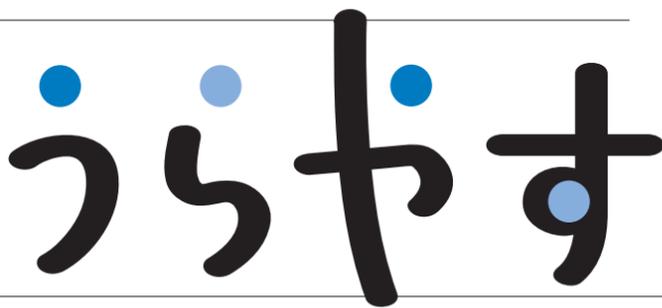




City News



U R A Y A S U

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Population and No. of Households in Urayasu

Population: 169,149
Male: 82,202
Female: 86,947
Households: 83,038
Foreign Residents: 4,114
(As of October 31, 2022)

Announcements for the New Year's Holidays

Garbage Collection



Category	Nekozone, Kitazakae, Todaijima		Kairaku, Mihama, Irifune, Hinode, Akemi		Horie, Higashino, Fujimi, Maihama, Tekkadori 3-chome		Tomioka, Imagawa, Benten, Takasu, Minato, Tekkadori 1-chome/2-chome, Chidori	
	December (last collection date)	January (first collection date)	December (last collection date)	January (first collection date)	December (last collection date)	January (first collection date)	December (last collection date)	January (first collection date)
Combustible garbage	30 (Fri.)	4 (Wed.)	30 (Fri.)	4 (Wed.)	29 (Thu.)	5 (Thu.)	29 (Thu.)	5 (Thu.)
Noncombustible garbage, hazardous garbage	20 (Tue.)	10 (Tue.)	15 (Thu.)	5 (Thu.)	21 (Wed.)	4(Wed.)	16 (Fri.)	6 (Fri.)
Newspapers, magazines, cardboard boxes	26 (Mon.)	9 (Mon.)	26 (Mon.)	9 (Mon.)	24 (Sat.)	7 (Sat.)	24 (Sat.)	7 (Sat.)
Glass bottles, cans, plastic PET bottles	27 (Tue.)	10 (Tue.)	29 (Thu.)	5 (Thu.)	28 (Wed.)	11(Wed.)	30 (Fri.)	6 (Fri.)

Inquiries: Garbage-Free Section Tel: 712-6467

Illegal Dumping of Garbage is a Crime

Illegal dumping of garbage becomes a very common problem during the end of the year when the amount of garbage generated increases. Illegally dumping garbage is a crime punishable by imprisonment for up to 5 years, or a fine of up to 10 million yen.

Additionally, opportunities to consume alcohol increases during the New Year's holidays. There have been cases of cigarette butts and empty cans littered in parks and on the streets due to people drinking and smoking. Cigarettes should only be smoked in the designated smoking areas, and garbage should be taken home and disposed of separately.

Inquiries: Environmental Health Section Tel: 712-6495

Public Facility Holidays

Name of facility	Period	Name of facility	Period
Urayasu City Hall	December 29 (Thu.) to January 3 (Tue.)	Culture Hall	December 29 (Thu.) to January 3 (Tue.)
International Center	December 29 (Thu.) to January 3 (Tue.)	Citizens Plaza	December 29 (Thu.) to January 4 (Wed.)
Community Centers	December 28 (Wed.) to January 3 (Tue.)	Child Support Center	December 29 (Thu.) to January 3 (Tue.)
Chuo Library	December 29 (Thu.) to January 4 (Wed.)	Bardral Urayasu Arena (Sports Park Gymnasium), Indoor Swimming Pool	December 29 (Thu.) to January 4 (Wed.)
Library Branches	December 28 (Wed.) to January 4 (Wed.)	Chuo Martial Arts Gymnasium	December 29 (Thu.) to January 4 (Wed.)
Mare Library Service Corner, Urayasu Station and Maihama Station Administrative Service Center Library Service	December 29 (Thu.) to January 3 (Tue.)	Traffic Park	December 28 (Wed.) to January 4 (Wed.)

April 2023 Enrollment Applications for Child-Rearing Clubs

We provide "a home-like environment" for children after school. This service is available for elementary school students living in Urayasu City whose guardians cannot be home during the day, due to work or other reasons.

