

Chronological Table

Year	Transition	Events concerning Waste Management		Social Situation	Waste Generation (million tons)		GDP per capita (thousand JPY)
		Legal Framework	Technology		Municipal Waste	Industrial Waste	
1950	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #f4a460; width: 10px; height: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 2px;">Public Health Improvement</div> <div style="background-color: #f4a460; width: 10px; height: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 2px;">Pollution Problems and Living Environment Protection</div> <div style="background-color: #f4a460; width: 10px; height: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 2px;">Establishment of a Sound Material-Cycle Society</div> </div>	1954 Public Cleansing Act		1954 to 1973 High Economic Growth Period	6		
1960		1963 Act on Emergency Measures concerning the Development of Living Environment Facilities		1964 Tokyo Olympic Games	9		178
		1967 Basic Law for Environmental Pollution Control			16		343
1970		1970 Waste Management Act		ca.1970 Pollution became tangible 1970 Osaka Expo 1971 War against Waste in Tokyo 1973 Oil Crisis ("Oil Shock") 1975 Okinawa Expo	28		722
		1976 Amendment of Waste Management Act		1979 Second Oil Crisis	42	236	1,361
			1979 Waste Treatment Facility Structure Guideline 1979 Final Disposal Site Structural Guidelines	1979 Tokyo Summit			
1980		1981 Wide-area Coastal Environment Development Center Act			44	292	2,123
		1983 Septic Tank Law		1985 Tsukuba Expo 1986 Tokyo Summit 1986 to 1991 Bubble Economy Period	42	312	2,731
1990				1990 Osaka Expo	50	395	3,655
			1991 Amendment of Waste Management Act 1991 Law for the Promotion of Effective Utilization of Resources 1992 Act to Promote the Development of Specified Facilities for the Disposal of Industrial Waste 1992 Japanese Basel Act 1993 Basic Environment Law	1991 Guidelines for the Promotion of Planned Disposal of Fishery Waste 1993 Tokyo Summit			
		1994 Containers and Packaging Recycling Law	1994 The First Basic Environmental Plan	52	394	4,113	
		1997 Act on Special Measures Concerning the Promotion of New Energy Usage 1997 Amendment of Waste Management Act	1997 Guidelines for Prevention of Dioxin Emissions from Waste Management 1997 The 3rd Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Kyoto Conference				
		1998 Home Appliance Recycling Law	1998 Waste Treatment Facility Performance Guidelines 1998 Nagano Olympic Games				
		1999 Law Concerning Special Measures against Dioxins 1999 Act on Promotion of Private Finance Initiative	1999 Basic Guidelines for the Promotion of Measures against Dioxins				
2000		2000 Basic Act for Establishing a Sound Material-Cycle Society 2000 Construction Material Recycling Law 2000 Food Waste Recycling Law 2000 Act on Promoting Green Procurement 2000 Amendment of Waste Management Act	2000 Final Disposal Site Performance Guideline 2000 The Second Basic Environmental Plan	2000 Kyushu/Okinawa Summit	55	406	4,165
		2001 Act on Special Measures concerning Promotion of Proper Treatment of PCB Wastes		2001 Reorganization of Central Ministries			
		2002 End-of-Life Vehicle Recycling Law					
		2003 Act on Special Measures concerning Removal of Environmental Problems Caused by Specified Industrial Wastes 2003 to 06 Amendment of Waste Management Act					
			2005 Manual for Calculation of Remaining Capacity of Final Disposal Sites 2005 Aichi Expo	53	422	4,114	
			2006 The Third Basic Environmental Plan 2006 Guideline for Living Environment Impact Assessment of Waste Management Facilities				
		2009 Act on Promoting Treatment of Marine Debris		2009 Eco Point System			
2010		2010 Amendment of Waste Management Act			45	386	3,901
		2011 Act on Special Measures Concerning Procurement of Electricity from Renewable Energy Sources by Electricity Utilities		2011 The Great East Japan Earthquake			
		2012 Small Home Appliance Recycling Act	2012 The Forth Basic Environmental Plan				
			2014 Guideline for Disaster Waste Management				
		2015/17 Amendment of Waste Management Act			44	391	4,193
			2016 Guideline for Formulation of Basic Waste Treatment Plan 2017 Mercury Waste Guidelines 2018 The Fifth Basic Environmental Plan 2018 Manual for Treatment of Infectious Waste				
2020		2020 Amendment of Waste Management Act	2020 Guidelines for Prevention of COVID-19 Infection related to Waste				
		2022 Plastic Resource Recycling Promotion Act		2021 Tokyo Olympic Games			

Source: Waste Generation Amount: History and Current State of Waste Management in Japan (Ministry of Environment)
GDP per capita: Annual Report on the Japanese Economy and Public Finance 2020 (Cabinet Office)