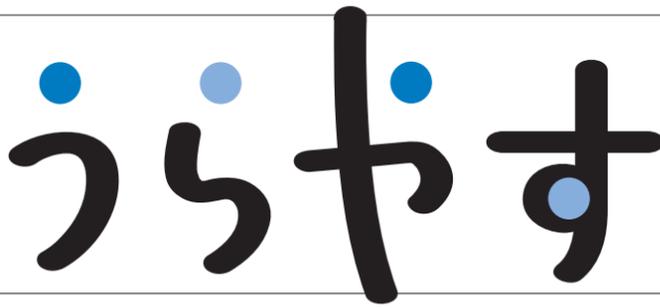




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Population and No. of Households in Urayasu

Population: 171,626
Male: 82,929
Female: 88,697
Households: 87,726
Foreign Residents: 5,776
(As of February 28, 2026)



Bicycle Traffic Violation Ticket System (Blue Tickets) Now in Effect!

Starting April 1, 2026, the Traffic Violation Ticket System (Blue Ticket) has been introduced for malicious and dangerous violations committed by bicycle riders aged 16 and older. Under this system, bicycle riders who commit certain traffic violations will be issued a ticket and required to pay a penalty, similar to drivers of motor vehicles. When riding a bicycle, please remember that bicycles are legally classified as "vehicles": follow traffic rules and always practice safe riding.



What is the Traffic Violation Ticket System (Blue Ticket)?

The Traffic Violation Ticket System (Blue Ticket) allows certain minor traffic offenses to be resolved without undergoing a criminal trial or Family Court procedures, provided that the offender pays a prescribed penalty within a designated period. The system was introduced through the Act to Partially Amend the Road Traffic Act (Act No. 34 of 2024), which came into effect on April 1, 2026. As a result, the procedures following bicycle traffic violations have changed significantly.

However, drunk driving and driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI) are considered more serious offenses and will continue to be handled under the Red Ticket system, which involves criminal procedures. These violations are not covered by the Blue Ticket system.

Applicable to: Bicycle riders aged 16 and older

Bicycles are vehicles. Follow the rules and ride safely.

Bicycles are legally classified as "vehicles." Just like cars and motorcycles, bicycle riders are required to follow traffic rules and ride safely. With the introduction of the Blue Ticket system, bicycle traffic violations will now be subject to penalties. To ride safely and responsibly, please follow the Chiba Cycle Rules and always practice safe driving.

Contact: Citizens Safety Measures Section ☎712-6590

Major Violations and Penalties

Using a mobile phone while riding (using a smartphone or similar device while riding)
Penalty: 12,000 yen

Failure to stop at designated places (ignoring a stop sign when entering an intersection, etc.)
Penalty: 5,000 yen

Ignoring traffic signals
Penalty: 6,000 yen

Riding without lights at night
Penalty: 5,000 yen

Wrong-way riding (riding on the right-hand side of the road)
Penalty: 6,000 yen

Riding side-by-side with another bicycle / carrying a passenger
Penalty: 3,000 yen

Violation of Public Safety Commission regulations (riding while using earphones, riding while holding an umbrella, etc.)
Penalty: 5,000 yen

Note : This is only a partial list. For details, please visit the Chiba Prefectural Police website: <https://www.police.pref.chiba.jp/>

Marking the 15th Anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake: Applying the Lessons of the Disaster to Our City

March 11, 2026 marks the 15th anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake, which occurred on March 11, 2011.

Approximately three-quarters of Urayasu City is built on reclaimed land. During the disaster, many areas—particularly those developed through land reclamation—suffered extensive damage from soil liquefaction. Sand and mud erupted from the ground, buildings sank and tilted, and lifelines were disrupted. Even now, the sight of our once-beautiful streets suddenly covered in mud, with houses and utility poles leaning over, remains vivid in my memory.

In the aftermath of the disaster, the city dedicated its full efforts to restore daily life as quickly as possible. With the cooperation of our citizens and many related organizations, we have achieved reconstruction over the past 15 years. Based on our experience with large-scale liquefaction - something rarely seen elsewhere in Japan - we have also called on the national government to promote research and development of liquefaction countermeasure technologies.

