



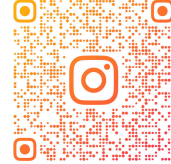
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Fire Prevention Week in Spring: Mar. 1 (Sat)–Mar. 7 (Fri) Be on the Alert for Fires in Dry Weather

Inquiries: Fire Prevention Division (Tel. 427-0119)
Spring's dry conditions make it a high-risk season for fires. To reduce the likelihood of an outbreak and minimize damage, each of us should stay vigilant in our daily lives and take proactive measures. By preparing ahead of time, we can help prevent house fires and limit harm if they do occur. Please keep the tips to the right in mind:

Residential Fire Alarm Replacement Campaign

During Fire Prevention Week, special stations will be set up to provide information on fire alarms and to answer any questions about replacing old ones.

Date/Time	Place
Mar. 1 (Sat) 9:00–11:00	Kohnan, Wakayama (2-1 Minamikatahara)
Mar. 1 (Sat) 9:00–12:00	Juntendo, Wasa (309-1 Inokuchi)
Mar. 1 (Sat) 9:00–12:00	Komeri, Wakayama Interchange (53-1 Azushima)

Ten Tips for Fire Safety

Four Daily Habits

- ① Never smoke in bed, and discourage others from doing so.
- ② Keep flammable items away from heaters and stoves.
- ③ Do not leave the stove unattended while cooking.
- ④ Clean around electrical outlets and unplug devices not in use.

Six Preventative Measures

- ① Ensure to use stoves, heaters, and other appliances that have safety features.
- ② To detect fires swiftly, install residential fire alarms and check them regularly; replace them roughly every 10 years.
- ③ Use fire-resistant products—such as bedding, clothing, and curtains—and organize rooms to prevent flames from quickly spreading.
- ④ Have a fire extinguisher available to tackle small fires before they grow.
- ⑤ If you live with seniors or people with disabilities, establish a clear evacuation plan.
- ⑥ Get involved in community fire prevention by participating in events, drills, and neighborhood safety initiatives.



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Special Disability Allowance

This allowance is for individuals with severe mental or physical disabilities who need constant caretaking in daily life.

Eligibility Requirements (all conditions must be met)

- ① Living at home (not in a special nursing facility, etc.)
 - ② Age 20 or older
 - ③ Possessing a significantly severe mental or physical disability, or multiple severe-level disabilities (including equivalent conditions)
- ※A doctor's medical certificate is generally required.

Allowance Details

Monthly Amount: ¥28,840 (as of Apr. 2024)

※Payments begin from the month after you apply. They are distributed in Feb., May, Aug., and Nov., with each payment covering the balance up to the previous month.

Income Restrictions: Based on the prior year's income of the applicant, spouse, and any legally responsible supporters.

Inquiries Division for the Support of People with Disabilities Tel. 435-1060, FAX: 431-2840, ✉ shogaishashien@city.wakayama.lg.jp

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Allowances for Children (Under 20 Years Old)

Child Disability Welfare Allowance

For children under 20, who have severe disabilities, live at home and require constant care.

Monthly Amount: ¥15,690 (as of Apr. 2024)

Special Child Rearing Allowance

For fathers or mothers who are caring (at home) for a child that is under 20 years old and has a moderate or severe physical, intellectual, or mental disability, or a condition requiring long-term bed rest. Individuals who are raising such a child on behalf of the parents and are the primary supporters of the child's livelihood are also eligible.

Monthly Amounts (as of Apr. 2024)

Level 1: ¥55,350 Level 2: ¥36,860

※Income restrictions apply. Not applicable if the child lives in a facility.

Starts Apr. 2025! Changes to cloth collection day

Inquiries: Waste Management Division Tel. 435-1352

Currently, recyclables are collected in two groups:

1. Cans & Bottles
2. Paper, Cloth & PET Bottles

Beginning in Apr. 2025, the groups will change to:

1. Cans, Bottles & Cloth
2. Paper & PET Bottles



Because paper, cloth, and PET bottles tend to be bulkier and heavier, some collection sites have difficulty storing and handling them properly. This new grouping aims to address those issues.

New Recyclables Collection Schedule (as of Apr. 2025)

A Course: Cans, Bottles & Cloth



(collection) 1st & 3rd Wed
Paper & PET Bottles



(collection) 2nd, 4th & 5th Wed

B Course: Cans, Bottles & Cloth



(collection) 2nd & 4th Wed
Paper & PET Bottles



(collection) 1st, 3rd & 5th Wed

Sign Up for the Disaster Information Email! (Japanese)

Wakayama City's outdoor emergency broadcast system, used to announce evacuation and meteorological information, can be hard to hear when indoors. We recommend signing up for the "Disaster Information Email" to receive the same vital updates directly in your inbox.

