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Deadline for Tax and Insurance Payments

6/30 (Tue.)

Municipal, Prefectural, and Forest Environmental Taxes (General Collection) (Full Payment or 1st Period)

Tax Revenue Division ☎ 435-1038

※Please pay by the deadline. 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.

Nursing Care Insurance (1st Period)

Nursing Care Insurance Division ☎ 435-1334

National Health Insurance (1st Period)

National Health Insurance and Pension Division ☎ 435-1214

Excluding special collections arising from advanced deductions, we generally request that taxes are paid via bank transfer. We do not, however, specifically require this- for those that have difficulty paying via bank transfer, please pay by payment slips or via another method.

Insurance premiums for 2026 have risen. We appreciate your cooperation with allowing for the continued use of the national healthcare system. For more information, please check the notification of your insurance, which will be mailed out starting from the middle of June and continuing into late June.

Volunteers Wanted to Support Children not yet Proficient in Japanese

Details: Providing learning and Japanese support for kindergarten, elementary, middle, and compulsory education schools (1-2 times per week for around 1-2 hours).

Eligibility: Those who can speak Japanese and a foreign language (Nepalese, Bisaya, Vietnamese, English, Chinese, Thai, Tagalog, Urdu, etc.)

How to Apply: Applications are accepted at the Children's Support Center (please call prior to applying).

Inquiries: Children's Support Center ☎ 402-7830

Survey Information

Starting in early June, survey takers will visit households to hand out and collect surveys on social security and population issues.

Date of the Survey: 7/1 (Wed.)

Where: Certain areas of Johoku, Miya, and Kada.

* Surveyors will be carrying proof that they are surveyors.

Inquiries: General Planning Division ☎ 488-5107

Pick Up

01

For Those Raising Children or Thinking of Getting Married

Child Rearing Support Division (East Annex, 2F) ☎ 435-1329

Here are the main support initiatives that Wakayama City has implemented for marriage and child raising. Please make use of them if you are eligible!

Child

Gift for your Child's Future

We will send a gift with our hopes that your child has a healthy development and to support their future. We are planning on starting to accept applications during the month of June.

- **Eligibility:** Those who had a child born and became a father or mother on or after 9/2/2025 (must have been a Wakayama City resident at the time of birth)
- **Necessary for Application:** Proof of Identity of the applicant (driver's license, etc.)
- **Application Deadline:** Within one year of the child's birth
- **Overview of the Planned Gifts** (Please pick one from the following)
 - Two 5kg bags of rice
 - Wooden toys, etc.
 - Diapers, etc.
 - Picture books



※Apply on the city website (ID: 1058719) →

City Website

Child

Financial Aid to Support Child-Raising

If your household is raising 3 or more children that are not yet in elementary school, we will provide aid for services for that age group.

- **Amount:** Up to ¥15,000 per year
- **Applicable Uses**
 - Temporary Supervision (only applicable to the use of nursery centers, etc.)
 - Family Support Center
 - Child care for sick or recovering children
 - Short-term support (short stays, overnight stays)
- **Application Deadline:** By the end of 3/2027

※ For financial support for usage during 3/2027, applications are open until late April

※ Apply on the city website (ID: 1012114) →



City Website

Marriage

Support for the Start of Married Life

Support for some of the costs that come with starting married life.

- **Amount:** Up to ¥600,000 (differing based on your age on the day you are married).
- **Eligibility:** Couples married between 1/1/2026 and 3/31/2027 that meet certain age and income requirements
- **Application Deadline:** By the end of 3/2027

※ Apply on the city website (ID: 1052803) →



City Website

National Health Insurance and Pension Division ☎ 435-1215

Pick Up
02

Special Group Health Check-ups for those Enrolled in National Health Insurance



Special Group Health Check-up Schedule

Date	Reception Time	Location	Deadline to Apply
7/29 (Wed.)	8:30 - 11:00	Wakayama Big Ai	7/1 (Wed.)
8/12 (Wed.)	9:00 - 11:30	Kahoku Community Center	7/16 (Thu.)
8/13 (Thu.)	9:00 - 11:30	Kita Community Center	7/16 (Thu.)
8/23 (Sun.)	8:30 - 11:00	Wakayama Big Ai	7/28 (Tue.)
9/2 (Wed.)	9:00 - 11:30	Minami Health Center	8/5 (Wed.)
9/13 (Sun.)	9:00 - 11:30	Kanan Community Center	8/17 (Mon.)
9/27 (Sun.)	9:00 - 11:30	Wakayama Big Ai	9/1 (Tue.)
10/5 (Mon.)	8:30 - 11:00	Wakayama Big Ai	9/10 (Thu.)
10/11 (Sun.)	9:00 - 11:30	Kahoku Community Center	9/16 (Wed.)
10/26 (Mon.)	9:00 - 11:30	Nishi Health Center	9/28 (Mon.)
11/15 (Sun.)	9:00 - 11:30	Kita Community Center	10/23 (Fri.)
11/29 (Sun.)	8:30 - 11:00	Wakayama Big Ai	11/6 (Fri.)