No one knows when a disaster will strike. For this reason, the city makes protecting the lives and property of our citizens as its highest priority, actively promoting policies directly linked to safety and security. To improve community disaster preparedness, we support voluntary disaster prevention organizations that play a central role in community activities, and we are reviewing evacuation shelter man-

agement systems so that everyone can evacuate safely.

Furthermore, to ensure routes for emergency vehicles and the transport of emergency supplies, we are implementing liquefaction countermeasures and undergrounding utility poles along major arterial roads. We are also strengthening urban infrastructure by improving the earthquake resistance of bridges and sewage facilities. In areas with dense housing and vulnerable infrastructure, we are promoting fire-resistant buildings and widening narrow roads to prevent the spread of fires, reduce the risk of building collapse, and secure safe evacuation routes. Additionally, we are strengthening firefighting and emergency medical systems, introducing a disaster prevention app to provide information quickly and accurately, and digitizing the disaster prevention radio system.

Because disasters are unpredictable, it is vital to apply the memories of the earthquake and the lessons learned from it to our city planning. By bringing together the wisdom and strength of our citizens, I will continue to devote my utmost efforts to city development so that our hometown Urayasu, which overcame the earthquake, will continue to thrive, and so that everyone can continue to take pride in living here.

March 11, 2026
Etsushi Uchida, Mayor of Urayasu

City News Urayasu will end with the June 2026 issue.

City News Urayasu, which has been published on the 1st of every month, will conclude with the June 2026 issue.



How to Access Information from City Hall in English
Urayasu City Official Website
<https://www.city.urayasu.lg.jp>

The city's official website provides key information translated into Plain Japanese, English, and Chinese. Additionally, all pages can be viewed in nine languages using the automatic translation function.



Catalog Pocket
<https://www.catapoke.com/series/?id=Vs0iyS>

Translated versions of the Japanese public relations magazine "Koho Urayasu" are available in 10 languages, including English.

Contact: Public Relations Section ☎712-6056

Citizens' Festival

Urayasu Garden Plant Festival

Sakaigawa "Minna-no-Kawamachi" Spring Event

Fire Department Festival

Saturday, April 25
and
Sunday, April 26,
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
*Cancelled in case of severe weather.

Urayasu Park, Bunka Kaikan (Culture Hall), Sakaigawa River, Fire Department Headquarters, and other venues.

Urayasu Park Area	Special stage performances, booths, food trucks, flea market, sale of recycled compost, etc.	Bunka Kaikan (Culture Hall) Area	Mini live performance by Aoyama Shin (Sunday, April 26 only)
Sakaigawa River Area	Sakaigawa "Minna-no-Kawamachi" Spring Event: E-boats and canoe ride experiences, walking tours around the Sakaigawa River area, and food and beverage booths.		
Fire Department Headquarters Area	Fire Department Festival: Fire Department Band concert, earthquake simulation experience, water spraying experience, display of fire engines and ambulances, etc.		

Inquiries: 28th Citizens' Festival: Urayasu Citizens' Festival Executive Committee Secretariat (within the Commerce, Industry, and Tourism Section) ☎712-6297
50th Urayasu Garden Plant Festival: Parks & Public Areas Section ☎712-6728
Sakaigawa "Minna-no-Kawamachi" Spring: Flood Control Section ☎712-6577
Fire Department Festival: Fire Defense Administration Section, Fire Department Headquarters ☎304-0144

Clean Up the City with International Residents! Walk, Pick Up Trash, and Support the SDGs!

Date & Time: Sunday, April 12, 9:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m. *Meet near the Shin-Urayasu Station intersection (Bus Rotary Entrance). Children of elementary school age and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Activity: International exchange while picking up litter. **Application:** Apply by Sunday, April 5 via email (include the event name, names of all participants, and the representative's phone number) to the UIFA (Urayasu International FA) Secretariat at uifa@uifa-urayasu.jp, or through the UIFA website: <https://www.uifa-urayasu.jp>.
Inquiries: UIFA Secretariat ☎381-5931 (Local Activities Promotion Section)

Applications Open for Prefectural Housing

Application: By Wednesday, April 15 (post-mark valid by this date), please send the application form by mail to the Chiba Prefectural Housing Supply Corporation (1-16 Sakaecho, Chuo-ku, Chiba City, 260-0016).

