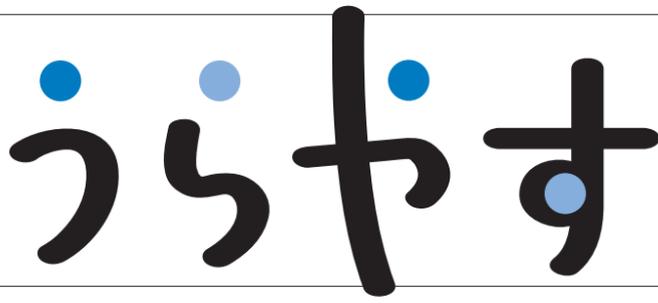




City News



U R A Y A S U

Population and No. of Households in Urayasu

Population: 171,825  
 Male: 83,003  
 Female: 88,822  
 Households: 87,809  
 Foreign Residents: 5,785  
 (As of January 31, 2026)

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Connecting through shared interests beyond school boundaries  
 a new form of extracurricular activities:

# URAYASU CULTURE CLUB



The URAYASU Culture Club, launched this fiscal year, was created as a place where people can immerse themselves in their shared interests and learn together beyond the boundaries of individual schools. The instructors for these club activities vary, including elementary and junior high school teachers as well as local residents. Through their own interests and areas of expertise, everyone from children to adults learn and grow together.

## Activities of the URAYASU Culture Club

Targeting fifth-grade elementary students through junior high school students, the club focuses primarily on cultural activities that were previously less common as extracurricular activities. In this first year, a total of 60 students participated in four newly established clubs, with each club holding three sessions. Adults, including teachers and local residents, joined the clubs as instructors and supporters, and depending on the activity, specialists such as professional photographers also provided guidance.

**Inquiries:** Education Policy Section ☎712-6732



### Insect Club

A club where members explore their love of insects through hands-on activities. This year's activities included insect collecting around the Sanbanze Environmental Observation Center, creating insect specimens, and a behind-the-scenes tour at the Adachi Park of Living Things.



### Othello Club

A club where participants experience the fun of Othello while developing thinking skills and concentration. The club held tournament-style matches following official rules, and also used tablet devices to analyze and explain recorded games.



### Photography Club

This club offers the experience of seeing familiar scenery in a new way through a camera lens. Guided by a photographer and artist with ties to Urayasu, members took photos at various locations around the city, including schools and parks.



### Cooking Club

Operating under the motto, "Have fun and cook dishes that would put adults to shame," Members challenged themselves to prepare authentic dishes such as pumpkin croquettes and simmered hamburger steaks.

## Voices of Participating Students



It was fun because I got to play against many different people, make friends, and even get a trophy. (Othello Club)

I learned that there are many wonderful photo opportunities even in familiar places. (Photography Club)



I had never made insect specimens before, so learning the tips and techniques was very educational. (Insect Club)

I cook at home too, but I had never made the dishes we prepared in the club, so it was fun. (Cooking Club)



## Voices of Instructors and Local Residents

**Othello Club:**  
**Mr. Shimizu**  
 (Vice Principal,  
 Irifune Junior High School)

Our main focus was simply on students' curiosity—wanting to try Othello. After enjoying the matches, we analyzed the games using AI and discovered dramatic reversals and exchanges of optimal moves, which made the experience even more exciting.

**Cooking Club:**  
**Ms. Ozawa**  
 (City resident and head of  
 the children's cooking class  
 'Ahiru Kids Cooking Room')

At first, everyone looked nervous, but as they experienced many 'firsts'—such as learning how to cut ingredients and how to use oil—their faces lit up with a sense of accomplishment by the time they finished. As someone involved in food education, I am very pleased that Urayasu City is putting effort into children's food education in this way.



## Sakaigawa River Kawamachi-zukuri

### Minna de Kawamachi

**Date & Time:** Saturday, March 7, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Shimbashi-yoko Drainage Pump Station and surrounding area  
**Details:** Wall art workshop at the pump station, boat ride experiences, and more.

### Sakura Café & Kawamachi Appreciation Festival

**Date & Time:** Saturday, March 28, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Area around Akemi-no-Oka Park  
**Details:** Food and beverage stalls, events for children, Sakaigawa River Kawamachi-zukuri report meeting

### Sakaigawa River Kawamachi Marché

**Date & Time:** Sunday, April 5, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Location:** Sakaigawa River Park and surrounding area **Details:** Festival booths, food and beverage stalls, flea market, etc.



### Sakaigawa River Minna no Kawamachi - Spring



**Date & Time:** Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Sakaigawa River (between Higashi Sluice Gate and Shiokaze Pedestrian Bridge) and Urayasu Park **Details:** Boat ride experience, food and beverage stalls **Inquiries:** Road Maintenance Section ☎712-6571

## Completion of Major Facility Upgrades at the Clean Center

In addition to restoring the performance of aging facilities and extending their service life, the city has reduced electricity consumption by upgrading steam turbine generators and increasing the efficiency of electric motors. We have also achieved a reduction in energy-derived carbon dioxide emissions by supplying the generated electricity to elementary and junior high schools within the city.



Furthermore, to ensure the safe and stable waste processing, fire monitoring systems for waste pits and disaster-prevention equipment have also been installed.

