

# 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	Public Health Improvement	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 1967 Basic Law for Environmental Pollution Control		1964 Tokyo Olympic Games	9 16		178 343
1970		1970 Waste Management Act 1976 Amendment of Waste Management Act	1979 Waste Treatment Facility Structure Guideline 1979 Final Disposal Site Structural Guidelines	ca.1970 Pollution became tangible 1970 Osaka Expo 1971 War against Waste in Tokyo 1973 Oil Crisis ("Oil Shock") 1975 Okinawa Expo 1979 Second Oil Crisis 1979 Tokyo Summit	28 42	236	722 1,361
1980		1981 Wide-area Coastal Environment Development Center Act 1983 Septic Tank Law		1985 Tsukuba Expo 1986 Tokyo Summit 1986 to 1991 Bubble Economy Period	44 42	292 312	2,123 2,731
1990	Establishment of a Sound Material-Cycle Society	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 1995 Containers and Packaging Recycling Law 1997 Act on Special Measures Concerning the Promotion of New Energy Usage 1997 Amendment of Waste Management Act 1998 Home Appliance Recycling Law 1999 Law Concerning Special Measures against Dioxins 1999 Act on Promotion of Private Finance Initiative	1991 Guidelines for the Promotion of Planned Disposal of Fishery Waste 1994 The First Basic Environmental Plan 1997 Guidelines for Prevention of Dioxin Emissions from Waste Management 1998 Waste Treatment Facility Performance Guidelines 1999 Basic Guidelines for the Promotion of Measures against Dioxins	1990 Osaka Expo 1993 Tokyo Summit 1995 Great Hanshin Earthquake 1997 The 3rd Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Kyoto Conference 1998 Nagano Olympic Games	50 52	395 394	3,655 4,113
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 2001 Act on Special Measures concerning Promotion of Proper Treatment of PCB Wastes 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 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	2000 Final Disposal Site Performance Guideline 2000 The Second Basic Environmental Plan 2005 Aichi Expo	2000 Kyushu/Okinawa Summit 2001 Reorganization of Central Ministries 2005 Aichi Expo	55 53	406 422	4,165 4,114
2010		2010 Amendment of Waste Management Act 2011 Act on Special Measures Concerning Procurement of Electricity from Renewable Energy Sources by Electricity Utilities 2012 Small Home Appliance Recycling Act 2015/17 Amendment of Waste Management Act	2012 The Forth Basic Environmental Plan 2014 Guideline for Disaster Waste Management 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	2011 The Great East Japan Earthquake	45 44	386 391	3,901 4,193
2020		2020 Amendment of Waste Management Act 2022 Plastic Resource Recycling Promotion Act	2020 Guidelines for Prevention of COVID-19 Infection related to Waste	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)