How to Register

1. **Send a blank email** (no subject or message needed) to the following address:
touroku@bosai-mail.city.wakayama.wakayama.jp
2. **Wait for the reply.** You'll receive a registration email in a few minutes.
Follow the instructions to complete your sign-up.
3. **Look for the "Registration Complete" email.** Once it arrives, you're all set!



▲ Register here



Other ways to receive disaster information (Japanese sources)



Confirming Emergency Broadcast Information

- **Wakayama City Disaster Information Phone Service:** Tel. 0120-077-199 (Toll-Free)
- **Wakayama City Website:** URL : <http://wakayama-city.site.ktaiwork.jp>
- **Disaster Information via Fax:** Available to residents with a disability certificate for hearing impairment who apply in advance
- **J:COM Disaster Information Service:** Broadcasts from the disaster radio system are automatically transmitted via a special receiver (fees apply)



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Confirm information from the emergency broadcast system on the city website



▲
Apply for disaster information via FAX



Emergency Alert and Area Mail

- Mobile phone users will receive J-ALERT warnings and local evacuation information.



Radio

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



Television (Data Broadcasting)

- By pressing the d-button on your remote while watching the channels below, you can check the latest disaster information:
- **NHK** (Channel 1); **TV Wakayama** (Channel 5)



Wakayama City Official Social Media



Add us on LINE ↑



Check out our other official social media here! ↑



Wakayama City Website

During a disaster, the city website will post detailed updates on road conditions and other essential infrastructure information.



▲ City Website

Multilingual Disaster Information Resources



Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) Disaster Info Web

Get the latest weather and disaster updates directly from the JMA.

<https://www.data.jma.go.jp/multi/index.html?lang=en>



Safety Tips App

A disaster alert app providing information on emergencies, evacuation notices, and useful learning features during disasters.



Wakayama Disaster Prevention Navi

Find prefecture-wide information on evacuation sites and receive disaster updates to ensure safe evacuation.



Wakayama Foreign Resident Support Mail

Email updates with important disaster-related information, including support during earthquakes and tsunamis, tailored for foreign residents in Wakayama Prefecture.



Cancer Screenings (Stomach, Lung, Colon, Breast)

Stomach Cancer (Barium Test)

▼ **Eligibility:** Individuals aged 50 or older at an even-numbered age; those at an odd-numbered age who did not receive this screening last year are also eligible ▼ **Capacity:** 20 people (chosen by lottery) ▼ **Cost:** ¥ Ages 50–69: 1,000; Ages 70+: ¥ 500

Lung Cancer (Chest X-ray)

▼ **Eligibility:** Individuals aged 40 or older ▼ **Capacity:** 50 (chosen by lottery) ▼ **Cost:** Free

Colon Cancer (Fecal Occult Blood Test)

▼ **Eligibility:** Individuals aged 40 or older ▼ **Capacity:** 50 (chosen by lottery) ▼ **Cost:** Free

Breast Cancer (Two-Angle Mammogram)

▼ **Eligibility:** Women aged 40 or older at an even-numbered age. Those at an odd-numbered age who did not receive this screening last year are also eligible ▼ **Capacity:** 20 (by lottery) ▼ **Cost:** Ages 40–69: ¥ 1,500; Ages 70+: ¥ 700 ▼ **Note:** Not available for pregnant or nursing mothers, or within six months postpartum.

How to Apply for All Screenings Above

▼ **Application:** By phone or postcard (include your address, name, date of birth, telephone number, preferred screening date, and the specific screenings you want). You can also apply via the QR code.

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▼ Important Notes:

If you have noticeable symptoms in the area that will be screened, you cannot undergo that screening.

If you are currently in medical treatment or under observation, please consult your doctor.

You may choose to receive screenings individually or as a set.

Stomach and breast cancer screenings are conducted on a mobile screening bus, where male technicians will perform the imaging.

