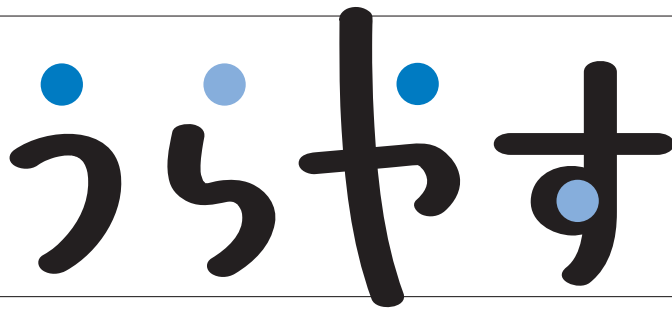




City News



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Population and No. of Households in Urayasu

Population: 171,361
Male: 82,965
Female: 88,396
Households: 86,459
Foreign Residents: 5,016
(As of October 31, 2024)

Garbage Collection for the Year-End/New Year's Holidays

The end of this year is approaching. Here is the garbage collection schedule for the year-end/New Year's holidays.



Area	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 (Mon.)	6 (Mon.)	30 (Mon.)	6 (Mon.)	28 (Sat.)	4 (Sat.)	28 (Sat.)	4 (Sat.)
Noncombustible garbage, hazardous garbage	17 (Tue.)	7 (Tue.)	19 (Thu.)	9 (Thu.)	18 (Wed.)	8 (Wed.)	20 (Fri.)	10 (Fri.)
Glass bottles, cans, plastic PET bottles	24 (Tue.)	7 (Tue.)	26 (Thu.)	9 (Thu.)	25 (Wed.)	8 (Wed.)	27 (Fri.)	10 (Fri.)
Newspapers, magazines, cardboard boxes	30 (Mon.)	6 (Mon.)	30 (Mon.)	6 (Mon.)	28 (Sat.)	4 (Sat.)	28 (Sat.)	4 (Sat.)

Collection of Bulky Items

Last day of receptions and collections for 2024: **December 27 (Fri.)**

First day of receptions and collections for 2025: **January 6 (Mon.)**

Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays)

Note: We receive many applications for bulky item collection at the end of the year, and there is a possibility that we will not be able to collect your items within the year. If you would like to have your items before the new year, please apply as earliest as possible.

Applications: Call the Bulky Items Reception Center (Tel: 305-4000)

Bringing in Items to the Clean Center

Regular operations: **Monday to Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. until December 28 (Sat.)**

Special temporary operations: **9 to 11 a.m. on December 30 (Mon.)**

- Regular operations for 2025 will begin on January 4 (Sat.).
- Business-related waste will not be accepted from Monday, December 30 to Friday, January 3.

Inquiries:

For garbage sorting and collection: **Garbage-Free Section, Tel: 712-6467**

For bringing in garbage: **Clean Center, Tel: 381-5300**



Illegal Dumping of Garbage is a Crime

Illegal dumping is a serious crime that damages the living environment of the community. It is punishable by imprisonment for up to five years or a fine of up to 10 million yen. Although your cooperation has helped to curb dumping, illegal dumping is still an issue that must be solved. If you find illegally dumped garbage, contact the Environmental Health Section.

Refrain From Smoking on the Streets and Littering

During the year-end/New Year's period, alcohol consumption increases due to year-end and New Year's parties. Unfortunately, it is common to see people drinking alcohol or smoking in parks and on the streets and littering the area with cigarette butts, empty cans and the like. Such littering is also punishable by law.

Inquiries: Environmental Health Section, Tel: 712-6495



New Penalties for Dangerous Bicycle Riders

Inquiries: Citizens Safety Measures Section, Tel: 712-6590

The revisions for the Road Traffic Act came into effect on November 1, and new penalties were introduced for dangerous riding.

Riding while looking at your cellphone



Holding your smartphone or similar device to talk on the phone or to look at your screen while riding your bicycle is now prohibited. Violators will be subject to penalties.

Penalty: Up to one year in prison or a fine of up to 300,000 yen

Riding under the influence and acts to aid such riding



In addition to existing penalties for riding your bicycle while under the influence of alcohol, new penalties have been introduced for providing alcohol to bicycle riders, riding a bicycle with a drunk rider, and providing a bicycle to a drunk person.

Penalties: Up to three years in prison or a fine of up to 500,000 yen.

Workshops for Using the Sports Park Gymnasium and Chuo Martial Arts Gymnasium Training Rooms

Eligibility: Those aged fifteen and older (excluding junior high school students)
Note: Walk-ins will be accepted on the day of the workshop if it is not at full capacity. For more information about the schedule, visit the city website.

