

# Tochigi's Declaration of Zero Plastic Waste in Forests, the Countryside, Rivers, and Lakes

Plastic is a useful substance that benefits our lifestyles in many convenient ways. However, when that plastic flows out to the ocean, it remains in the environment for long periods of time and impacts the ecosystem.

Marine plastic waste flows from mountains into rivers and from rivers into the ocean. Because Tochigi Prefecture is located upstream of the ocean, it is necessary that we in Tochigi start to think of this as our own problem.

For this reason, Tochigi Prefecture and its municipalities have joined together to reduce the use of unnecessary disposable plastics and promote the use of reusable and biodegradable plastics, as well as to spread information about proper plastic recycling and disposal methods and ways to maintain a responsible relationship with plastic.

Tochigi hereby declares its goal to work toward zero plastic waste in its forests, the countryside, rivers, and lakes.

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# Plastics Smart

## Tochigi Prefecture

Utsunomiya	Ashikaga	Tochigi City	Sano
Kanuma	Nikko	Oyama	Nasushiobara
Otawara	Moka	Nasukarasuyama	
Shimotsuke	Yaita	Sakura	Kaminokawa Town
Mashiko Town	Haga Town	Ichikai Town	Motegi Town
Mibu Town	Nogi Town	Shioya Town	Takanezawa Town
Nasu Town	Nakagawa Town		