Urayasu Cool Share 2016

Let’s Turn Off Air Conditioners and Gather in Cooled Places!

“Cool Share” is a concept in which we encourage people in the community to turn off their air conditioners during the summer—when the demand for electricity is the highest—and to use a community facility or commercial outlet to keep cool instead, in order to control household electric bills and to conserve energy in the community as a whole.

Like last year, Urayasu City has designated a few “Cool Share Spots,” such as public facilities and cooperating commercial outlets, for the months of July through September.

Let’s survive the summer heat with “Cool Share,” which is both environmentally friendly and gentle on our wallets.

Cool Share Spots

- Public facilities
  - Traffic Park
  - Venous Plaza
  - Chuo Library
  - Sports Park Gymnasium
  - General Welfare Center
  - Folk Museum
  - Chuo Martial Arts Gymnasium
  - Welfare Center for the Aged (U Center)
  - Youth Center
  - Takasu Jido Center
  - Higashino Jido Center
  - Child Support Center
  - Shin-Urayasu II Mare
  - Local kominkan (public halls): Chuo, Todaijima, Horie, Mihama, Tomioka, Hinode and Takasu
  - NPO Center (Urayasu City Hall Main Bldg. 1F)
  - Sora café (Urayasu City Hall Main Bldg. 10F)
  - Urayasu Shimin Plaza Wave101

Note: As Culture Hall is undergoing renovations, it will not be available for use this year.

- Commercial outlets
  - Cinema Ilexpia
  - Nissan Satio Chiba-ku (Urayasu Branch)
  - Meikai University Urayasu Campus Media Center (library)
  - Oriental Hotel Tokyo Bay
  - Tokyo Bay Maihama Hotel Club Resort
  - Tokyo Bay Maihama Hotel
  - Café Terrace Esure
  - Café Restaurant Sutenpare
  - Ito Yokado Shin-Urayasu Branch

Note: The hours vary depending on the facility.

Commemorating the 35th Anniversary of Urayasu City

Summer Bon-Odori Dance

August 14 (Sun.) and 15 (Mon.), 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Note: If the event is cancelled on both days due to rain, the event will take place on August 16 (Tue.). From 6 p.m., children can experience Japanese drums.

Location: Urayasu Elementary School

Note: No parking is available. Since traffic will be partly regulated, please come on foot or by public transportation.

Inquiries: Federation of Local Community Associations Office (inside the Local Network Section)

Bon-Odori Dance Practice

Date and time: August 3 (Wed.), 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Location: Chuo Kominkan (public hall)

What to bring: Indoor gym shoes

Note: No reservations are required; simply come to the venue on the day of the event.

Urayasu City Emergency Illness and Medical Consultation

- Kenko U-Dial 24 (year-round, on a 24-hour basis)
  Tel: 0120-24-9250

- Children’s Emergency Illness Telephone Consultation (daily, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.): The consultation hours have been extended.
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- When calling by landline, Hikari phone or other IP phones, or from Choshi City: 043-242-9939

E-mail Consultation Now Available

From August 1, e-mail consultation for non-emergency medical concerns, nursing care issues, child-raising, and mental health can be obtained via the Family Care Network health consultation website ([https://familycare.sociohealth.co.jp/portal/](https://familycare.sociohealth.co.jp/portal/)).

Logging in: Please log in by typing “249250” in the space after “0120-” on the login screen of the Family Care Network consultation website.

Inquiries: Health Promotion Section

Share Map

You can check the location and details of “Cool Share Spots” and facilities via the Share Map.

The Share Map is an online map that shows the locations of “Cool Share Spots.” The Ministry of the Environment is working together with the Cool Share Office (the Horiuchi Team of Tama Art University’s Faculty of Art and Design) to develop this program.

The Share Map includes a national version for “Cool Share Spots” across Japan ([http://sharemap.jp](http://sharemap.jp)), as well as a local edition for specific communities (Urayasu edition: [http://urayasu.sharemap.jp](http://urayasu.sharemap.jp)). You can access the map from devices such as a personal computer, smartphone, or tablet. In addition, you can access the link by reading the QR code on the right with your smartphone.

Some facilities may feature “Cool Share” benefits, and these facilities are listed on the map. When using these benefits, please either show the Share Map on your smartphone or tablet screen, or a Share Map printed from a computer.

Note: Please note that some facilities do not feature “Cool Share” benefits.
A Moment of Silence
This year marks the 71st year since the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Please stop for a moment of silence at 8:15 a.m. on August 6 (Sat.) for Hiroshima and 9:02 a.m. on August 9 (Tue.) for Nagasaki to remember those lives who were lost in the bombings and to pray for peace.

Extension of Traffic Park Hours
The Traffic Park hours will be extended to 3:30 p.m. until August 31 (Wed.), and will be open on Mondays, as well. However, the annual program and many riding sections will be closed on Mondays.

Urayasu Walking Map
The Urayasu Walking Map can now be reviewed on the Urayasu City website as well. You can view each walking course via your personal computer, smartphone, or tablet. Please take advantage of this service.

