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Pick Up

01 Fire Prevention Campaign for Fall 11/9 (Sun.) – 11/15 (Sat.)

「~On busy days too, make sure you are well prepared, for stopping fires~」

Fire Prevention Division ☎427-0119

● As the air gets drier and colder during this season, fire is both used more often and is easier to spontaneously break out. Let's think more about fire prevention and stop them from occurring altogether.
● During this period of time, the Municipal Fire Department will go around the city with fire trucks to appeal to citizens regarding the handling of fire with caution. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.
● For preventing house fires before they happen, and for keeping damage to a minimum should the unthinkable happen, please keep the following in mind.



10 Points on House Fires and Protecting Your Life

4 Habits

- Never smoke or allowing smoking while laying down.
- Do not leave flammable items next to the stove.
- Do not leave burners unattended.
- Clean dust off of outlets and unplug unnecessary items.

6 Countermeasures

- To prevent fires, use stoves and burners with built in safety functions.
- For discovering fires early, inspect your fire alarms regularly, and aim to replace them every 10 years.
- To prevent fires from spreading, tidy your rooms and use fire resistant bedding, clothing, and curtains.
- For putting out fires early, have a fire extinguisher, etc. and know how to use it.
- For the elderly and those with disabilities, make sure you are prepared with an evacuation route and method.
- Participate in fire safety training and prepare local countermeasures like door-to-door safety checks, etc.

Cancer Screenings

A. Stomach Cancer (Barium X-Ray)
Eligibility: 50+ year old's that did not get examined last fiscal year
Number of Participants: 20 people (lottery)
Cost: 1,000 yen for 50-69 year-olds, 500 yen for 70+ year-olds

B. Lung Cancer (Chest X-Ray)
Eligibility: Those over 40 years old
Number of Participants: 50 people (lottery)
Cost: Free

C. Large Intestine Cancer (Fecal Occult Blood Test)
Eligibility: Those over 40 years old
Number of Participants: Unlimited
Cost: Free

D. Breast Cancer (Mammography Imaging)
Eligibility: 40+ year old women that did not get examined last fiscal year
Number of Participants: 20 people (lottery)
Cost: 1,500 yen for 40-69 year-olds, 700 yen for 70+ year-olds
※ Imaging will be performed by a male technician. For those undergoing treatment or observation, please get examined early by your medical institution.

Inquires and Applications:
Application: By QR code, phone, or postcard.
※ Please include your name, address, date of birth, phone number, requested date of examination, and requested exam(s).
Regional Health Division ☎488-5121

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Screening Date	Reception Hours	Location	Screening Type				Application Deadline
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① 12/3 (Thu.)	9:00 – 11:00	Nozaki Liaison Office/Nozaki Jichi Hall	○		○		11/12 (Thu.)
② 12/7 (Mon.)	13:30 – 15:30	Kita Health Center			○	○	11/16 (Mon.)
③ 12/9 (Wed.)	14:00 – 15:30	Kita Health Center		○	○		11/18 (Wed.)
④ 12/10 (Thu.)	9:00 – 11:00	Nishi Health Center	○		○		11/19 (Thu.)

Deadline for Tax and Insurance Payments

11/30 (Mon.)

Fixed Asset Tax, City Planning Tax (3rd Period)
Tax Revenue Division ☎435-1038

Senior's Health Insurance (5th Period)
Insurance General Affairs Division ☎435-1062

National Health Insurance (6th Period)
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.
National Health Insurance and Pension Division ☎435-1214

Nursing Care Insurance (6th Period)
Nursing Care Insurance Division ☎435-1334

The 50th Ichiko Market

Wakayama City Municipal High School (Musota 45) ☎461-3690

Date & Time: 11/14 (Sat.), 9:00 – 12:00
11/15 (Sun.), 9:00 – 11:30




Many items such as manju sweets, plants, fruits, vegetables, stationary, daily necessities, and more!


Wakayama Ichiko

There's a promotional corner for Waka-Oshi! too!


Ichiko Market's Mascot, "Icchi"!

~Health Events on the Same Day!~
(Location: Senshinkan)

Drop-in Dental Check-Ups
Dental check-ups, saliva testing, gum chewing test, etc.

Diabetes Prevention
Body composition and blood pressure measurements, consultations, exhibits, etc.

Free with no appointment required!
Stop by while you are shopping!

