the Cost-Based Designated Garbage Bag Program
2006	January	...	Kyoto City's decision on final policy (tent.)
	February	...	Submission of ordinance amendment to city council (tent.)
	April	...	Start of PR activity for the induction of the Cost-Based Designated Garbage Bag Program (tent.)
	September	...	Distribution of trial bags and garbage dictionaries to all homes (tent.)
	October	...	Induction of Cost-Based Designated Garbage Bag Program (tent.)



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