

From the 1st April 2010

# Please do not use plastic shopping bags as rubbish bags.

## < Reducing plastic shopping bags >

According to the Law for Promotion of Sorted Collection and Recycling of Containers and Packaging, Japan is trying to reduce the use of plastic bags. Hamamatsu City is promoting the reduction of rubbish and plastic shopping bags through the movement of bringing your own "my bag" or "my basket" when shopping.



## < Toward the integration of specified rubbish bags >

In Hamamatsu City, the use of specified rubbish bags and plastic shopping bags to throw out rubbish differs from to region. In order to integrate the use of specified rubbish bags over plastic shopping bags, the whole city is requested to not use plastic shopping bags to throw out your rubbish.

## < Recycling plastic shopping bags >

As we are aiming to recycle plastic shopping bags as plastic packaging, please throw out your rubbish on the day designated for "plastic containers/packaging". It will be re-used as plastic resource.

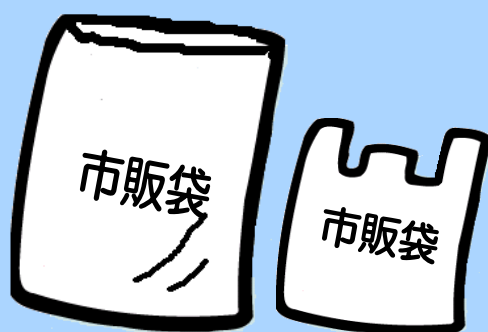
## < Towards the reduction of rubbish >

Many plastic shopping bags are thrown out as rubbish or used as small bags inside a larger rubbish bags.

By purchasing rubbish bags as needed and not using inner rubbish bags, you can increase your awareness of rubbish reduction and refrain from producing excess rubbish.

By reducing the amount of rubbish, the cost of rubbish disposal can be reduced as well as the reduction of carbon dioxide which is one of the causes of global warming.

## Bags which can be used



- Specified plastic bags ( Transparent/semi-transparent polyethylene bags less than 45 liters )
- ・ Please use bags which are sold at supermarkets and home centers. ( These bags are not specifically produced by the city )
- ・ Please use bags appropriate to your household, such as 20 or 30 liter bags with handle.
- ・ When disposing of raw kitchen rubbish or other dirty rubbish, please use bags other than that of plastic shopping bags when disposing of it.

During the 3 month period following April, if rubbish is disposed of in bags other than those specified, it will be reported to your local governing association.

After July, it will be treated as a violation of the rule.

We ask for everyone's cooperation and understanding.

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