●Enrollment Requirements

One of the following requirements must be met:

- The child's guardian is either at work, school, or is a care-giver for a relative for at least 15 days or more per month, for a minimum of four hours per day, and returns home generally after 3 p.m.
- The child's guardian is unable to care for the child at home due to childbirth, illness, disability, etc.

● Application Acceptance Period

January 6, 2023 (Fri.) (must be postmarked by this date)

*Excluding Saturdays and New Year's holidays

*If you cannot meet the application deadline due to reasons such as transfer, relocation or hospitalization, etc., please contact the Youth Services Section.

●Application method

Please submit the application form (downloadable from the Urayasu City website or distributed at the Youth Services Section (Urayasu City Hall 2F) or any of the child-rearing clubs) along with documents proving that childcare cannot be provided at home (certificate of employment, medical certificate, etc. for all guardians) in person or by mail (acceptance-recorded mail or registered mail) to the Youth Services Section, Urayasu City Hall, 279-8501.

Please note that if you are currently a member of a child-rearing club, you may submit your application to your club by December 24 (Sat.).

Inquiries: Youth Services Section Tel: 712-6453



Please Keep Your Cats Indoors

Keeping cats outdoors can cause problems for neighbors, such as defecating on other people's property or rummage through their garbage. There are also risks of infectious diseases and traffic accidents. However, these can all be prevented by keeping them indoors. When keeping cats indoors, make sure they do not escape through open doors, provide them with a place to eat and rest, toilet train them, give them an adequate amount of exercise, and create a comfortable indoor environment for them.



Inquiries: Environmental Health Section **Tel:** 712-6495

Opening of the Sanbanze Kaihin Waterfront Facility

Date and time: December 25 (Sun.), 2022 and January 22 (Sun.), February 5 (Sun.), March 25 (Sun.), 2023, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Sanbanze Kaihin Waterfront Facility



Note: No application required, please come directly to the venue.

Inquiries: Sanbanze Environmental Observation Center **Tel:** 711-1601 (Environmental Preservation Section)

Collection of Discarded Postcards

All collected postcards will be transported to a paper mill to be recycled.

Collection period: Until January 31 (Tue.), 2023

Collection location: Urayasu City Hall 1F, City Service Centers in front of each station, and Venous Plaza

Inquiries: Garbage-Free Section **Tel:** 712-6485

Intercultural Exchange with Handmade Crafts

Date and time: December 5 (Mon.) to 23 (Fri.) (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) from 9:30 a.m. to 0:30 p.m.

Location: International Center (Inside IL Mare)

Details: Making Christmas decorations

Fee: 100 yen

Note: No application required, please come directly to the venue. The event will end as soon as materials run out.

Inquiries: International Center **Tel:** 306-5181



Asking for Your Cooperation in Preventing Wintertime Air Pollution

In the winter, the atmosphere is more stagnant and the concentration of air pollutants tends to be denser. We ask for your cooperation in reducing emissions of air pollutants. Also, field burning is prohibited.

- Key points for energy conservation
 - Wear heavy layers of clothing and reduce the use of heaters.
 - Choose equipment that emits fewer air pollutants.
 - Use public transportation.
 - Use eco-cars and car sharing services.
 - Practice eco-driving.

Inquiries: Environmental Preservation Section **Tel:** 352-6482

Please Beware of Bird Flu

It is the time of year when bird flu outbreaks occur throughout the country. Although it is believed to not be contagious through normal everyday contact, we ask that you take the following precautions.

- Do not touch emaciated or dead wild birds with your bare hands.
- Do not get too close to wild birds, since their droppings, which can carry the virus, may get on the soles of your shoes, etc. (Wash your hands and gargle after coming in contact with bird droppings.)
- Do not chase or catch wild birds.

Inquiries: Environmental Preservation Section **Tel:** 352-6482

Record Concert

Date and time: December 15 (Thu.) and 16 (Fri.) from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Chuo Library

Eligibility: Those who are either residing, working, or studying in Urayasu city, 34 people on a first-come, first-served basis



Details: Enjoy listening to analog records of classical and jazz music

Application: Please apply at the Chuo Library by telephone (**Tel:** 352-4646) or through the Chuo Library homepage (<http://library.city.urayasu.chiba.jp>) starting from 10 a.m. on December 2 (Fri.)

