

# Promotion of Recycling and Reuse aiming for Zero Waste



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## Situation

In the past, residents of Kamikatsu Town burned their own waste in fields, but that practice was halted after a directive from Tokushima Prefecture. At the same time, municipal finances were not sufficient for the purchase of a new incinerator for disposing of the town's refuse. The Town investigated various waste processing methods and recycling strategies as alternatives to the construction of an incinerator and settled upon the idea of composting food waste. This work led naturally to advanced initiatives for the sorting of waste.

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## Actions

1. Through the use of in-home electric waste disposal machines, households convert food waste into compost.
2. Waste is sorted into all types of recyclables to be collected by recycling businesses.
3. We do not use waste collection vehicles. Residents bring their waste to a community general intermediate waste treatment facility
4. The establishment of a recycling shop where residents can bring things they no longer use, but which are still useable, and people who have a use for an item can take it free of charge.

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## Impact

A recycling rate of 80% was achieved through the composting of food waste and the thorough sorting of other waste. At the same time, we have been working on reusing waste and reducing incineration and landfill volume from 136T to 61T in 10 years.

We will continue to work aggressively to reduce waste.

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