Special Group Health Check-ups

- **Details:** Blood test, ECG, urine test, internal check-up, etc.
- **Eligibility:** 40-74 years-old and in National Health Insurance Program and have check-up questionnaire (sent in May)
- **Number of Participants:** First 90 people per venue
- **Cost:** Free
- **Application:** From 6/10 (Wed.), Apply via phone (National Health Insurance and Pension Division) or online

Details and Costs for Special Group Health Check-ups

Type of Exam and Eligibility	Cost Borne by Participant		Slots Available (First-Come First Serve)	
	Age: 40 - 69	Age: 70 - 74	Phone	Online
Special Check-up (Required) (blood test, ECG, urine test, internal check-up, etc.) Eligibility: Those with pink exam questionnaire	Free		45 people	45 people
Lung Cancer Screening (Chest X-Ray) Eligibility: Those 40 years-old or older	Free		45 people	45 people
Large Intestine Cancer Screening (fecal occult blood test) Eligibility: Those 40 years-old or older	Free		45 people	45 people
Stomach Cancer Screening Eligibility: Those 50 years-old or older (that were not tested last year)	¥1,000 (50 - 69 yrs. old)	¥500	10 people	10 people
Breast Cancer Screening (mammography)※ Eligibility: Those 40 years-old or older (that were not tested last year)	¥1,500	¥700	10 people	10 people
Pneumonia Virus Screening (blood test) Those 40 years-old or older (that have never been tested)	¥1,000	¥500	45 people	45 people

※The breast cancer screening is not available for those who are breastfeeding, have breastfed within the past 6 months, are pregnant or may be pregnant, have undergone breast surgery within the past 10 years, have a pacemaker or defibrillator installed, or have undergone breast augmentation surgery.

• **Inquiries**
For those who have lost their exam questionnaire: National Health Insurance and Pension Division ☎ 435-1215

Cancer Screening Info: Regional Health Division ☎ 488-5121

Pick Up
03

Preventing Food Poisoning: Follow the Three Golden Rules

Keep Germs Out, Prevent Growth, Kill with Heat

Healthy Lifestyle Division ☎ 488-5111



Bacteria multiply more easily as temperatures rise, increasing the risk of food poisoning. Stay healthy by keeping these three principles in mind:

Keep Germs Out

Wash your hands thoroughly before cooking, as they can carry many kinds of germs. Be careful to avoid cross-contamination—sanitize cutting boards and utensils after handling raw meat or fish to prevent contaminating foods eaten raw, like vegetables.

Prevent Growth

Foodborne bacteria thrive at temperatures between 10° C and 60° C. Keep perishable items at either under 10° C or over 60° C to stop bacteria from multiplying.



Kill With Heat

Most harmful bacteria and viruses can be destroyed with heat. As a rule of thumb, cook meat to a core temperature of 75° C for at least one minute. Kitchen tools like cutting boards, knives, and cloths used for raw meat, fish, or eggs should be washed with detergent and then disinfected with boiling water, bleach, or alcohol spray.

Special Issue: Disaster Prevention

As we enter June, we once again have the possibility of disasters in the form of heavy rainfall and typhoons. Damage from storms and flooding due to this weather is increasing year-by-year.

As opposed to earthquakes, however, storm and flood damage is relatively easy to foresee to a certain extent. In preparation for this type of disaster, make sure to check information on shelters and think about how to deal with these situations.

It's also important to stay up-to-date on how to combat natural disasters. Get the latest information and make sure you are well-prepared.

▶ Knowing What Dangers Exist is the First Step

You can use a hazard map to check what risks there are where you live, work, and/or attend school. If you know that where you live is an area prone to disasters, you will be able to take faster action. Take this as an opportunity to check what might affect your area and prepare for "what-ifs."



Types of Map	When to Reference	Important Information
Disaster Prevention Map	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When an earthquake occurs • When heavy rain continues for a long period of time • When information about a tsunami is announced 	
Flood Hazard Map	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When heavy rain continues for a long period of time • When information on water levels of rivers is announced 	
Inland Flood Hazard Map	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When heavy rain continues for a long period of time 	
Landslide Hazard Map	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When heavy rain continues for a long period of time • When information on landslides is announced 	
Reservoir Hazard Map	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When an earthquake occurs • When heavy rain continues for a long period of time 	

Evacuation shelter locations

How to receive disaster information

Dangerous places during certain disasters (places where flooding is expected, etc.)