Regional Health Division
☎488-5121

Fall 2026 Wakayama Castle Photo Contest

Period: 11/1 (Sun.) – 12/6 (Sun.)
Location: Wakayama Castle Park
Details: We are accepting photos that capture the beauty of fall, such as autumn foliage or Wakayama Castle itself.
Submissions: Follow Wakayama Castle's official Instagram and upload the photo with the #和歌山城フォトコンテスト2026秋 hashtag by 12/6 (Sun.)
Inquiries: Wakayama Castle Maintenance and Planning Division ☎435-1044

J-Alert Test Broadcast Message

Date and Time: 11/11 (Wed.), 11:00AM
Broadcast Details: "korewa je araato no tesuto desu" (This is a J-Alert test) will be broadcast from via the disaster prevention wireless broadcast system (outdoor speakers).
※ J-Alert is a government system that immediately transmits emergency information, such as information on earthquakes, tsunamis, military attacks, etc.
※Depending on weather conditions, earthquake activity, etc., there is a chance that the broadcast will be cancelled. In the event of a cancellation, information will be posted on the city website as soon as possible.
Disaster Prevention Division ☎435-1199

Support for Newly Married Families

We are supporting newly married families by providing financial support for housing costs. If you believe that you may be eligible, please feel free to consult with the Child Rearing Support Division.
Subsidy: Up to ¥600,000 (depending on age on day you were married)
Eligibility: Couples married between 1/1/2026 and 3/31/2027 that meet age and income conditions
Application Period: Until the end of March, 2027
＊For more information, please visit the city website (ID: 1052803).
Inquiries: Child Rearing Support Division ☎435-1329

Big Campaign in Wakanoura: Digital Stamp Rally

Date & Time: 11/25 (Wed,) – 11/30 (Mon.), 10:00 – 18:00
Location: Art Cube, 10 of Wakanoura's famous places and stores
Details: Collect stamps by scanning QR codes with your smartphone at Wakanoura's famous locations and stores! Those who collect stamps will receive original goods as a present. For more details, please visit the website. The stamps have been designed by children from Wakaura Elementary School. There will also be a display featuring the originals.
Inquiries: Wakanoura Art Cube ☎445-1188

Big Campaign in Wakanoura: Culture Festival

Art Exhibition
Exhibition Period: 11/27 (Fri.) – 11/29 (Sun.), 9:00 – 17:00
Details: Creations from those affiliated with Art Cube and from regular citizens
Location: Wakanoura Art Cube (B1, C1, D1)

Culture Stage A
Start Time: 11/28 (Sat.), 13:00 start
Details: Musical performances, bands, dance, etc. with around 10 different performances
Location: Wakanoura Art Cube, Cube A
Inquiries: Wakanoura Art Cube ☎445-1188

A Message to our Citizens

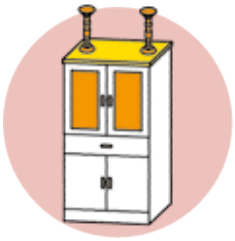
You can never be sure when an earthquake or other natural disaster will hit.
We hope that all of our citizens make sure they are prepared to protect your own life, the lives of your families, and your community.

Emergency Supplies



Prepare enough food, water, medicine, etc. for 3 days at the minimum. Make sure to check your supplies every so often.

Minimize Risks



Prepare by having an earthquake resistance evaluation, securing furniture, having an exit route, etc. to minimize damage and injury as much as possible.

Stay Calm, Take Action



When a natural disaster occurs, stay calm and act on accurate information. Prioritize the safety of yourself and your family.

Record Damages



If you suffer damages, take photos of what is damaged (such as your house). It can be useful for those providing support and for insurance procedures.

Find Information Regarding Disasters Here:

Official Wakayama SNS

LINE

Follow us here

City Website

City Website

Contents of Disaster Prevention Broadcasts

Radio

- FM Wakayama（87.7MHz）
- NHK
  - Radio 1（666kHz）
  - FM（84.7MHz）
- Wakayama Broadcasting
  - AM（1431kHz）
  - Wide FM（94.2MHz）

TV

Select a channel and then press the “d” button to check disaster information.

- NHK TV (channel 1)
- TV Wakayama (channel 5)

Being Prepared for Disasters

Wakayama City is providing partial subsidies for natural disaster countermeasures for your place of living and free installations of disaster goods for disaster preparedness.

Regional Safety Division ☎435-1005

What’s Offered

1. Free installations of metal mountings to stop furniture from falling over (up to 3 pieces of furniture, cost of metal mountings borne by applicant)
2. Earthquake-sensing breaker purchase + installation subsidy (up to ¥10,000, for new houses only purchase covered)

How to Apply

Apply in-person, by mail, or online by 1/29/2027 (Fri.)

※Applications close when the maximum amount of applicants is reached

※For more details, scan the QR codes.

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Eligibility

Resident of Wakayama City with household or person in household meeting one of the following:

※Ineligible if previously used this offer/subsidy

- Household that only includes those age 65 or older
- Those with a necessary nursing care classification of level 3-5
- Those with a Class 1 or 2 Disability Handbook
- Those with an A1 or A2 Certificate of Intellectual Disability
- Those with a Certificate of Mental Disorder
- Those with Cert. of Recipient of Benefit for Specific Medical Expenses for a serious disease
- Those with Cert. of Recipient of Benefit for Specified Chronic Pediatric Diseases