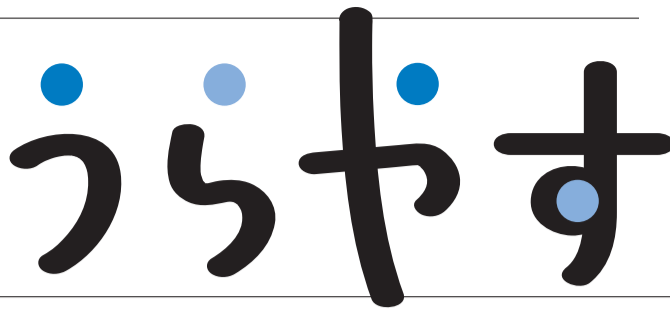




# City News



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### Population and No. of Households in Urayasu

Population: 170,406  
Male: 82,786  
Female: 87,620  
Households: 84,304  
Foreign Residents: 4,253  
(As of March 31, 2023)

## Urayasu - A City Connected by Greenery

Green plants have multiple functions and roles in various aspects related to health and recreation. For example, they protect the environment by improving urban settings and conserving the ecosystem. We can also expect them to play an effective role in absorbing greenhouse gases that are the cause of global warming. Urayasu City has designated April 15 to May 14 as the Greening Month to encourage green development within the community.

### Let's Grow a Green Wall

Green walls not only protect against strong summer sunlight, but they also help Urayasu City reach its goal of becoming a zero-carbon city. Why not take this opportunity to enjoy improving the environment by growing green walls from small seedlings?

#### [Sales Location for Green Wall Seedlings]

**Date and time:** **May 2** (Tue.), **3** (Wed., national holiday), **5** (Fri., national holiday), **7** (Sun.), 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Location:** Benten Fureai-no-Mori Park

#### [Seedling Types on Sale]

Bitter gourds, morning glories, cucumbers, mid-sized tomatoes, sponge gourds, Sennari bottle gourds, Cypress vines, balloon vines, and black-eyed peas.

**Note:** ¥100 for two pots. Available until supplies last.

**Inquiries:** Parks & Public Areas Section **Tel:** 712-6728

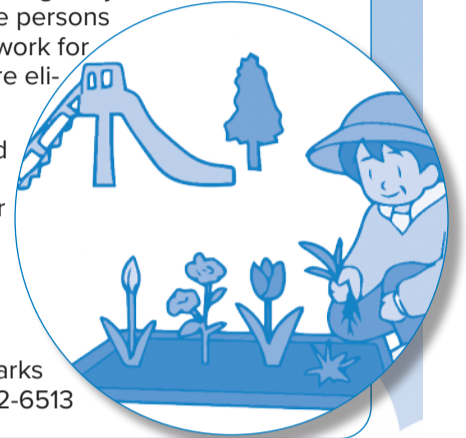


### The Park Care Program

This is a program supported by Urayasu City in which city residents participate in tree planting and beautification activities, such as by cleaning and maintaining the flowerbeds (plants) at parks they use regularly. Residents of Urayasu City composed of five persons or more who are available to work for a continued amount of time are eligible to care for the parks.

**Activity Details:** Patrolling and cleaning parks and paths, weeding, taking care of flowerbeds, watering, growing and maintaining trees and lawn, maintaining ponds and rice fields, etc.

**Application:** Please call the Parks & Public Areas Section **Tel:** 712-6513



### Subsidy for Planting a Hedge

Please regularly trim hedges around residential homes. Overgrown hedges that push out onto the streets may obstruct pedestrians and vehicle traffic and can be a safety hazard. Urayasu City has a subsidy program for individuals who plant hedges. This subsidy can also be used when replanting hedges. Please call for more information.

**Inquiries:** Parks & Public Areas Section **Tel:** 712-6728



## Information Related to Novel Coronavirus Infections

### Novel Coronavirus Vaccinations for FY2023



Novel coronavirus vaccination booster shots for FY2023 will be provided during the following two periods: between spring and summer (May to August) and between autumn and winter (September to December). People at a higher risk of serious illness can receive their vaccinations twice a year (between spring and summer/between autumn and winter) and those who are not in this category are eligible for a vaccination once a year between autumn and winter.

#### Vaccinations Beginning from the Spring of 2023

##### Eligibility

Those aged 65 years and older who have completed their first and second vaccinations, those aged 5 years and older who have underlying medical conditions, and those who are healthcare providers.

**Note:** Vaccination tickets will be sent in order, starting May 1 (Mon.) to those who are eligible.

##### Vaccination Intervals

A minimum of three months must have passed since the most recent vaccination.

