



URAYASU CITY

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City
News

U R A Y A S U
Population and No. of
Households in Urayasu

Population: 171,218
Male: 82,906
Female: 88,312
Households: 86,403
Foreign Residents: 5,058
(As of November 30, 2024)



Happy New Year!

Etsushi Uchida, Mayor of Urayasu City

I hope that everyone has welcomed 2025 in good health.

Last year, as part of the Sakaigawa River and City Development Plan registered last August, a walking path was created from Sakaigawa Park to the Sakaigawa River East Water Gate so that residents could enjoy the waterfront scenery while taking a walk in safe conditions. The path was opened to the public on December 1.

We will continue to work on creating an environment where people will gather and interact while safely enjoying the waterfront, such as by redeveloping Sakaigawa Park based on the plan.

Various events were held in the city, including the Urayasu Criterium, and we will continue to work to promote sports and create a lively city through such events.

This year, we will steadily implement

projects set out in our comprehensive plan that consider the next ten to twenty years, such as addressing the structural issues facing the city. In addition, we will actively implement projects and measures that will lead to further developments to our city, such as those that will help resolve long-standing issues and concerns facing our city, as well as those that enable residents to feel a sense of connection with the local community and take pride in the city.

In regards to the school for diversified learning, preparations are underway for it to open in April so that children's futures will not be hindered due to truancy. It will be the first school in the prefecture to be designated as a special school for truant students.

In recent years, disasters and accidents are diversifying and becoming increasingly

complex. To address this issue, we are making preparations to establish the Maihama Branch Office of the Fire Department as early as possible.

We will also work on improving the system for providing consultation in familiar places, such as the Comprehensive Care Support Centers and other locations frequented by children. We are also developing a support system for those who have complex issues or concerns, as well as those with hidden issues that do not usually come for consultations, such as those who are forced to become caretakers at a young age.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my best wishes for 2025, and sincerely hope that the new year will be a bright and hopeful one for everyone.

Major Events in 2024

January



Dispatched support staff to municipalities affected by the Noto Peninsula Earthquake

In response to a request from the Chiba Prefectural Government, we dispatched city staff to Suzu City, Ishikawa Prefecture. The dispatched staff supported activities such as damage assessment surveys of residential properties and the management of evacuation shelters.

April



Urayasu Citizens' Festival and Gardening Festival

The festival was bustling with people enjoying performances such as dance and choir, as well as various food trucks.

July



Summer Vacation Tour of the School Lunch Center

Visitors participated in a simulated cooking experience in the kitchen, which is normally closed to non-authorized personnel, while listening to the explanations of the staff. They experienced the nine processes involved in preparing school lunches, and then took part in a stamp rally.

October



Urayasu Sports Fair 2024

There was a stamp rally where visitors could get prizes by collecting stamps while experiencing sports, and everyone enjoyed many different types of sports.

February



Tokyo Bay Urayasu City Marathon

Around 2,200 runners participated in the event. There were also food trucks and booths set up by sponsoring companies, creating a lively atmosphere.

May



Welcoming Ceremony for the Mayor of Orlando, Florida

This year was the 35th anniversary of the establishment of our sister city relationship with Orlando, and we welcomed a delegation from Orlando to commemorate the occasion. After the mayors of both cities exchanged commemorative gifts, the delegation toured the Fab Space of Chuo Library and the Folk Museum.

August



Urayasu City Noryo Bon Odori Festival

The participants formed a multi-layered circle around the *yagura* (central raised stage) and enjoyed dancing. In addition, there were many stalls lined up along the street in front of Chuo Public Hall near the venue, and this area was also very busy with lots of people.

November



Urayasu Criterium and Chari Festival

The audience cheered loudly at the dynamic race that combined speed and technique. At the Chari Festival held at the same time, visitors learned about traffic rules and manners for cyclists in a fun way.

March



Fab Space opened in Chuo Library

A facility opened where visitors can use digital fabrication equipment such as 3D printers and laser cutters.

June



Urayasu Sanja Festival

The Sanja Festival was a huge success from the eve of the festival. All the participants enjoyed themselves while experiencing the historic festival of Urayasu City first-hand.

September



Urayasu 100 En (Bond) Shopping Area

Many visitors came to enjoy the food and goods booths that were set up on the streets around Urayasu Station.

December



Urayasu City Special Awards for Paralympic Swimmer Takayuki Suzuki and Wheelchair Rugby Player Daisuke Ikezaki

Urayasu Information 2025

Beware of Wild Animals

There have been reports of sightings of wild animals such as masked palm civets and raccoons in the city. We have also received complaints of damage caused by these animals.

[Masked palm civet]



Size (adult)
Weight: 3 to 4 kg
Total length: 90 to 110 cm
Tail length: 40 to 45 cm

Characteristics

Most of the body is greyish brown while their feet are black. They have white marks extending from their forehead to the tip of the nose.

[Raccoon]



Size (adult)
Weight: 4 to 10 kg
Total length: 60 to 100 cm
Tail length: 20 to 40 cm

Characteristics

Most of the body is greyish brown. They have black fur around the eyes, and have a ring-patterned tail.

