

## Wakayama City International Affairs Div.



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## Distribution of Wakayama City Local Goods Tickets

To support consumers and businesses that have felt the effects of rising prices, we are utilizing the country's Interim Locality Priority Support Countermeasure Against Rising Prices Subsidy and distributing Wakayama City Local Goods Tickets.

Eligibility	Those who are recorded in Wakayama City's Basic Register of Residents as of 1/15/2026 (Thu.)
Amount	6,000 yen per person (6 tickets worth 1,000 yen each) ※Ticket Type: Paper Goods Ticket
Distribution	In-person delivery (recorded delivery) to all households addressed to the head of household ※No application required ※It may take approximately three (3) months to deliver to all households within the city
Mailing	Incremental shipping from 3/16/2026 (Mon.)
Start	Usable as soon as received
Usage Period	Until 9/15/2026 (Tue.)
How to Use	Present Wakayama City Local Goods Tickets to participating stores at check-out ※No change. Please use alongside cash or another payment method. ※For participating stores, check the leaflet enclosed with tickets or the Wakayama City Local Goods Tickets website (For additional stores added after creation of the leaflet, please check the website)

Wakayama City Local Goods Tickets Project  
Secretariat Call Center

☎ 0120-138-520 (9:00 - 17:30, incl. Sat., Sun., Hol.)

Wakayama City Local Goods Tickets Website  
URL : <https://wakayama-gift2026.jp>

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## Have You Applied for Child-Raising Support Benefits for Rising Prices?

Application for Child-Raising Support Benefits for Rising Prices is required for the following individuals:

Child and Family Division ☎ 435-1219

- Individuals receiving Child Allowance Benefits for children born between 10/1/2025 – 3/31/2026 (including government employees)
- Government employees registered as a resident as of 9/30/2025 and received Child Allowance Benefits for September 2025 (including for children born in September 2025)
- Those that divorced between 10/1/2025 – 3/31/2026 (or are currently in divorce mediation) and therefore became a new recipient of Child Allowance Benefits (including government employees)



- Application Period: Until 4/30/2026 (Thu.).

The benefits to those eligible for Child Allowance Benefits for September 2025 (including for children born in September 2025) have already been distributed, so no application is required (except for government employees). For more details, check the city website (ID : 1066501).



Website

## Pick Up 03 Autism Awareness Wakayama Castle in Blue

Division for the Support of  
People with Disabilities

☎ 435-1060 Fax 431-2840

Coinciding with World Autism Awareness Day on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wakayama Castle will be lit up in blue (the theme color of autism) to promote the understanding and awareness.



### • What is World Autism Awareness Day?

In 2007, the UN General Assembly designated April 2<sup>nd</sup> as World Autism Awareness Day as a way for people around the world to come to understand autism.

Scenic and historical landmarks around the world are lit up blue, autism's theme color that stands for hope and comfort. In Japan, many initiatives to spread autism awareness take place during Developmental Disabilities Awareness Week, from April 2<sup>nd</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup>. This year will be the 11<sup>th</sup> time that Wakayama-jo Hall, Ichihori River and the surrounding area, as well as the city's symbol, Wakayama Castle, will be lit up in blue to deepen understanding of autism. Let's create a society that has the proper knowledge and understanding of autism so that everyone can live happily.

### • Notice

The Cherry Blossom Festival will be taking place this year as usual, and Wakayama Castle's cherry blossom trees will be beautifully illuminated by the light of the paper lanterns along with the castle's blue light-up special event. If you view Wakayama Castle from the roof of Wakayama-jo Hall, you will be able to enjoy the fantastic sight even more. Don't miss this once-a-year opportunity- come to Wakayama Castle wearing blue!

Pick Up 04 Health Policy Division ☎ 488-5117

## March is Suicide Prevention Month



Suicide Prevention Month takes place every year in March, a month that has an increased trend in suicide rates across the country. Suicide is often the end result of being put into a corner with many intertwined issues being involved. Wakayama City is working towards being a city where no one is pushed to the point of suicide, supporting everyone's lives through mental health counseling and awareness. Everyone's help is necessary for the prevention of suicide.

※For information on our city's initiatives and consultations, please visit the city website. (ID : 1005459)



Website

### Winners of 2025's Supporting Life Poster Contest

As one initiative for suicide prevention, every year our city selects artwork that communicates the sacredness of life and the importance of human connections. This year, we received 123 artworks and selected 10 as winners.

Mayor's Award



Maegaito Miku

• Exhibition Period: 3/5 (Thu.) – 3/13 (Fri.)

• Location: Citizen's Gallery, City Hall 1F

Excellence Award



Miyao Haya

Excellence Award  
(High School)



Hashimoto Arisa

Excellence Award  
(Middle School)



Tamagawa Hiroto

Excellence Award  
(Elementary and Below)



Shima Fujie

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# You Can Perform Move-Out Procedures via Mynaportal!

Citizen's Affairs Division ☎ 435-1027

For those with a My Number Card, you can submit a Move-Out Notice online via Mynaportal when moving out of Wakayama City (excluding moving overseas). Your My Number Card will be required when performing move-in procedures at your new municipality's counter. For more details, please see the city website (ID : 1048096).



Website



## Preventing Food Poisoning from Bento for Cherry Blossom Viewing and Barbeques

The opportunities for barbeques and going out with bento to see cherry blossoms or have picnics are increasing with the warmer weather. Let's take note of the following when preparing food.

Health Policy Division ☎ 488-5118

### Bento

- ◆ Wash hands well beforehand, use clean cooking utensils
- ◆ Make side dishes on the same day and cook thoroughly
- ◆ Pack side dishes, rice after cooling, removing moisture
- ◆ Store in a cool place and eat sooner rather than later
- ◆ Use an ice pack or cooler if it will be a long time

### Barbeque

- ◆ Use a cooler and ice pack to keep ingredients cool
- ◆ Wash hands well before cooking and eating
- ◆ Use separate cutting boards for ingredients that will be cooked and not be cooked
- ◆ Cook meat thoroughly before eating
- ◆ Separate chopsticks (tongs) used for cooking and eating

## Deadline for Taxes and Insurance

# 3/31 (Tue.)

### Senior's Health Insurance (9<sup>th</sup> Period)

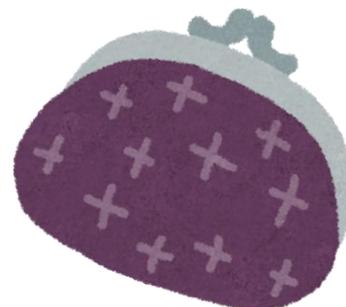
Insurance General Affairs Division ☎ 435-1062

### National Health Insurance (10<sup>th</sup> Period)

National Health Insurance and Pension Division ☎ 435-1214

### Nursing Care Insurance (10<sup>th</sup> Period)

Nursing Care Insurance Division ☎ 435-1334



## Have You Paid Your City Taxes?

The deadline for paying 2025 Municipal, Prefectural, Forest Environmental (standard collection), Fixed Asset & City Planning, and Light Vehicle Taxes (differing by type) has passed.

Please confirm that you have paid these taxes.

※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

## Wakayama Bus 50 Year Commemoration: Free Ride Day

Won't you take the bus on a day-off in spring?

**Date:** 3/22 (Sun.)

**Details:** All routes will charge no fare (excluding Wakayama Bus Naga, Fujitodai buses, airport buses, and night buses)

**Eligibility:** Everyone

**Inquiries:** Wakayama Bus Co.

☎ 445-9133