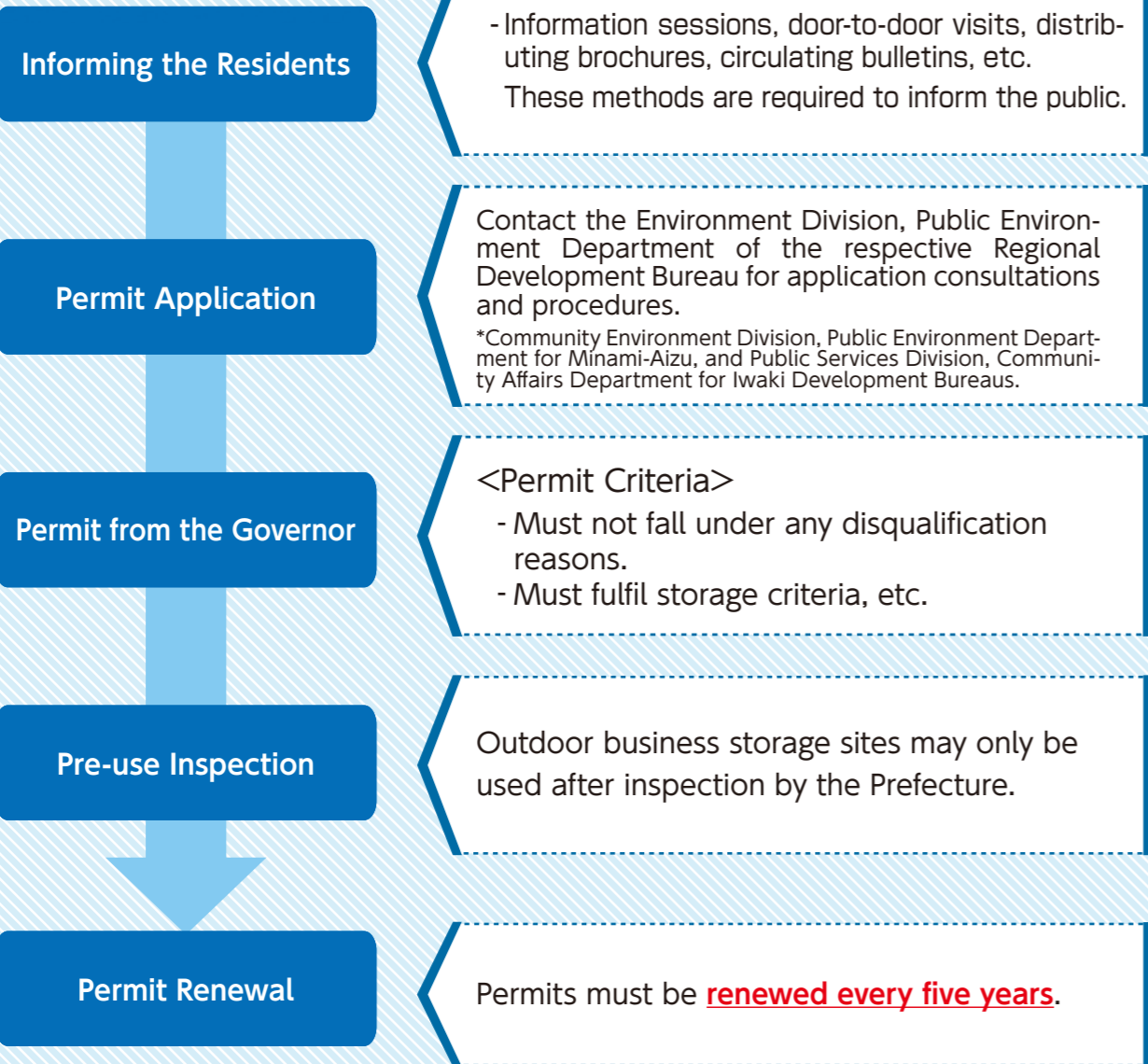


Flow of the Permit System

Applicable to **Outdoor Business Storage Sites with an Area Exceeding 100m²**

Procedure Flow



Violations of the ordinance are subject to **administrative action or penalties**.

Contact: Enquiries About the Ordinance

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Contacts: Enquiries about notifications, permits, and other procedures

“Kenmin-kankyo-bu, Kankyo-ka” (Environment Division, Public Environment Department) of the respective Regional Development Bureau

* “Kenmin-kankyo-bu, Kenmin-kankyo-ka” (Community Environment Division, Public Environment Department) for Minami-Aizu, and Kenmin-bu, Kenmin-sekatu-ka (Public Services Division, Community Affairs Department) for Iwaki Development Bureaus.



Contact details are available via the QR code (Japanese only).

