

TAIWAN FACTSHEET

Need to Know “Garbage Disposal”



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Many buildings will offer a trash pick-up service, times and fees will differ depending on the management company



Time & location of the garbage pick-up in your area can be found on the Taipei City Gov't page <https://goo.gl/eikx8t>



For Taipei & New Taipei City you will need to purchase government issued bags. They can be found at most convenience stores starting at NT\$36 (US1.00) for 20-pack



The ubiquitous song heard when the garbage truck arrives is Beethoven's "Für Elise" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1nfkHm6GGlc>



Recycling & Composting of raw food can also be done at the same time as garbage collection, two open top trucks will follow the main yellow garbage truck



Appliance and other large items can be arranged for collection, call to phone number 1999 can provide guidance on this

For over 35 years Taiwan's garbage system consists of scheduled pick-up times up to three times a day for each neighborhood. Being a densely populated and subtropical island this has been vital in keeping Taiwan a clean, sanitary environment. An unexpected side effect has turned the mundane task of "taking the garbage out" into mini block party. Neighbors can often be seen socializing as they wait for the truck to arrive.



Foreigners Toll Free Hotline 0800-024111 (English)