Summer Vacation Program: Visit to Embassy of Jamaica!
Date and time: August 24 (Wed.), 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Location: Embassy of Jamaica (Minato City)
Note: Meet at the International Center (inside Shin-Urayasu II Mall)
Eligibility: Those between the third and sixth grades in elementary school; 10 persons on a first-come, first-served basis
Program: Learning about the role of an ambassador and about Jamaica

Making Wind Chimes with Clam Shells!
Date and time: August 21 (Sun.), 1 to 4 p.m.
Location: Ura La Mer
Eligibility: Those between the fourth and sixth grades in elementary school; 10 persons on a first-come, first-served basis
Fee: ¥100 (cost for materials)
Application: Apply by telephone from 1 p.m. on August 8 (Mon.) by contacting Ura La Mer (Tel: 316-5777)
Inquiries: Ura La Mer (Youth Section)

One-day Postpartum Care (Hotel Emion Tokyo Bay)
Starting from September, Urayasu City will implement individual one-day postpartum care at Hotel Emion Tokyo Bay, in addition to the already implemented postpartum Hotel Tokyo Bay, so that as many families as possible can use this postpartum care service.

Recyclable Waste Disposal Schedule for August
Collection Area Bottles/Cans/ Plastics bottles Newspapers/ Magazines
Nekozane, Kitakaze, Todaijima Every Tue. Every Mon. Every Wed. Every Sat.
Horie, Higashino, Fujimi, Mihama Every Wed. Every Sat.
Kairaku, Mihama, Irufune, Hinode, Akemi Every Thu. Every Mon.
Tomioka, Imagawa, Benten, Tekkodori, Takasu, Minato, Chidori Every Fri. Every Sat.

Preventing Infectious Diseases Spread by Mosquitoes such as Dengue and Zika Fever
Infectious diseases spread by mosquitoes are caused by bites from virus-carrying mosquitoes and are not transmitted directly from person-to-person. In recent years, cases of dengue fever were reported in Japan for the first time in about 70 years. It has been reported that the Zika fever is pandemic mainly in Central and South America. As mosquitoes tend to thrive from May through November, this is the time of year when we need to be careful about mosquito bites.

Prevention Methods
- If you are involved in outdoor activities, limit skin exposure by wearing long sleeves and pants, and avoid wearing sandals and other such clothing.
- Use insect repellant to prevent mosquito bites.
- Eliminate any unnecessary pools/puddles around your home so as to prevent mosquitoes from breeding (mosquitoes can grow rapidly in made-over water environments such as gutters, used tires, plant pot saucers, and buckets).
- Eliminate mosquitoes, not only outdoors, but indoors as well.

Hello to all!
Hideki Matsuzaki, Mayor of Urayasu

June 2016 was an important epoch in the history of Urayasu City as many major events that will determine the future of Urayasu City took place. One of these events occurred on Saturday, June 4. Along with a ceremony to commemorate the completion of the construction of a new government building, five portable shrines were carried through the history of our city.

The Urayasu Sanja Festival—which is held once every four years—used to be called the “Fight Festival” because there was a period of 12 years since 1961 during which the police would not allow the use of the roads for the festival to be held. There were times when people damaged the entrances of the homes of families they did not like as well as when people crashed the portable shrine into the police station, forcing the cancellation of festivities.

Thus, even to this day, those involved with separately carrying the three shrines were not on friendly terms, and the course of their respective processions had to be organized carefully in advance so that they would not clash.

Last December, at the New Year’s discussion regarding the city administration information program, I was able to talk to the young representatives of the three shrines who are very enthusiastic about these festivals and the portable shrine processions, and each representative enthusiastically expressed their desires to have the five portable shrines from the three shrines in a joint procession.

By chance, the completion of the construction of the new government building coincided with the Urayasu Sanja Festival in June. With the enthusiasm of the representatives and executives of each group, and with all the youth groups joined together as one, we were able to conduct a joint procession to celebrate the completion of the construction of the new government building—a dream come true.

We were blessed with nice weather on the day of the event, and with over 8,000 city residents gathering, we were able to celebrate the completion of the construction with a festive atmosphere.

One year’s Urayasu Sanja Festival began on the evening of June 17 with the enthusiasm of the joint procession still lingering, and the Motomachi area was overflowing with enthusiastic shrine-carriers and school children, far exceeding the number of four years ago.

Then, while I was writing this draft, I received an e-mail announcing our victory in the 35th East Katsushika Branch Fire Fighting Competition, which was held in Abiko City.

As I had seen the performance in the morning, I knew that we can win and had done well, but when I heard the good news, I was extremely pleased. Our fire brigade won first place with almost half the second place, and also achieved a record of being undefeated for seven straight competitions. Three of the five contests from our city also received individual outstanding performance rewards.

On Saturday, July 23, the team will participate in a competition in Chiba, which will be the ticket to the national competition, held once every four years. As I have a feeling that our good luck will continue, I am really looking forward to this event.

In contrast to the excitement going on in Urayasu City, the climate and the international conditions seem to get more and more dangerous.

According to the weather forecast this year, typhoons are showing their third slowest pace in history. This phenomenon is called “La Niña,” and it is said that it will continue for at least another three years.

In addition, the reservoir level of the Tonegawa River No. 8 Dam, which is the source of our local water, has apparently fallen to 38.8%—or half of an average year.

In international affairs, the United Kingdom surpassed the world with its exit from the EU, which has also immediately influenced the economy in Japan, with strong yen and stock prices. There is currently more instability and unrest throughout the world than we have seen during the financial crisis of 2007–2008. Whatever matters are quite unsettling in Japan at present, I hope to be able to continue providing cheerful and positive topics that will, in the least, excite our dear city of Urayasu.

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