

Protect Children's Smiles

—November is Child Abuse Prevention Month

In FY2019, the number of child abuse consultations received by the city was 469, which is an increase of 1.2 times compared to the previous year. The reason for this increase is not because of an actual increase in abuse, but rather, it is thought to be the heightened community awareness towards our children. To help children grow up with a healthy mind and body, it is important for us to work together as a community to prevent child abuse.

What is child abuse?



Physical abuse

Hitting, kicking, burning, drowning, locking a child out of the house, etc.

Psychological abuse

Verbal threats, ignoring, unfairness in treatment between family members, violence against other family members in front of a child (DV), etc.

Neglect

Leaving an infant unattended at home, not providing food, leaving a child in a filthy or unsanitary condition, leaving a child unattended in a car, not taking a child to the doctor when he/she is sick, etc.

Sexual abuse

Engaging in sexual activities with a child, exposing sexual activities to a child, using a child to produce child pornography, etc.

Child abuse is prohibited by law

As of April 2020, corporal punishment is prohibited by law. In June 2019, amendment to the Child Welfare Act was enacted which stipulated that "parental guardians must not impose corporal punishment when disciplining children." This has been in effect since April 2020.

Please contact us immediately

When raising a child, parents may feel some type of dissatisfaction or anxiety, and this feeling may grow even stronger. Please contact us before such concerns and worries in raising a child turns into feelings of anger or sadness. In addition, if you feel that a person might abuse his/her child, or you suspect a child is being abused, please contact us. Consultation may be held anonymously. The confidentiality of the person and the content of the consultation will be kept.

Telephone Consultation

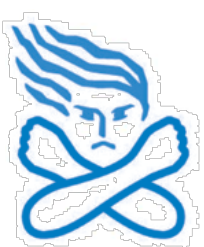
- Consultation on raising a child... Children & Family Support Center, Family and Child Guidance Room **Tel:** 350-7867, Mon. through Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- If you suspect child abuse... Children & Family Support Center, Child Abuse Hotline **Tel:** 351-8041, Mon. through Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Child Guidance Center Nationwide Hotline **Tel:** 189 (Ichi-haya-ku), available 24 hours
- Ichikawa Child Consultation Center **Tel:** 047-370-1077, Mon. through Fri., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Inquiries: Children & Family Support Center



Campaign to End Violence Against Women

We are conducting a campaign from November 12th through 25th to "End Violence Against Women." This year's theme is "End sexual violence." Violence should never be allowed. Violence from husbands or partners, sexual crimes, stalking, prostitution, human trafficking, and sexual harassment are all significant human-rights violations for women and is an important issue to overcome in forming a gender-equal society. The city provides counseling on violence against women, including domestic violence (DV) and sexual harassment.



Consultation Desk

- ▶ Diverse Society Promotion Section (former Gender Equality Center)
Note: Reservation required **Tel:** 712-6803
- ▶ Children & Family Support Center **Tel:** 351-7698
- ▶ Urayasu Police Station Life Safety Section **Tel:** 350-0110
- ▶ Women's Support Center **Tel:** 043- 206-8002
Note: Consultation for women only, available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
- ▶ Chiba Support Center for Sexual Assault (Chissat) **Tel:** 043-251-8500 **Note:** Emergency medical support available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

Inquiries: Diverse Society Promotion Section







Your Taxes: Supporting Urayasu City

Our city provides welfare education, roads, public parks, garbage disposal services, disaster prevention measures, and services related to fire emergencies in order to support the daily lives of our residents. "City taxes," which include residential and property taxes are the financial resources used to provide for these services. Here are some areas closely linked to your everyday lives in which your taxes are being effectively used.

Inquiries: Residential Tax Section, Tel: 712-6212

How ¥10,000 of tax paid is used Note: Calculated based on the initial budget and supplementary budget of the general account for FY2020

Special fixed benefits, disaster prevention, public relations, computer systems, etc.  ¥2,600	Child-rearing, nursery schools, child allowance, youth programs, etc.  ¥1,850	Elementary and junior high schools, kindergartens, lifelong learning, school lunches, etc.  ¥1,300	Parks, sewerage, community development projects, etc.  ¥500	Revitalization of economy, reserve funds, etc.  ¥400	Emergencies, fires, etc.  ¥200
	Services for elderly and disabled, health insurance, welfare, etc.  ¥1,700	Waste disposal, recycling, environmental conservation, sanitation, etc.  ¥700	Paying back loans  ¥400	Construction/maintenance of roads, bicycle countermeasures, traffic safety, etc.  ¥300	Disaster recovery  ¥50

URAYASU Illumination - Lighting Ceremony



Date and time: Nov. 19 (Thu.) and 20 (Fri.), 4 to 5 p.m.

Note: In the event of rain, the ceremony will be cancelled. Depending on the time of sunset, the time schedule of the ceremony may be adjusted.

