



What happens to used train tickets and other refuse?

Dedicated recycling centers improve refuse-recycling rate

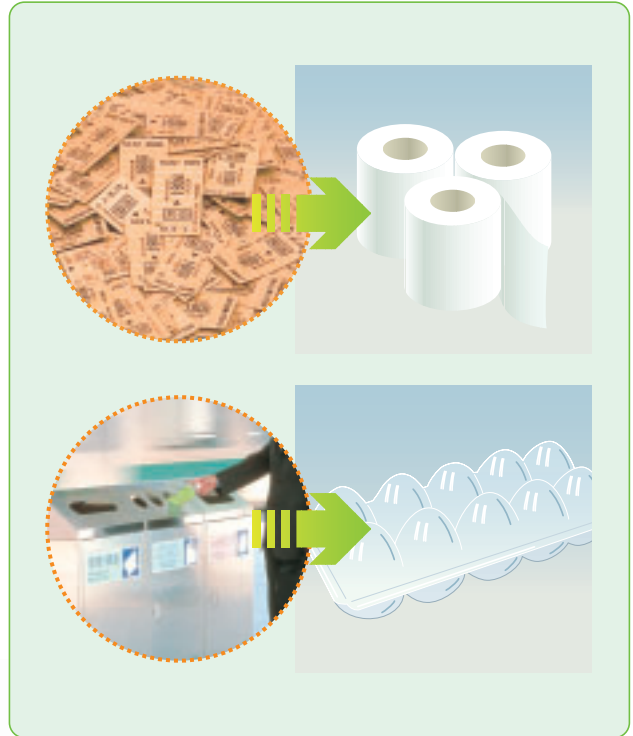
People worldwide are working to end the cycle of mass-production, mass-consumption, and mass-disposal. JR East takes part in promoting a zero-emission society by expanding recycling activities.

JR East has approximately 560,000 tons of refuse per year. Approximately 50,000 tons of garbage are discarded by customers on trains or at stations, including newspapers, magazines, PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate) bottles, aluminum cans, and so forth. These are mainly processed at JR East recycling centers.

Used train tickets are made into toilet paper. Newspapers and magazines are recycled into copy paper for use at our offices. Through these efforts we recycled 37% of the waste generated at stations and on trains in FY 2002.

74% of the industrial waste generated in rolling stock plants and 84% from construction sites was also recycled.

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Shinkiba Recycling Center

The Center sorts out newspapers and magazines collected from stations, then compresses and sends them to paper recycling facilities.