*Application forms are available at the Housing Affairs Section (City Hall 6F), General Information Desk (City Hall 1F), and Station City

Service Centers. On weekends and holidays, the forms are available at the Central Maintenance Room (City Hall 1F).

*For more details, please visit the Chiba Prefectural Housing Supply Corporation website: <https://www.chibakousya.or.jp>

Inquiries: Recruitment Division, Chiba Prefectural Housing Supply Corporation ☎043-222-9200 (Housing Affairs Section)

Changes to the City Hall Organizational Structure

Urayasu City has reorganized several departments to improve efficiency and to better address administrative needs.

Welfare Department: Senior Citizens Comprehensive Care Support Section / Nekozane Comprehensive Care Support Center (City Hall 3F)

To strengthen the system for providing comprehensive support and services for elderly residents in the community, the core functions previously handled by the Chuo Comprehensive Care Support Center have been integrated into the Senior Citizens Comprehensive Care Support Section. In addition, the Chuo Comprehensive Care Support Center has been renamed the Nekozane Comprehensive Care Support

Center and will now be operated by an external organization under contract.

Municipal Service Department:

Road Planning & Administration Section (City Hall 6F)

To improve efficiency by centralizing land registry survey work, the Land Registry Investigation Section has been abolished and its functions have been integrated into the Road Planning & Administration Section.

Municipal Service Department:

Road Maintenance Section (City Hall 6F)

Responsibilities for road construction, as well as the maintenance and management of street-lights and roadside trees, have been consolidated under the Road Maintenance Section to enable faster and more coordinated responses.

Municipal Service Department:

Flood Control Section (City Hall 6F)

A new Flood Control Section has been established to further promote projects related to rainwater drainage and river/coastal environments. Snow and ice removal operations have also been transferred to this section to centralize rainwater drainage and snow/ice response operations.

Inquiries: General Affairs Section ☎712-6121

Changes to the Pediatric Emergency Clinic Hours

Starting Wednesday, April 1, the pediatric emergency clinic schedule has changed. Please note that there are now scheduled closing days.

Medical Service Hours: 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays, Year-end and New Year holidays (Dec. 30 – Jan. 3), Golden Week and Silver Week (Long holidays in spring and autumn)
Hours: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Closed 1st and 5th Sundays, Other public holidays.

If you wish to receive a medical examination: Be sure to call the First Aid Clinic (☎047-381-9999) in advance and explain the symptoms. If you do not contact us in advance, you may be directed to a different medical facility depending on your symptoms.

Inquiries: Health Promotion Section ☎381-9001

Collection of Used Cooking Oil and Used Clothing/Textiles

Date & Time: Sunday, April 12, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Location:** Citizens Hall (City Hall, 1st floor), each Public Hall *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

Etsushi Uchida, Mayor of Urayasu City

Ensuring a Stable Supply of City Gas

Cherry blossom season is approaching. When walking along the cherry tree-lined path of the Miakegawa River, a large, round city gas holder (gas tank) appears at the corner of Denpei Bridge.

City gas is widely used for cooking and hot water because it is clean and energy-efficient. Along with electricity and water, it is an essential part of daily life for residents.

Keiyo Gas Co., Ltd. began supplying city gas to Urayasu in 1966, back when it was still Urayasu Town. Today, approximately 84,000 households use city gas, with a coverage rate of 95.8%. City gas is also supplied to factories and hotels within the city.

While city gas is supplied from production plants

outside the city through a pipeline network, two gas holders are located within the city as storage facilities to ensure a stable supply that meets the usage needs of households and businesses without surplus or shortage.

The gas holder at the corner of Denpei Bridge mentioned earlier was built in 1977 as the Urayasu Supply Station and stores about 57,000m³ of gas. Furthermore, as gas consumption increased due to advancing urbanization, the Chidori Supply Station was established in 2000 with a storage capacity of 200,000m³.

Although there are concerns about a large-scale earthquake occurring in the future, these gas holders are built with high seismic resistance. Measures are also being taken for gas pipes, such as using materials



Gas holder at Chidori Supply Station

with excellent seismic durability.

To maintain essential lifelines, the city will continue working with service providers to strengthen disaster preparedness.

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Recyclable Waste Disposal Schedule

Collection Area	Combustible garbage	Glass bottles, cans, PET bottles
Nekozane, 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