Inquiries: Bardral Urayasu Arena, **Tel:** 355-1110; Chuo Martial Arts Gymnasium, **Tel:** 380-2100

Recruiting Tenants for Municipal Housing

Vacant housing:

(1) Todaijima Municipal Housing 3F (2DK, 1 unit): For general households or special households of two or more people; (2) Todaijima Municipal Housing 4F (2DK, 1 unit): For general households or special households of two or more people; (3) Horie Higashi Municipal Housing 1F (1DK, 1 unit, wheelchair accessibility, elevator available): For households with a person who must use a wheelchair at all times (including single member households)

For information about eligibility, application procedures and other details, refer to the recruitment pamphlet/application form (distributed at the Housing Affairs Section (City Hall 6F), General Information Desk (City Hall 1F), and the station city service centers or at the Central Management Office (City Hall 1F) on Saturdays and other city hall holidays; also available for download on the city website).

Application deadline: December 15 (Sun.; must be postmarked by this date)

Inquiries: Housing Affairs Section, **Tel:** 712-6661

Christmas Nature Craft

Date and time: December 21 (Sat.) and 22 (Sun.), 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 3 to 4 p.m.

Location: Children's Adventure Field
Eligibility: Elementary school children and younger who live in the city, twenty children on a first-come, first-served basis (preschool children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian)

What to bring: Materials to use as decorations

Inquiries: Children's Adventure Field, **Tel:** 350-1010



"Shime-kazari making" and "Mini Market"

Date and time:

December 14 (Sat.) and 15 (Sun.),
1) Mini Market: 1:30 to 3 p.m.
2) Making *shime-kazari* (New Year's decoration) : 2 to 3 p.m.

Note: Cancelled in case of rain

Location: Benten Fureai-no-Mori Park

Eligibility: 2) Fifty people on a first-come, first-served basis (children in the third grade of elementary school and younger must be accompanied by a parent/guardian)

Fees: 2) 100 yen

What to bring: Towels

Note: Please wear clothes that can get dirty.

Inquiries: Mr. Goto (Fureai-no-Mori Park Cultivating Association), **Tel:** 080-5839-6201

Urayasu City Exhibition of Art by People with Disabilities 2024

Date and time: December 18 (Wed.) to 26 (Thu.), 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (excluding Saturdays and national holidays)

Location: Urayasu City Hall 1F (Civic Hall)

Inquiries: Schemes and Services Section for The Disabled, **Tel:** 712-6398

Collection Day for Used Kitchen Oil and Used Clothes/Rags

Date and time: December 8 (Sun.), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Urayasu City Hall 1F (Civic Hall), local public halls

Note: Please wash all used clothes and rags, and place the dry items in a transparent bag.

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

A Stroll with the Mayor

Etsushi Uchida, Mayor of Urayasu City

Urayasu Honey Project®

Long ago, Urayasu was a prosperous fishing town, where the agricultural and fishing industries thrived. However, the implementation of the public waters reclamation project to address the water pollution in Tokyo Bay and the opening of the Tozai Subway Line and other advancements in urbanization led to the disappearance of primary industries from Urayasu.

Aware of this facet of the city's history, students from the School of Hospitality & Tourism Management at Meikai University started the "Urayasu Honey Project," a beekeeping business that aims to revitalize the local community. They are engaged in beekeeping as a primary industry that can be carried out in urban areas, which is in line with the current times.

The project started in March 2022 as an extracurricular activity for students, based on urban beekeeping operations in Ginza. Using the beehives

they have set up on the roof of the university buildings, the students are involved in all stages of beekeeping, from rearing and honey gathering (primary sector), production of related products (secondary sector) and sales (tertiary sector). They have managed to achieve sixth sector industrialization all on their own.

The bees from the project collect the nectar of the spring flowers in Urayasu, such as cherry blossoms and azaleas, which allow them to make delicious honey in the summer. This year, the project was able to collect about 100 kg of honey.

This project is filled with the passion of Meikai University students: connecting the people of Urayasu with nature through beekeeping, providing honey to restaurants in the city to bring smiles to all, and interacting with children through flower-planting activities. The honey produced is sold at events in the city. Since fiscal 2022, it is also available as a



hometown tax system gift. In addition, the project also conducts tours for children in the city.

Just so you are aware, I would like to point out that honeybees are gentle and they will die if they use their stinger once. Only those involved in beekeeping are likely to get stung, so there is no reason for residents to worry.

In addition to Meikai University, there is also a beekeeping operation at Tums Urayasu Hospital. The city will continue to support these efforts to create new local specialties and revitalize the community.

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 and Japanese

Phone Number & Location: 306-5181, International Center