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Advisories and Warnings for Forest and Brush Fires are now In Effect!

Fire Prevention Division ☎427-0119

On February 26, 2025, major damage was inflicted to Iwate Prefecture's Ofunato City due to the outbreak of a forest fire.

As a result of this fire, Wakayama City has updated its Forest and Brush Fire Prevention Regulations for the prevention of fires, and as of 1/1/2026 has implemented Forest and Brush Fire Advisories and Warnings.

Most forest and brush fires are caused by humans, such as via campfires.

When advisories and warnings are issued on days that the risk of fires is elevated due to low humidity, the use of fire pans, campfires, etc. in that area is restricted.

We appreciate your further cooperation with forest and brush fire prevention.



City Fire Department Homepage



	Forest and Brush Fire Advisory	Forest and Brush Fire Warning
Criteria for Issuing (From January until May)	In the case of either ① or ②: ① Less than 1mm of total precipitation in the past 3 days + less than 30mm of total precipitation in the past 30 days. ② Less than 1mm of total precipitation in the past 3 days + Issuance of a dry weather advisory.	Issuance of a Forest and Brush Fire Advisory + Issuance of a Strong Wind Advisory
	There are times where an advisory will not be issued due to forecasted rain or snow.	
Relevant Areas	Areas within Wakayama City that the Mayor determines to be relevant (forests). For more details, see the Wakayama City Fire Department homepage.	
Restrictions	You have an obligation to make an effort to follow the Fire Usage Restrictions	You must follow the Fire Usage Restrictions
Penalty	None	A fine not exceeding 300,000 yen, or imprisonment (Article 44 of the Fire Service Act)
Methods of Announcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City homepage and SNS Flags displayed at fire stations, etc. Announcement by patrolling fire engines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City homepage and SNS Flags displayed at fire stations, etc. Announcement by patrolling fire engines Announcement via Disaster Prevention speakers



Don't Forget About Municipal and Prefectural Tax Filings

City Website (ID:1029092)
Residential Tax Division ☎435-1036

Even if you do not need to file your income tax return yourself, there are circumstances in which you need to file your Municipal and Prefectural taxes returns. These filings become the basis for Municipal and Prefectural tax calculations and are used for issuing Taxation Certificates. Make sure to remember to file these.

City Hall Reception (Main Bldg., 2F, Counter #4)

- Acceptance Period: 2/16 (Mon.) – 3/16 (Mon.)

Reception at Other Locations

- Hours: 9:30 – 12:00 (Morning)
13:00 – 16:00 (Afternoon)

Branch	Date	AM	PM	Branch	Date	AM	PM
Kawanaga	2/3	○	○	Wasa	2/9	○	○
Yamaguchi	2/3	○	—	Higashi-Sando	2/9	○	—
Okazaki	2/4	○	○	Isao	2/10	○	○
Yasuhara	2/5	○	○	Nishi-Sando	2/12	○	○
Nishiwaki	2/5	○	○	Kii	2/12	○	○
Ogura	2/6	○	○	Kada	2/13	○	—
Nishiwasa	2/6	○	—	Nogawa	2/13	○	—



We Appreciate Submissions by Mail
Counters become very crowded during the submission period, so we ask that you submit the documents via mail if possible.

Who Needs to File?

- Those currently living in Wakayama City as of 1/1/2026 and have earned income during the previous year (Jan. – Dec. of 2025) must file. However, if you fall into any of the following categories, you do not need to file.
 - Those who submitted a tax return for income, etc. to the Tax Office.
 - Those who only receive salary from their work, and whose place of work has submitted a salary payment report to Wakayama City.
 - Those only receiving a public pension with no additional deductions.
 - Those who are tax-exempt from City, Prefectural, and Forest Environmental taxes.
- Those with no prior income during the previous year, but require a Tax Exemption Certificate.

※ If you are a dependent, you can receive a Tax Exemption Certificate that does not include your income without filing. If you need a certificate with your income listed, then you must file.

What Documents are Necessary for Filing?

- Document for Identity Verification (My Number Card, drivers license, etc.)
- Document for Personal Identification Number Verification (My Number Card, My Number Notification Card, etc.)
- Something to show last year's income and expenses (Pension or income withholding certificate, statement of income and expenses, etc.)
- Receipt or Certification of Income Deductions (Receipt of Medical Expenses Deduction, receipt or payment certificate of various insurance fees, deduction certificate for life insurance, etc., Disability Certificate or Recipient of Disability Deductions Certificate, etc.)

Is Filing Also Required if I Only Receive a Public Pension?

If your earnings from your public pension is less than 4 million yen and your earnings from other sources amount to less than 200,000 yen, then it is not necessary to file income taxes, etc. However, if you have additional deductions, then it is possible that you need to file inhabitants taxes.



For 2025 Notice from the Tax Office on Tax Returns

File your Tax Filing Documents with your Smartphone and My Number Card via e-Tax!

The tax filing period to file documents for income taxes for 2025 is 2/16 (Mon.) – 3/16 (Mon.).

Wakayama Tax Office
☎ 424-2131

With the **ceasing of issuing new IDs and passwords** for submitting returns without a My Number Card, The Tax Office's Tax Return venue **is expected to be particularly crowded** this year.

- First, please make use of the **e-Tax application via your smartphone, etc. from home.**
- If you do not make an **appointment ahead of time online via LINE**, there is a possibility you will not be able to enter the venue.
- A **smartphone** that can read your My Number Card, your **My Number Card**, and **two passwords set when your My Number Card was issued (4 digit code and password over 6 letters long)** are required when coming.
- As the nearby streets and parking lots will become very crowded during the tax return filing period, we would appreciate your cooperation with the use of public transportation.