### Please Cooperate in the Proper Disposal of Waste

If small rechargeable batteries (such as lithium-ion batteries), gas canisters, or spray cans are mixed into burnable waste or resources, they may ignite during waste processing.

- **Gas Canisters and Spray Cans:** Use up the contents completely, and dispose of them as hazardous garbage in a clear plastic bag. Do not puncture them.
- **Small Rechargeable Batteries:** Cover the metal terminals with vinyl tape for insulation and dispose of them as hazardous waste. These batteries can also be collected at recycling partner stores (such as home appliance retailers) and at the Garbage-Free Section (City Hall, 6th floor).

If you are unsure about sorting or disposal methods, please visit the city website or contact the Garbage-Free Section at ☎712-6467.

**Inquiries:** Clean Center ☎381-5300

### Procedures for Scrapping Mopeds and Light Vehicles Must Be Completed in March

Notification is required when a moped or light vehicle is scrapped, transferred, or stolen. Anyone who owns a moped, small special vehicles, small motorcycle, or light vehicles as of April 1 each year are required to pay the Light Vehicle Tax (by category). If procedures are not completed by Tuesday, March 31, the tax will also be charged for the following fiscal year as well, so please be sure to complete the process by the deadline. For details on required documents and procedures, please visit the city website. **Inquiries:** Residential Tax Section ☎712-6214

### Free Admission of the Bardrall Urayasu Arena Indoor Swimming Pool

**Date & Time:** Friday (Public Holiday), March 20, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Last admission: 8:00 p.m.) **Eligibility:** Individuals approximately 3 years old and older who are no longer using diapers. **Inquiries:** Bardrall Urayasu Arena ☎304-0030 (Sports Section)

### Lottery Sale of Recycled Bicycles

**Date & Time:** Saturday, March 7 to Thursday, March 19 (Lottery Drawing: Saturday, March 21) **Location:** Venous Plaza **Eligibility:** City residents aged 15 and older (excluding junior high school students). **Application:** Please

bring identification confirming your name and address (e.g., driver's license) and apply in person at Venous Plaza (Recycle Center). **Inquiries:** Venous Plaza ☎382-8787

### TV Reception Interference Caused by Radio Waves from Mobile Phone Base Stations

Due to the installation of additional mobile phone base stations, TV reception interference may occur for approximately one month starting Thursday, March 19, in the areas of Todaijima, Nekozone, Horie, Fujimi, and Maihama. Information flyers will be distributed to target households. Please contact us if you experience any issues. **Inquiries:** 700MHz

Television Reception Interference Support Center ☎0120-700-012 (9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) (Environmental Preservation Section)

### Collection of Used Cooking Oil and Used Clothing/Textiles

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, March 11, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Location:** Citizens Hall (City Hall, 1st floor) \*Please wash used clothing and textiles, ensure they are dry, and bring them in transparent bags. **Inquiries:** Garbage-Free Section ☎712-6485

## A Stroll with the Mayor

### Securing Water Resources During Disasters

Winter is a season when the air is dry and there are concerns about the occurrence of fires. Since Urayasu City has experienced large-scale fires many times in the past, we have been advancing fire countermeasures such as "lending fire extinguishers to all households free of charge" and "fire prevention campaigns." Furthermore, Urayasu is the only city in Chiba Prefecture that has "densely populated wooden structure areas"—districts where evacuation is highly likely to be difficult due to the spread of fire or building collapses during an earthquake. For Urayasu City, which also has high-rise buildings such as condominiums and hotels, strengthening firefighting capabilities is a major challenge.

To strengthen firefighting capabilities, it is important to secure "water resources" to support firefighting

activities, in addition to maintaining facilities and firefighting equipment. Currently, there are 1,435 fire hydrants and 656 fire cisterns installed in the city, but it is possible that these may fail during an earthquake or a large-scale fire. In such cases, we also anticipate using water from rivers, and have designated 42 locations—including swimming pools and rivers—as fire water resources.

In city rivers such as the Sakaigawa River, Nekozonegawa River, and Miakegawa River, we have been coordinating with Chiba Prefecture (the river administrator) to develop terrace revetments. These allow for easy access to the water's edge to ensure smooth firefighting activities in case they are used as fire water resources. Depending on the situation, some terrace revetments have pipes (holes) embedded in

Etsushi Uchida, Mayor of Urayasu City



Firefighting water supply near Sakaigawa Wakashio Footbridge them for passing firefighting hoses. By passing a hose through these pipes, water can be delivered to a fire scene without having to go over the revetment.

Terrace revetments are spaces where citizens can interact with the water, as well as facilities that protect the town in times of emergency. When you visit a terrace revetment, please take a moment to check its function as a fire water resource.

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## Recyclable Waste Disposal Schedule

Please note that collection will not be conducted on certain days during the year-end and New Year holidays. See page 1 for details.

Collection Area	Combustible garbage	Glass bottles, cans, PET bottles
Nekozone, Kitazakae, Todaijima	Every Mon., Wed. and Fri.	Every Tue.
Kairaku, Mihama, Irifune, Hinode, Akemi		Every Thu.
Horie, Higashino, Fujimi, Maihama, Tekkadori 3-chome	Every Tue., Thu. and Sat.	Every Wed.
Tomioka, Imagawa, Benten, Takasu, Minato, Tekkadori 1- and 2-chome, Chidori		Every Fri.

\* 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, Chinese, 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