[Japanese macaque]



Size (adult)
Weight:
 Males: 10 to 18 kg,
 Females: 8 to 16 kg
Total length: 50 to 60 cm
Tail length: 20 to 40 cm

Do not go near wild animals

Casually approaching wild animals can lead to bites, scratches, and other injuries. They may also carry diseases that can be transmitted to humans, such as rabies or ticks, so do not go near them.

Do not feed wild animals

When disposing of household garbage, wrap up food scraps securely so the animals cannot access them, and rinse empty cans before disposal. In addition, harvest any fruit from your garden trees as early as possible and do not leave leftover pet food outside.

Take measures to prevent them from infesting your homes

Use wire mesh or the like to cover holes that can be used as an entrance to the attic or other areas. Prune any branches that animals can use to climb your roof. In addition, carry out regular inspections of storage sheds and the like to make sure they are not infested. If they have invaded your property, use a fumigant to drive them out.

If you are troubled by wild animals

The city lends out traps to prevent damage caused by wild animals and to control their population. If you are having problems with wild animals, such as damage to your garden trees, consult with the section below. Also contact the section if you see a wild animal.

Inquiries: Environmental Health Section
Tel: 712-6495

Revision of Personal Resident Tax from FY2025

Expansion of mortgage loan deductions for households with children, etc.

The maximum loan amount for those who fall under any of the following conditions and build a certified house for residence in 2024 has been increased as shown in the table at right.

- Those who are under 40 years of age and have a spouse
- One member of the married couple is 40 years of age or older while the other is younger than 40
- Persons with dependents under 19 years of age

Maximum Loan Amount for Building a Certified House for Residence in FY2024		
House classification	Before revision	After revision
Certified long-term quality housing/low carbon housing	45 million yen	50 million yen
ZEH energy-efficient housing	35 million yen	45 million yen
Energy-efficient housing	30 million yen	40 million yen

Flat rate reduction for FY2025 individual resident tax

A flat rate reduction of 10,000 yen will be applied to those with a total income of 18,050,000 yen or less who, as of December 31, 2024, have a spouse in the same household who does not qualify as a tax-deductible spouse*.

* If the taxpayer's total income exceeds 10 million yen and the spouse's (excluding those residing abroad) total income is 480,000 yen or less.

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

New Year Events at the Folk Museum

Happy New Year! The Folk Museum is preparing various events to celebrate the new year. Come visit the museum to celebrate the new year and experience Japanese culture!

Note: Closed on Mondays (but open on January 13 [Mon., a national holiday]), January 1 (Wed., national holiday), January 2 (Thu.), January 3 (Fri.), January 14 (Tue.), January 31 (Fri.)

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

Exhibition "Urayasu Nori Seaweed Cultivation"

Date and time: January 4 (Sat.) to March 2 (Sun.)

Details: This is an exhibition that looks at *nori* (seaweed) cultivation in Urayasu from various angles, such as the history, folklore and nature.

Enjoy Traditional New Year Games

Date and time: January 13, (Mon.; national holiday), 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Details: Experience traditional New Year games such as *karuta* cards, *fukuwari* (a blindfold game for kids), *beigoma* tops, and *hagoita* (battledore)

Nori Making Experience

Date and time: February 8 (Sat.), 9 to 11 a.m.

Eligibility: Those 18 years of age and above, 24 people on a first-come, first-served basis

Details: Making dried *nori* from raw *nori* by hand (pounding, shredding, and drying)

Fees: 1,000 yen

Application: Apply with the Folk Museum directly or by phone starting on January 8 (Wed.)

O-kanke

Date and time: February 9 (Sun.), 1 to 2:15 p.m.

Eligibility: Elementary school students and older, 15 people on a first-come, first-served basis

Details: An experience of a traditional winter event where children go from house to house singing songs and receiving candy

Application: Call the Folk Museum starting on January 9 (Thu.)

Hatsu-uma Festival (Folk Kagura Performance)

Day and time: February 9 (Sun.), 2 to 3 p.m.

Details: Performance of the Folk Kagura *Kitsune no Mochi-tsuki* (The Fox and Mochi Making)

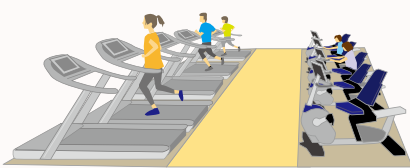
Yakata-bune Boat Riding

Date and time: February 16 (Sun.), 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (substitute date: February 23 [Sun., national holiday]) Please gather under Urayasu Bridge.
Capacity: About 100 people (a lottery may be held; the group representative must live in Urayasu)
Fees: 2,000 yen (1,000 yen for elementary school children and younger; free for up to one child who is younger than three years of age)
Application: Send a postcard with the names of all people in the group, address and telephone number of the representative, and the number of children, if any (separately count children under three years of age) to the Commerce Industry and Tourism Section (Urayasu City Hall 279-8501) or apply through the Chiba Electronic Application Service (<https://apply.e-tumo.jp/city-urayasu-chiba-u/>) by Wednesday, January 15 (postcards must arrive by this date).
Note: One application per group.
Inquiries: Commerce Industry and Tourism Section, **Tel:** 712-6297



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

Eligibility: Those aged 15 and older (excluding junior high school students)
Note: On a first-come, first-served basis. 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, Chuo Martial Arts Gymnasium (Sports Section)



Enjoy Various New Year's Activities!