Check here for registering the National Tax Agency's Official LINE

Paying Taxes Cashless is Convenient!

- Automatic Bank Transfer ⇒ Payment is automatically deducted from your bank account
- Credit Card Payment ⇒ Payment via a dedicated website with credit card (processing fee will be charged)
- Electronic Payment ⇒ Payment by internet banking or ATM (Pay-easy)



Check here for details on cashless tax payments

Inquiries

- Consultation with Chatbot ⇒ Our AI Tax team member, Futaba, will answer your questions.
- Standard Questions about Tax Returns ⇒ National Tax Consultation Hotline (☎ 0570-00-5901)
Follow the voice prompts and select the corresponding number.

04 Reporting Deregistration of Motorized Bicycles, etc.

Reporting deregistration of motorized bicycles and special small motor vehicles (referred to as a moped, etc.) is necessary when you no longer possess them. Provisions for the temporary cancellation for the registration of mopeds, etc. are not outlined in the Road Transportation Vehicle Act, and therefore deregistration procedures for the reason of temporarily not using the vehicle are not accepted. Please check the information below and report deregistration if you have an applicable reason listed below.

Reason for Deregistration

- Disposal (contractor requested)
- Transfer of Ownership (to friend, etc.)
- Theft (moped, etc. was stolen)
- Move (moved out of Wakayama City)

Not Acceptable Reasons

- No plans to use the vehicle for a while, but want to retain ownership
- Fixing a currently damaged moped, etc. and reregistering it
- No plans to use the vehicle, just possess it as a collector's item

If you temporarily deregister a moped, etc. and reregister it under the same name, it will be treated as continued ownership through the entire period that it was deregistered. (Depending on the circumstances, you may have to pay the light vehicle tax (differing by vehicle type) for the previous three years.)

If you temporarily deregister a moped, etc. despite still possessing it in order to avoid light vehicle taxes (differing by vehicle type), you may be fined up to 1 million yen in accordance with article 463, provision 22 of the Local Tax Act.

Deadline for Taxes and Insurance

3月2日

Senior's Health Insurance (8th Period)

Insurance General Affairs Division
☎435-1062

National Health Insurance (9th Period)

National Health Insurance and Pension Division ☎435-1214

Nursing Care Insurance (9th Period)

Nursing Care Insurance Division
☎435-1334

Have You Paid Your City Taxes?

Please immediately pay your 2025 municipal, prefectural, forest environmental (standard collection), and light vehicle taxes (differing by type) via a financial institution or at the Tax Revenue Division (City Hall, 2F) if you have not already.

2/2 is the deadline for payment of Fixed Asset Taxes and City Planning Taxes (4th Period). Please ensure that these taxes are paid.

※For paying city taxes, please make use of the convenient bank transfer method. You can apply for this at your financial institution's window or via the internet.

(※Only certain financial institutions)

Tax Revenue Division (City Hall, 2F) ☎435-1038

Be Careful of SNS Advertisements Featuring High-Spec Merchandise!

We have been receiving consultations about individuals buying fans, circulators, etc. advertised on social media as high-spec at a low price, only to receive a low quality product differing from what was advertised. Make sure to not blindly accept large discounts or exaggerated advertising, and instead carefully check the wording of the advertisement, company address, phone number, contract, and return policy before purchasing. If you find yourself in trouble, contact the Consumer Advice Center instead of worrying alone.

Consumer Advice Center ☎435-1188

The Vaccination Deadline for Preventative Vaccinations (3/31) is Approaching

① 2nd Period for Measles and Rubella (MR)

Eligibility: Registered citizens born between 4/2/2019 – 4/1/2020 (5-6 years old).

② HPV Vaccine (cervical cancer prevention)

Eligibility: Registered citizens that meet one of the following conditions:

1. Girls born between 4/2/2009 – 4/1/2010 (equivalent of first year of high school).
2. Girls born between 4/2/1997 – 4/1/2008 who have received one or more HPV vaccinations between 4/1/2022 – 3/31/2025.

* For more details check the QR codes.

- ① Schedule for vaccinations depending on your vaccination circumstances (depending on the state of your vaccinations, the number of periodic vaccinations you can have will differ).
- ② Participating medical institutions, interval between vaccinations, etc.

For Both ① and ②:

Vaccination Deadline: 3/31/2026

How to Receive: After making an appointment with a participating medical institutions, bring your screening questionnaire and/or maternity health booklet (for HPV vaccines, the questionnaire is received at the institution).

Cost: Free

Inquiries: Health Policy Division ☎488-5118



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Be Careful of Pipes Freezing

When severe cold is expected during mornings and nights, protect outdoor water pipes with cloth or fabric and by allowing a tiny amount of water flow through the faucet. Please do your part to protect against freezing.

Maintenance Management Division
☎435-1131
☎435-1313 (Night)

Applications for Receiving Daily Necessity Items (Artificial Anus/Urinary Bladder, Paper Diapers)

Applications for April 2026's portion begin in February.

* You can apply for up to March 2027's portion. It is not possible to receive prior month's supply. Applications also accepted through QR code (for up to March 2027's portion only).

Division for the Support of People with Disabilities (East Annex, 1F)
☎435-1060



Wakayama Job Search Support Project

Online Information Session with Wakayama City Companies

Date and Time: 3/4 (Wed.), 3/5 (Thu.)
13:00 – 15:40 (Online via Zoom)

Eligibility: students of colleges, graduate schools, junior colleges, technical colleges, and vocational schools graduating 3/2027, and job seekers.

Details: 10 companies with time allotted for their PR and mingling. Details via QR code.
Wakayama Management Association
☎431-7376