The ordinance regulating the outdoor storage of metals and plastics will come into force

Fukushima Prefectural Ordinance for the Proper Outdoor Storage of Specified Recyclable Resources) Will take effect on 1 January 2025

- Outdoor business storage sites storing metals and plastics collected for recycling for business will be regulated by the ordinance.
- A permit from the Prefecture will be required to establish outdoor business storage sites that exceeds 100 m².



For operators who have already established an outdoor storage site, submitting a notification within the designated period deems them to have obtained a permit as of 1 January 2025, the date the ordinance takes effect (**deemed permit**).
The designated period: **From 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025**.

Subjects of Regulation

Specified Recyclable Resources	Recyclable resources collected for recycling, as listed below: - Metals or Metal Mixtures (including dismantled, crushed, compressed, or treated materials) - Plastics or Plastic Mixtures (including dismantled, crushed, compressed, or treated materials)
Outdoor Business Storage Sites	Outdoor business storage sites for specified recyclable resources.
Regulated Parties	Business operators who store specified recyclable resources outdoors to trade them as part of their operations. *Exemptions: (1) Outdoor storage conducted by national or local governments. (2) Outdoor storage at facilities specified under the Port and Harbour Act. (3) Outdoor storage conducted by operators designated in the enforcement regulations as capable of proper storage.

- Establishing an outdoor business storage site without prefectural permission
- Violating the provisions of the ordinance by continuing to store specified recyclable resources **outside without submitting a notification within the designated period**

The above actions will result in imprisonment of up to 2 years or a fine of up to 1 million yen.

Outdoor Storage Criteria

Storage standards must be met for the outdoor storage of specified recyclable resources

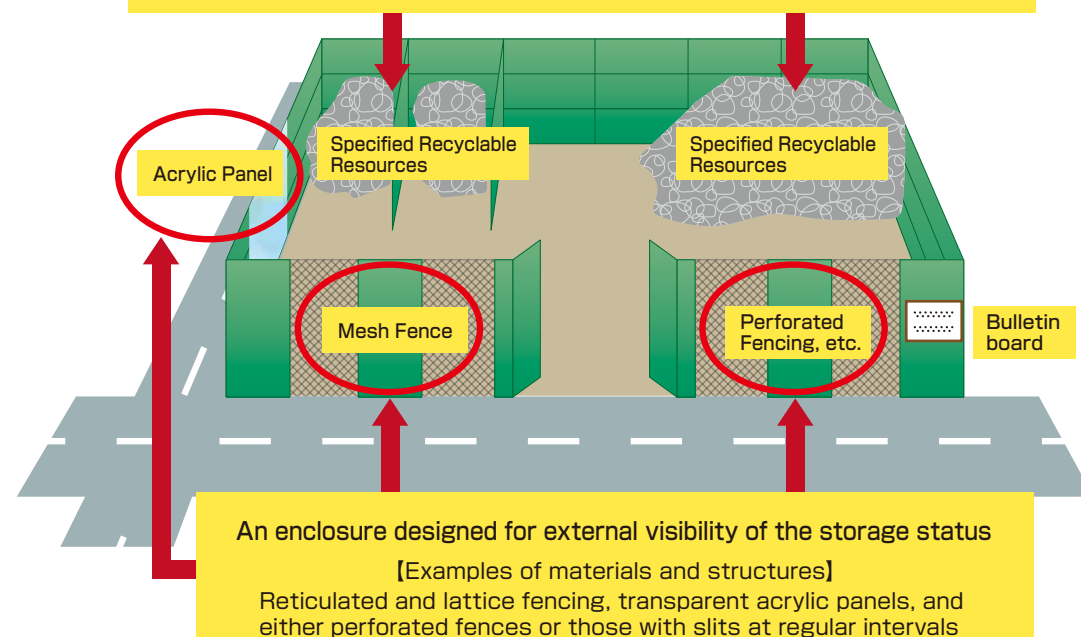
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- ① **Storage Sites** (Not applicable to outdoor business storage sites with an area of 100 m² or smaller).
 - **Install an enclosure** designed to allow external visibility of the storage status.
 - **Install a notice board** indicating the specific recyclable resources and other materials are stored.
- The following applies to all outdoor business storage sites for specified recyclable resources, regardless of the site area.
- ② **Measures Against the Generation and Spillage of Wastewater and Oil**
 - If the enclosure is or may be subjected to the load of the specified recyclable resources, **it must be structurally safe**.
 - **The height** of stored specified recyclable resources **shall be 5 m or less**.
 - In areas with a risk of wastewater or oil spillage, **the floor must be covered with impermeable materials, and oil-water separators and drains must be installed**.
 - ③ **Measures Against the Generation of Vibration and Noise**
 - **Mitigate noise and vibration** to prevent any impact on the living environment of the residents.
 - ④ **Measures to Prevent the Outbreak and Spread of Fire**
 - **Do not mix** specified recyclable resources with other materials; **store them separately**.
 - ⑤ **Prevention of Rats and Insect Pests**
 - **Prevent rats from inhabiting** the premises, and control mosquitoes, flies, and other pests from infesting the area.