Date and time: January 4 (Sat.) and 5 (Sun.), 10:30 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Children's Adventure Field
Eligibility: Elementary school children and younger who live in Urayasu, 20 people on a first-come, first-served basis (preschoolers must be

accompanied by a parent/guardian)
Details: Kite making, top spinning, etc.
What to bring: Plastic shopping bags (1 or 2)
Inquiries: Children's Adventure Field, **Tel:** 350-1010 (Youth Services Section)



Pot Luck Concert

Date and time: January 30 (Thu.), 3 to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Culture Hall
Capacity: 56 people on a first-come, first-served basis
Details: A Trumpeter's Lullaby (Leroy Anderson) and more
Inquires: Culture Hall, **Tel:** 353-1121



Reduce Food Waste with the 3010 Movement

The 3010 Movement is a campaign that advises you to focus on enjoying the meal for 30 minutes after the toast and 10 minutes before the end of the gathering to reduce leftover foods. During the year-end/New Year's period, the number of parties and other dinner gatherings increase. This results in more food waste. Remind everyone of the 3010 Movement when making a toast so everyone can enjoy the delicious meal, properly appreciate the food, and play a part in reducing food waste.
Inquiries: Garbage-Free Section, **Tel:** 712-6485



Collection Day for Used Kitchen Oil and Used Clothes/Rags

Date and time: January 8 (Wed.), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Urayasu City Hall 1F (Civic Hall)
Note: Please wash all used clothes and rags, and place the dry items in a transparent bag.

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



File Tax Returns at Home! Convenient Filing with Your Smartphone and My Number Card

By using the "Final Tax Return Preparation Corner" on the National Tax Agency website (<https://www.keisan.nta.go.jp/kyoutu/ky/sm/top#bsctrl>), you can easily create and send your income tax returns by following the instructions on the screen and entering the amount of income, etc. You will need a My Number Card for this process. In addition, if you link it with the Myna Portal, information such as income and deductions can be automatically entered into the final tax return form.
Note: You will need to make preparation in advance to link with Myna Portal. Contact the number below for more information.
Inquiries: Ichikawa Tax Office, **Tel:** 047-335-4101 (Residential Tax Section)



Recruiting Tenants for Chiba Prefecture Housing

Application: Apply by January 15 (Wed.) (must be postmarked by this date) by sending an application form [available at the Housing Affairs Section (Urayasu City Hall 6F), General Information Desk (Urayasu City Hall 1F), Station City Service Centers, or on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays, at the Central Management Office (Urayasu City Hall 1F)] to the Chiba Prefecture Public Housing Corporation (1-16 Sakaecho, Chuo-ku, Chiba City, 260-0016).
Note: For more information, please refer to the Chiba Prefecture Public Housing Corporation website: <https://www.chiba-kousya.or.jp>
Inquiries: Chiba Prefecture Public Housing Corporation Recruiting Section, **Tel:** 043-222-9200

Recruiting Tenants for Chiba Prefecture Housing



Traffic Regulation Notice

Part of Shiyakusho-dori Ave. will be closed to traffic on Friday, January 24 due to the Civil Protection Drills in Chiba Prefecture. As a result, the Tokyo Bay City Bus and the Osanpo Bus will also be rerouted on that day. For more information, visit the city website.
Inquiries: Crisis Management Section, **Tel:** 712-6897



Support Program for Purchasing Bicycle Helmets

From January, the program will be expanded to include all Urayasu City residents. You must first request issuance of a discount coupon to receive this aid. The discount coupons can be used at cooperating stores in the city.
Eligibility:
 • Those registered in the Urayasu City Basic Resident Register
 • Students of municipal elementary and junior high schools in the city who live outside of Urayasu
Discount amount: 2,000 yen
Applications: Apply directly with the Citizens Safety Measures Section or apply online through the city website
Inquiries: Citizens Safety Measures Section, **Tel:** 712-6590



FY2025 Applications for Use of Municipal Bicycle Parking Lots

Applications for use of municipal bicycle parking lots from April will be accepted from January 10 (Fri.) to January 31 (Fri.). Those who are currently using a parking lot and wish to continue use from April onward must also apply. For more information, visit the Urayasu Foundation website (<https://cyclone.azurewebsites.net/urayasu/>). If you wish to use Shin-Urayasu Station 13th Bicycle Parking Area, visit the Shin-Urayasu IL MARE website (<http://www.shin-urayasu-ilmare.com/floor/floorb1f/#anc-1>).
Inquires: Urayasu Foundation, **Tel:** 355-8321
 Shin-Urayasu Station 13th Bicycle Parking Area, **Tel:** 380-2588 (Citizens Safety Measures Section)



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