



Policy for the future:

We will reduce the depletion of global resources by recycling as much as possible, and will prepare for emergencies by landfills.
We will cultivate forests where all functions such as wood production.
We are working to prevent global warming through the creation and utilization of renewable energy.

■ Specific Efforts

● Food recycling loop

Starting in 2014, the Food Recycling Loop fermented and composted food residues discharged from each AEON Group store and supplied to adjacent AEON-directly managed farms. This is a resource-cycling effort to sell harvested agricultural products at the AEON Store. In 2016, the Japan Soil Association received food recycling fertilizer certification. In addition, it has been registered with organic JAS materials, allowing the labeling of organic agricultural products and organics in agricultural products.

● Natural forest regeneration in Odai Town, Mie Prefecture

In 2016, a forest regeneration project was initiated under the guidance of academic experts in ‘Naturally distributed forests (near-natural forest-building techniques to address local seedling development)’ in collaboration with local residents, the Miyagawa Forest Association, and the Matsuzaka Agriculture and Forest Office in Mie, while disaster recovery work by Mie Prefecture is ongoing in a large-scale mountain breakdown site caused by the typhoon disaster in 2011 in Odai Town, Mie Prefecture. We have planted seedlings and test planting, and planting has started in fiscal 2020 and is planted in fiscal 2022. In a series of programs, group employees also participate in study sessions, seed production, and seedling production. Awareness of biodiversity is being raised through diverse forest cultivation.

■ Future Issues, etc.

- Creation of energy by practical application of methane fermentation gas generation.

There is a technology to extract biogas from organic waste containing high moisture, such as household waste and food residue, by methane fermentation through the action of methane bacteria. In addition to using these gases as fuels for generating gas engines, we are working to build systems that use fermentation facilities as gas stations and circulate as motor vehicle fuels. Moreover, we believe that an ideal non-wasteful circulation system will be completed by composting fermented residues that remain after the gas is removed in the facility and supplying them to the farm, and we are currently embarking on the construction of the facility.