Location: Nov. 19 (Thu.): Shin-Urayasu Station Plaza, 20 (Fri.): Urayasu Station (north exit) Seseragi Square

Details: Ceremony. Mini concert The illuminations will continue until the beginning of March 2021, approximately three months from the ceremony.

Inquiries: Urayasu Tourism Convention Association Tel: 350-7555 (Commerce Industry and Tourism Section)

Christmas Market

Date and time: Nov. 28 (Sat.), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Note:** In the event of rain, the market will be closed.

Location: Shin-Urayasu Station Plaza

Details: Selling Christmas items and accessories

Inquiries: Urayasu Tourism Convention Association Tel: 350-7555

ART EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD

Japanese calligraphies and paintings done by UFRA members will be exhibited. In addition to the art exhibition, an event to introduce the culture of Lebanon will be held. Anyone can participate, so please come join us!

Art exhibition

Date and time: Nov. 23 (Mon., national holiday), 12 noon to 6 p.m.
Nov. 24 (Tue.), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Citizens Plaza

Note: No application required. Please come directly to the venue.

Inquiries: UFRA Office (within Local Activities Promotion Section)
Tel: 712-6247



Please use the Community Support Coupons

We have distributed "community support coupons" worth ¥2,000 to each resident, for the purpose of revitalizing the local economy. Coupons are valid until June 14 (Mon.), 2021. Stores that accept the coupons are listed on the Urayasu City website. Coupons have been sent to individuals who have an address registered in the city as of April 27, but if you have not received them, please contact us.



Inquiries: Commerce Industry and Tourism Section Tel: 712-6297

We will deliver disaster emergency information via Yahoo! Bosai-Sokuho (Yahoo! Disaster Prevention Bulletin)

Urayasu City will start delivering "urgent information from local governments," though *Yahoo! Bosai-Sokuho*, a service provided by Yahoo Japan Corporation. *Yahoo! Bosai-Sokuho* (Yahoo! Disaster Prevention Bulletin) provides information such as early warnings of earthquakes, evacuation information,

and heavy rain forecasts. This service is accessible using a Smartphone app (available for Android and iOS), or through a conventional emailing system that sends email notifications to mobile phones and/or computer.

Please scan the QR code to download the app and use this service. Please contact us for more information on how to register.



Inquiries: Disaster Prevention Section
Tel: 712-6897

A Stroll with the Mayor

Etsushi Uchida, Mayor of Urayasu City

Financial Management of Urayasu City

I would like to thank all our residents for your cooperation in practicing a new lifestyle to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus infection. This infection not only has been threatening precious lives, but also has had a major impact on our country's economy. GDP from April through June recorded a negative growth beyond that of the Lehman shock and Great East Japan Earthquake.

Urayasu City is no exception. Our economy has been hit hard, including tourism, which is our core industry. According to the data released by the Office for Promotion of Regional Revitalization of the Cabinet Office, when the theme park was closed due to the state of emergency, the number of people visiting Maihama Station had decreased by more than 90% compared to the same month last year.

Additionally, the number of overnight stays in accommodation establishments in the southern part of Tokatsu area including Urayasu City has decreased by 100%

compared to the same month last year, which shows the magnitude of the impact. The impact on the city's economy has cast a significant shadow over our finances, in the form of a major decrease in revenue, and as of September 2020 supplementary budget, there has been a decrease in corporate inhabitant tax revenue by approximately 2 billion yen. In addition, there has been a postponement of corporate inhabitant tax and property tax collection of approximately 2.2 billion yen, which all amounts to a total decrease in tax revenue of approximately 4.2 billion yen.

In order to compensate for this decline in revenue, we have temporarily suspended the operation of several projects, reduced our expenses, and secured financial resources by issuing a compensation loan or special bonds. Furthermore, because there is an urgent need to take measures against novel coronavirus infections, we have been using funds secured by a reduction of expenditures and invested financial adjustment funds to it. We will continue to secure necessary financial resources and take timely measures. While the convergence of novel coronavirus is not visible yet, this impact on the economy is expected to continue, and there are concerns that not only corporate inhabitant tax but individual inhabitant tax will be affected; thus, we speculate that we will be

forced to manage our finances more severely than ever before.

However, my efforts in connection with realizing a future city based on the image set forth in the comprehensive plan, "Urayasu, a city where people shine, full of energy," will by no means change. We will review all projects, work with the government and prefectures for our necessary financial resources, prioritize the safety and security of our residents, gain valuable wisdom from all our staff members, and make every effort to manage the administration. In addition to when corona catastrophe is over, preparations are well underway for Urayasu City to further progress and become an even more comfortable city to live in.

We would like to ask all our residents for their kind understanding and cooperation.



Recyclable Waste Disposal Schedule for November

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, Spanish, Russian and Japanese

PHONE NUMBER & LOCATION:

☎351-1111 (ext. 14108)

Local Activities Promotion Section
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