These are the primary conditions.

Enclosure Structure

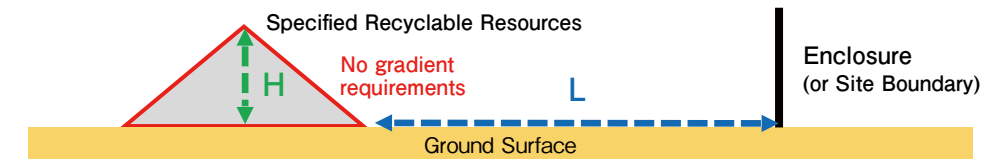
If the load directly affects the enclosure, it must be structurally safe



Height of Storage

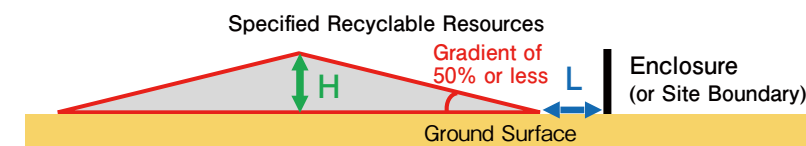
The height of stored materials (**H**) shall be **5 m or less** and meet the following requirements.

① Cases Where the Load Does Not Directly Affect the Enclosure



- The shortest distance (**L**) from the storage area to the enclosure (or site boundary) must be **at least 1.5 times** the height (**H**).
- No gradient requirements.

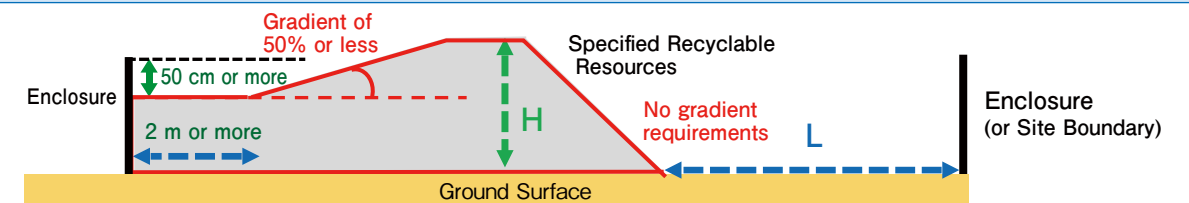
Cases where sufficient distance cannot be maintained between the storage area and the enclosure (or site boundary).



- **No requirement exists for** a minimum distance (**L**) between the storage area and the enclosure (or site boundary).
- The gradient shall be **50% or less (equivalent to an angle of approx. 26.6° or less)**.

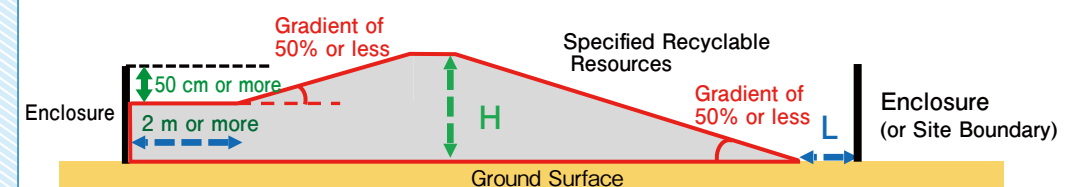
② Cases Where the Load Directly Affects the Enclosure

- The height of stored materials must be **at least 50 cm below** the top of the enclosure when within 2 metres of it.
- The gradient of stored materials beyond 2 metres from the enclosure should be **50% or less (equivalent to an angle of approx. 26.6° or less)**.



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- No gradient requirements.

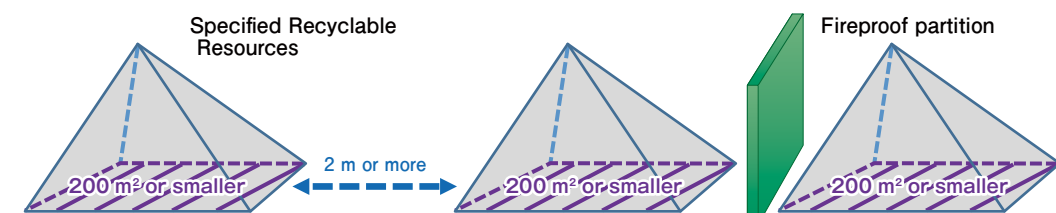
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Other Requirements

(Except in Cases Where the Specified Recyclable Resources Being Stored Are Metals Only)



- The storage area for specified recyclable resources shall be **200 m² or smaller** per unit.
- A separation of **2 m or more** must be maintained between each storage unit (except in cases where non-combustible partitions are used).