**Note:** For more information on making a vaccination reservation, please refer to the Urayasu City website.

Vaccination Location	Vaccination Date and Time
<b>Individual Vaccination*</b> Medical facilities in Urayasu City	<b>From May 8 (Mon.)</b> <b>Note:</b> Vaccination date differs depending on the medical facility
<b>Group Vaccination</b> Urayasu City Vaccination Center (Next to Hinode Public Hall)	<b>Starting May 9 (Tue.), every Tue., Wed., Thu., Sat., and Sun.</b> <b>Note:</b> For the month of June, every Wed., Thu., Sat., and Sun.

\***Note:** Pfizer's Omicron-targeting bivalent vaccines will be used for individual vaccination.

### Classification for Novel Coronavirus Infections Will Be Downgraded to a Class 5

Starting May 8 (Mon.), the legal status for novel coronavirus infections will be reclassified to Class 5 under the Infectious Disease Prevention Law. Along with this change, the Japanese government's advice on basic prevention measures will be modified from May 8 (Mon.). From then onwards, the policy will change to one that "respects the individual's choice, and is based on voluntary efforts of the people."

#### Basic prevention measures



##### Wearing Masks

It is the individual's responsibility to take necessary precautions, and in principle, mask-wearing will be a personal choice. However, we recommend wearing a mask in certain cases where it can be more effective.



##### Washing Hands and Ventilation

This is no longer uniformly required by the government. However, they will continue to be viewed as an effective basic prevention measure, considering the characteristics of novel coronavirus infections.



##### Avoiding the '3Cs' and Maintaining Sufficient Distance Between Individuals

This is no longer uniformly required by the government. However, people at a higher risk of serious illness should be cautious during periods in which infectious diseases peak, avoid closed spaces, avoid crowded locations, and minimize conversing in close-contact settings.

**Inquiries:** Novel Coronavirus Vaccine Call Center **Tel:** 0120-151-670



### Kyu-Edogawa Kasenjiki Park and Chidori District Public Parking Lot Are Now Open

We have newly opened the riverside areas to provide our residents an opportunity to enjoy the waterfront scenery. Please enjoy your walks here on sunny days.

#### Kyu-Edogawa Kasenjiki Park

Kasenjiki Park, located near the downstream end of the Kyu-Edogawa near Fujimi District's Horiebashi, is now open. We have installed benches in the park so that visitors can rest when they go on walks. Please enjoy relaxing moments as you watch the sunset from this location.



#### Green Road Along the Chidori District and Chidori District Public Parking Lot

A parking space is now open for those who would like to visit and take a walk on the Green Road along the seawall in Chidori District. The Green Road along the seawall is known for its scenery; you can enjoy a great panoramic view of the Tokyo Bay and may even be able to see Mt. Fuji on a sunny day. Please enjoy the beautiful scenery.



**Note:** Entry into the seawall area is prohibited for safety reasons.

**Location:** 15-4 Chidori **Parking Space Capacity:** 25 cars **Fee:** Free

**Inquiries:** Parks & Public Areas Section **Tel:** 712-6728

#### Apply for My Number Points as soon as possible

Those who have applied for a My Number Card before the end of February 2023 are eligible to apply to the 'My Number Points' second campaign. The application deadline for 'My Number Points' is the end of September 2023. We recommend that you submit your 'My Number Points' application as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.



#### My Number Points Application Help Desk

**Location:** Urayasu City Hall 1F

**Date and time:** Mon. to Fri. (excluding Sat., Sun., and national holidays), 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Inquiries:** Communication Network Promotion Section **Tel:** 712-6142

#### Issuance of FY2023 Municipal and Prefectural Resident Tax Certificates

Taxation certificates for municipal and prefectural taxes of FY2023 (income in FY2022) will be made available from June 9 (Fri.), at the Residential Tax Section (Urayasu City Hall 2F) and at City Service Centers.

**Note:** For those who only use the special collection system (municipal and prefectural resident taxes paid through automatic salary deductions), your certificate can be issued at the Residential Tax Section from May 11 (Thu.).

**Inquiries:** Residential Tax Section **Tel:** 712-6212

#### Support Program for School Expenses

For guardians who are unable to send

their children to receive compulsory education due to financial reasons, Urayasu City offers financial support and will cover the cost of school supplies and other fees.

**Eligibility:** Those whose household income is below the standard income threshold, etc.

**Assistance Details:** Cost of school supplies, school supplies for newly entering school (only for 1st year students applying during April), afterschool activities, school trips, school lunches, medical fees specified in the School Health and Safety Act, and graduation albums.

**Application Method:** Please submit your application form (available at each school) and documentation that certifies your income (such as a municipal or prefectural resident tax certificate) directly to each school.