▼ **Applications & Inquiries:** Regional Health Division (Address: 5-2-15 Fukiage) (488-5121)

March	Hours	Place	Screening				Apply by
			Stom- -ach	Lung	Colon	Brea- -st	
① 3 rd	13:30-15:30	Nishi Health Center	/	/	○	○	Feb. 10
② 5 th	9:00-11:00	Kita Health Center	○	○	○	○	Feb. 12
③ 8 th	8:30-10:30	Wakayama Big Ai	/	/	○	○	Feb. 14
④ 10 th	13:30-15:30	Wakayamashi Hokenjo	/	/	○	○	Feb. 17
⑤ 15 th	8:30-10:30	Wakayama Big Ai	○	○	○	○	Feb. 21

Deadlines Approaching for Certain Vaccinations

COVID-19 Vaccination for Seniors

▼ **Deadline:** Mar. 31 (Mon) ▼ **Eligibility:** Residents of Wakayama who are: ① aged 65 or older. ② aged 60–64 with a severe (Level 1) disability affecting the heart, kidneys, respiratory system, or immune function ▼ **Number of Doses:** 1 ▼ **Fee (individual burden):** ¥ 3000 *Exemptions are available for those receiving public assistance or support benefits for Japanese remaining in China after the war. ▼ **How to Get Vaccinated:** Make a reservation at a participating medical institution and bring your official ID.

Second Dose of Measles-Rubella (MR) Vaccine for Young Children

▼ **Deadline:** Mar. 31 (Mon) ▼ **Eligibility:** Children born between Apr. 2, 2018, and Apr. 1, 2019 ▼ **Fee:** Free ▼ **How to Get Vaccinated:** Make a reservation at a participating medical institution and bring the pre-examination form and Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Handbook.

Rubella Antibody Test & Vaccination for Adult Males

▼ **Deadline:** Feb. 28 (Fri) ▼ **Eligibility:** Men born between Apr. 2, 1962, and Apr. 1, 1979 ▼ **Fee:** Free

▼ **How to Get Tested/Vaccinated:** Make a reservation at a participating medical institution and bring the coupon ticket plus your official ID. (See the QR code for details.)

▼ **Inquiries:** Health Policy Division (488-5118)



One-Year Extension for HPV Vaccine

▼ **Eligibility:** Females born between Apr. 2, 1997, and Apr. 1, 2009, who received at least one HPV vaccination between Apr. 1, 2022, and Mar. 31, 2025 ▼ **Extended Deadline:** Until Mar. 31, 2026

▼ **How to Get Vaccinated:** Make an appointment at a participating medical institution and bring official ID. ※See the QR code for further details.

▼ **Inquiries:** Public Health Measures Division (488-5118)



J-Alert Test Broadcast

▼ **Date:** Feb. 12 (Wed), 11:00 a.m. ▼ **Info:** “Koreha J-arato no tesuto desu” (this is a J-Alert test) will be broadcasted simultaneously over the Disaster Broadcast System. J-alert is an early warning system that uses satellites to convey information about emergencies, including earthquakes, tsunamis, and ballistic missiles. ※Any cancellations will be announced on the city website. ▼ **Inquiries:** Disaster Prevention Division (435-1199)

Wakayama Company Research Event in Osaka

▼ **Date/Time:** Feb. 13 (Thu), 1:00–4:00 p.m. ▼ **Location:** Business Innovation Center Osaka (5-minute walk from Sakaisuji-Hommachi Station) ▼ **Eligibility:** Students graduating in Mar. 2026 or Mar. 2025, recent graduates, and general job seekers

▼ **Participating Companies:** 30 ▼ **Agenda:** Seminar: “Discover the Charms of Wakayama City”; Corporate Research (booth-style presentations)

▼ **Registration:** Advance registration required (details via QR code)

▼ **Inquiries:** Wakayama City UIJ Turn Employment Support Office, Wakayama Prefecture Employers' Association (431-7376)



Wakayama Job Fair in Kyoto

▼ **Date/Time:** Mar. 3 (Mon), 1:30–4:30 p.m. ▼ **Location:** Kyoto Terra, East Wing 2F Seminar Room ▼ **Eligibility:** Students graduating in Mar. 2025 or Mar. 2026 (excluding high school); graduates within the last three years; general job seekers.

▼ **Participating Companies:** About 21

▼ **Registration:** Via the QR code

▼ **Inquiries:** Clear Vision Co. Ltd. (075-662-0607)



Community Center Festival

① **Exhibition of Works:** ▼ **Dates/Times:** Feb. 14 (Fri), 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Feb. 15 (Sat) & 16 (Sun), 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ▼ **Details:** Showcasing handicrafts, paintings, calligraphy, and more by local residents involved in community center programs.

② **Presentations:** ▼ **Date/Time:** Feb. 15 (Sat), 11:30 a.m. – around 4:00 p.m. ▼ **Details:** Live performances by community center groups, including traditional folk dance, chorus, Tai Chi, and more.