▶ Hazard Maps have been Updated!

Inland Flood Hazard Map
Sewer Planning and Construction Division ☎ 435-1093

Pursuant to the Flood Control Act, the rainfall measurements have been changed from the previously recorded highest amount of rainfall (122.5mm/h) to the estimated highest amount of rainfall (147mm/h).

▼ Distribution: Via mail (mailed to each household), from the relevant division's counter, from each area's city hall branch or liaison office, or via the city homepage (ID: 1034000).

Flood Hazard Map
Rivers and Ports Division ☎ 435-1090

New hazard maps have been made for the Shimizu river system, the Aburigawa river system, and the Tsutsumi river system. The Kinokawa river flood hazard map has been updated to the Kinokawa river system flood hazard map to include downstream areas.

▼ Distribution: The newly created flood hazard maps will be distributed to those in the specific flood zones (portion of the Nishiwaki and Kada areas). The updated hazard map will be distributed from branch and liaison offices in areas that had a change in expectations of flooding (Minato, Matsue, Kishi, Nozaki, Kusumi, Isao, Nogawa, and Kii). They are available from the relevant division's counter and the city homepage (1036447).

Reservoir Hazard Map (for Farming)
Agricultural Works Division ☎ 435-1051

A Reservoir hazard map has been created (288 bodies of water).

▼ Distribution: To those in affected areas (the version used through 2024 has already been distributed).

They are available at the relevant division's counter in branch and liaison offices in affected areas, as well as the city homepage (ID: 1007618).



Disaster prevention maps (earthquake and tsunami edition, storm and flood edition), landslide hazard maps, and another disaster prevention hazard maps are available on the city homepage (ID: 1036426).



▶ Decide How, When, and with Who you will Evacuate

Your Disaster Readiness Plan should be a timeline of what you will do, and when you will do it. Create this timeline for evacuation well in advance so that you are prepared for a worst-case scenario.

Weather and Evacuation Information	What to Check and Plan In Advance
Advisory for Heavy Rain/Approaching Typhoon Level 1 Alert Early Warning Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Check your list of emergency supplies <input type="checkbox"/> Check the weather forecast <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm your plan with your family <input type="checkbox"/> Find out how to receive information during a disaster
<div style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Level 2 Alert Advisory </div>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check your evacuation route via hazard maps <input type="checkbox"/> Change into clothes that make evacuation easy <input type="checkbox"/> Charge your phone
<div style="background-color: red; color: white; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Level 3 Alert Evacuation for Elderly, etc. </div>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check river water levels and the amount of rain online <input type="checkbox"/> Start evacuations for elderly, etc. and those assisting them <input type="checkbox"/> Begin voluntary evacuation
<div style="background-color: purple; color: white; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Level 4 Alert Evacuation Order </div>	<input type="checkbox"/> Evacuate immediately if you are in a dangerous area <input type="checkbox"/> If you sense danger while evacuating, move to a safer place
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> ⚠ <h2>EVACUATE BY LEVEL 4</h2> ⚠ </div>	
<div style="background-color: black; color: white; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Level 5 Alert Ensure Your Safety </div>	When leaving for an evacuation center is dangerous, move to the safest place in the area and take action to protect yourself.

When it's Hard to Hear the Disaster Announcements:



Disaster prevention announcements are broadcast outside, and so they may be difficult to hear if you are inside or due to weather conditions. If you are unable to hear them, please try the following:

Wakayama City Disaster Prevention Information Phone Service

You can listen to the announcements over the phone.

0120-077-199 (No charge)

Official Wakayama City SNS

For announcements and other disaster information.



Headquarters for Disaster Preparedness and Planning's X Account



Official X Account



Official Facebook



Official LINE Account

Wakayama Disaster Prevention Emails

For registration, please send a blank email to the following email address:

touroku@bosai-mail.city.wakayama.wakayama.jp

※For those that filter spam mail, please make sure you can receive emails from this address.

You can send an email via this QR code ▶



Other Methods of Checking the Announcements

- TV (Data broadcasts)
Press the d button when viewing TV Wakayama (channel 5)
→ Select 「市町村情報」 (Municipality info)
→ Select 「防災行政無線放送内容」 (Disaster Prevention Announcements)
- Disaster Prevention Emergency Radio Alerts (FM Wakayama 87.7MHZ) ※Paid Service
- Dedicated Device for Disaster Information (J:COM) ※Paid Service
- Disaster Information via FAX (Application required, restrictions apply)
For more details, visit the city homepage ▶