**Note:** Please contact us for more information regarding eligibility criteria and the assistance amount.

**Inquiries:** School Affairs Section **Tel:** 712-6742

#### Routine Vaccination of the Pneumococcal Vaccine (PCV) for the Elderly - Screening Questionnaires to Be Sent by Mail

We are sending pre-vaccination screening questionnaires for a routine vaccination of the pneumococcal vaccine (PCV) for the elderly. Those who will be 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, and 95 years of age this year, and have never received a pneumococcal vaccine, are eligible. The deadline for the pre-vaccination screening questionnaire is March 31st, 2024. If you would like to be vaccinated, please contact a medical facility administering the vaccine.

**Inquiries:** Health Promotion Section **Tel:** 381-9001

#### Gather at the Sports Park! GW Special Day

**Date and time:** May 5 (Fri., national holiday), 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Location:** Sports Park

**Details:** Many programs for children including a fishing game and sticker rally.

**Note:** Application is not necessary.



Please come directly to the venue.

**Inquiries:** Bardral Urayasu Arena **Tel:** 355-1110 (Sports Section)

#### Folk Museum's Golden Week Event

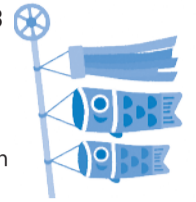
**Date and time:** May 3 (Wed., national holiday) to 5 (Fri., national holiday), 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**Location:** Folk Museum

**Details:** DIY shrink plastic keychains and Koinobori making, etc.

**Note:** Application is not necessary. Please come directly to the venue. There may be a cost of around 200 yen for materials

**Inquiries:** Folk Museum **Tel:** 305-4300



#### Evacuation Drill Concert 2023

**Date and time:** May 21 (Sun.), from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Doors open at 10:30 a.m.)

**Location:** Culture Hall

**Capacity:** 200 people (unassigned seating)

**Note:** Must bring pre-distributed tickets to be admitted into the venue.

**Application:** Tickets are available from 10 a.m. on May 2 (Mon.) at the Culture Hall and Citizens Plaza Wave 101. Or, on May 2 after 2 p.m., you can directly call the Culture Hall (**Tel:** 353-1121) or Citizens Plaza (**Tel:** 350-3101).

**Inquiries:** Culture Hall (Lifelong Learning Section)



#### Collection of Used Cooking Oil, Used Clothes and Fabrics

**Date and time:** May 10 (Wed.), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Location:** Citizen's Hall (Urayasu City Hall 1F), local public halls

**Note:** Used clothes and fabrics must be washed, dried, and brought in clear plastic bags.

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

## A Stroll with the Mayor

Etsushi Uchida, Mayor of Urayasu City

### Repairing the Seawall for a Good Fishing Spot

Urayasu City is surrounded by water on three sides, so utilizing our waterfront has been a major theme for our city's development.

Boathouses still operate today along the Kyu-Edogawa, and many ships embark for various fishing spots within Tokyo Bay every morning. Fishing can also be enjoyed from the Kyu-Edogawa seawall and coastal seawalls that face the Tokyo Bay.

Currently, in addition to the Takasu seawall, which has been available to visitors for a while, repairs in the Hinode and Akemi coasts are also underway, and once they become available, this will allow visitors to safely approach areas near sea.

During the coronavirus pandemic, "fishing" has been receiving interest as a fine outdoor recreational activity.

Many people seem to think of gobies when they hear of fishing in Urayasu City. However, comments on the internet have revealed that big catches, such as Japanese sea bass and blackhead seabream, in addition to octopus and righteye flounders, can be caught from the seawall near the Chidori District Clean Center.

However, since safety could not be guaranteed along this seawall, entry has been prohibited by the Chiba Prefecture. Furthermore, roads where collection vehicles pass through to access the Clean Center were being blocked by fishermen parking their cars, and this has become a serious problem.

In order to overcome these issues, we took a reverse-thinking approach to turn the Chidori District seawall into a place that provides recreation and relaxation. We have held multiple discussions with Chiba Prefecture and have decided to repair the seawall to make it

into a location that can be used for fishing.

To turn it into a fishing seawall, unlike some places, we will not construct a fishing pier. Rather, we will focus on safety measures by building fences to prevent falls into the sea, and steps to offer easier access to the seawall. Furthermore, we will revamp the parking area so as to prevent drivers from parking in spaces where traffic would be obstructed. By doing so, this will create a location where everyone can come to and casually enjoy fishing.

In the future, by careful utilization of a park which is scheduled to be developed in an adjacent property, we plan to create a new base to exhibit Urayasu City's beautiful waterfront.

Urayasu City has a long, rich history with the ocean, and that is why it is vital to incorporate the waterfront into the lives of our residents.

### 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