Inquiries: Chuo Library



Japanese Language Study Support Class

Applications for the Japanese language study support classes conducted by the UIFA (Urayasu International Friendship



Association) will no longer be accepted at the Local Activities Promotion Section of Urayasu City Hall, but instead at the International Center. Please inquire for more information about the classes.

Inquiries: International Center **Tel:** 306-5181 (Local Activities Promotion Section)

Emergency Assistance Benefits for Price Hikes in Electricity, Gas, Food, etc.

50,000 yen per household will be provided to tax-exempt households and households undergoing a sudden change in family finances*.

*Households that are registered as Urayasu City residents at the time of application, and do not fall under the category of tax-exempt households, but have unexpectedly experienced a sudden change in family finances since January 2022 and are deemed to be in the same situation as households that are exempt from flat-rate residence tax of the year 2022.

© Households experiencing a sudden change in family finances should apply by telephone to the Urayasu City Emergency Assistance Benefits for Electricity, Gas, and Food Price Hikes (**Tel:** 707-2660) by January 31, 2023 (Tue.)

Inquiries: Urayasu City Emergency Assistance Benefits for Electricity, Gas, and Food Price Hikes

A Stroll with the Mayor

Etsushi Uchida, Mayor of Urayasu City

Large-scale Renovation of Public Facilities

Novel coronavirus infections seem to have settled down, but we still cannot foresee the time when it will completely end.

We ask all residents to take necessary preventative measures in various situations. We also ask that you appropriately consider when to put on and take off your mask, depending on the circumstances.

Rapid urbanization, including residential development that began in the 1950s, was the driving force behind the development of Urayasu City. Along with the development of housing, public facilities such as elementary and junior high schools, kindergartens, nursery schools, and community centers were also built to support the lives of our residents.

All these public facilities are currently in need of large-scale renovations, and the task now is to figure out how to cover the costs.

Chiba Prefecture that implemented the public water reclamation project, covered the majority of costs for the new construction and maintenance tasks, but they will not be bearing the costs for the large-scale renovations.

Therefore, we will proceed with the renovations using our own financial resources, while fully utilizing national and prefectural subsidy programs and local government bonds.

In March 2017, the city formulated the "Urayasu City Comprehensive Management Plan for Public Facilities, etc." and laid out the road toward extending the service life of facilities and undergoing large-scale renovations. We are now proceeding with renovation efforts by carefully examining projects in the Urayasu City Implementation Plan, while also considering the financial impact of the pandemic.

39 facilities among schools, kindergartens, certified childcare centers, nursery schools, and community centers have started to be renovated over a 10 year-period from 2021 to 2030. Five facilities will be completed within 2022, and work is currently underway at Tomioka Junior High School and other locations.

In addition, facilities that have been established during the Heisei era will soon be in need of renovation, and we must also consider the ongoing renovations of other large-scale facilities, such as the Clean Center and the Sports Park Gymnasium.

From a period of development to a period of maturity, Urayasu City will now enter a full-fledged "era of maintenance and renovation."

Recyclable Waste Disposal Schedule

Collection Area	Bottles/Cans/ PET plastic bottles	Newspapers/ Magazines
Nekozane, Kitazakae, Todaijima	Every Tue.	Every Mon.
Horie, Higashino, Fujimi, Maihama, Tekkadori 3-chome	Every Wed.	Every Sat.
Kairaku, Mihama, Irifune, Hinode, Akemi	Every Thu.	Every Mon.
Tomioka, Imagawa, Benten, Takasu, Minato, Tekkadori 1- and 2-chome, Chidori	Every Fri.	Every Sat.

* Please put out your garbage between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. It is against the rules to put it out earlier or later than this designated time as it could become a nuisance in your neighborhood.

* Bulky items will be collected separately on request by phone. Call the Bulky Items Reception Center ☎ 305-4000. For inquiries, contact the Garbage-Free Section ☎ 712-6467.

FOREIGN RESIDENTS' ASSISTANCE DESK

Urayasu City provides consultation services concerning daily life such as medical, educational or job-related matters.

HOURS: 10 a.m. - 12 noon, 1 - 4 p.m. weekdays

LANGUAGES: English, French, Chinese, Polish, Russian and Japanese

PHONE NUMBER & LOCATION: 712-6910

Urayasu City Hall Local Activities Promotion Section

Foreign Residents Advisory Corner

Hours: Every Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., every Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Languages: English

Phone Number & Location: 306-5181, International Center