① & ② ▼ **Cost:** Free ▼ **Venue:** Wakayama Castle Hall ▼ **Inquiries:** Lifelong Learning Division (435-1193)

Civic Cultural Festival

Wakayama Gagaku Society 70th Anniversary – 22nd Annual Concert

▼ **Date/Time:** Mar. 9 (Tue), from 2:00 p.m. ▼ **Admission:** Students ¥ 500; early-bird tickets ¥ 2,000; same-day tickets ¥ 2,500 ▼ **Venue:** Wakayama Castle Hall ▼ **Inquiries:** Cultural Promotion Division (435-1194)

Free Legal Consultations

If you're facing civil issues or need legal guidance, free consultations are available with lawyers, tax accountants, and judicial scriveners. ▼ **Hours:** Weekdays, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

▼ **Location & Inquiries:** Citizens' Consultation Center (2F, City Hall) (435-1025)

Tax & Insurance Premium Deadlines

Feb 28 (Fri)

National Health Insurance Premiums (9th installment):

National Health Insurance & Pension Division: **435-1214**

Nursing Care Insurance Premiums (9th installment):

Nursing Care Insurance Division: **435-1334**

Advanced Elderly Medical Insurance Premiums (8th installment):

Insurance General Affairs Division: **435-1062**

Are your city taxes paid?

If you have not yet paid your Fixed Asset Tax, Municipal/Prefectural Inhabitants Tax (ordinary collection), or Light Vehicle Tax (classified by category) for FY2024, please pay promptly at the Revenue Tax Division. ※Payment applications can also be made at designated financial institutions and online (only available in certain institutions).

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

A Trip Along the Kumano Kodo Kii-ji Route

Weaving Together History and Nature



Inquiries: Cultural Promotion Division (Tel. 435-1194)

What is the Kumano Kodo?

The Kumano Kodo is an ancient pilgrimage route leading to the three Kumano Grand Shrines: **Kumano Hongu Taisha**, **Kumano Hayatama Taisha**, and **Kumano Nachi Taisha**. The **Kii-ji Route**, which passes through Wakayama City, includes nine historic sites of Oji Shrines and many cultural treasures along the old road.

In 2004, the southern part of the Kii Peninsula's Kumano Kodo was registered as a UNESCO World Heritage site under "Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range."

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of this listing, Wakayama City produced a promotional video featuring the Kumano Kodo Kii-ji Route, highlighting Oji Shrine sites and other cultural treasures. Many sections of the Kii-ji Route in Wakayama City still serve as everyday roads. You might be walking part of this historic path without even realizing it! Take a closer look and rediscover its unique heritage.





North of Kinokawa River

Discover the must-see Oji shrine sites and cultural treasures along the historic Kii-ji Route! Step into the past, immerse yourself in tradition, and experience the rich heritage of this captivating region.

Nakayama-oji

The first Oji shrine along Wakayama City's Kii-ji Route



Yamaguchi Shrine

A notable site dating back to the Heian period, once visited by retired emperors. Legend says Emperor Kanmu built a temporary palace nearby.



From Kawanabe-oji to Nakamura-oji

Stroll along a river through the serene countryside



Use the tiles along the path as a guide

(Designated Cultural Property of Wakayama Prefecture)

Rikishi Shrine

Dedicated to Amenotajikarao, a powerful divinity originally enshrined at Kumano Hongu Taisha. The current sanctuary dates to the early Edo period.



South of the Kinokawa River



National Important Cultural Property Former Nakasuji Residence

Facing the Kumano Kodo on its eastern side, this impressive Edo-period home belonged to the government head of the Wasa district. Explore the nearby Hirao area, where traditional houses and lanterns evoke a charming, historic atmosphere.

Heritage houses, decorated with lanterns, dot the Hirao area. Enjoy the tapestry of a bygone age.



Yata Pass

A mountain pass historically traversed by countless pilgrims. The route from Wasa to Sando still preserves an old-world feel.

Itakiso Shrine

Located where the Kumano Kodo meets the Ryujin-kaido path (leading to Ryujin Onsen). This shrine honors Itakeru (the deity who bestowed tree seeds throughout Japan) and his sister deities, Oyatsuhime and Tsumatsuhime. Itakiso Shrine is revered as the highest-ranking shrine of the historical Kii Province.



The 9th Oji Shrine in Wakayama City Nakuchi-oji



“J-Walking” App

Virtually explore the Kumano Kodo Kii-ji Route. Even if you can't visit in person, you can log your steps and compare your distance to the actual route in the app.
*Scheduled to end in late March

See the city website for details→



Kumano Kodo Kii-ji Route Promotion Video



Watch the video here→



Cultural Treasures Map of the Kumano Kodo Area



Download the map highlighting the Kumano Kodo and surrounding cultural treasures in Wakayama City →

