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Dec 3–9 of every year is dedicated to people with disabilities

Inquiries: Division for the Support of People with Disabilities ☎ 435-1060 FAX 431-2840

Disability Symbols

Please study the symbols so that you can respond appropriately in the necessary situation.



International Symbol of Access

An internationally shared mark that indicates facilities and buildings designated for disabled peoples.



Physical Disability Symbol (for driving) Indicates drivers with restricted limb movement. Avoid pulling too close or cutting off cars with this mark.

※Subject to fines according to traffic law provisions.



Hearing Impaired Symbol (for driving)

Indicates drivers with hearing disabilities. Avoid pulling too close or cutting off cars with this mark.

※Subject to fines according to traffic law provisions.



Ear Symbol

Indicates a hearing impairment. Converse by speaking clearly and directly, or employing sign language and writing.



International Symbol for the Blind

An international mark that indicates a visual disability. Avoid parking or placing objects near/on braille blocks.



White Cane SOS Signal

Waving a white cane approx. 50 cm above one's head signals SOS. Approach, speak out, and offer support.



Service Dog Symbol

Informs that the person is accompanied by a trained service dog.

※Ensure that the person can properly accompany their service dog.



Heart Plus Symbol

Indicates an internal disability. The wearer may be experiencing difficulties even if it is not physically discernable.



Ostomates/Ostomate Facilities

Indicates the use of a colostomy or urostomy device (mainly prosthetic equipment that can be cleaned), as well as facilities for ostomates.

New Year's Climb to Wakayama Castle Tower

▼**Date:** Jan 01 (Mon/Holiday), 2023 0600–0900

※Free castle admission during the event. Clayware offered as a souvenir to first 1,000 people. **Inquires:** Wakayama Castle Maintenance and Planning Division ☎435-1044

New Year's Running and Walking Event

Date: Jan 01 (Mon/Holiday) from 0700 ※Cancelled in the case of heavy rain. ※From 0630, medal coupons will be distributed at Sunanomaru Bailey to the first 1,850 people. **Course:** (Footpath around Wakayama Castle) ① Family Course (approx. 1.7 km) ② Hiker course (approx. 2.2 km) **Inquires:** Sports Promotion Division ☎435-1364 ※Find more information from the city website (ID: 1018316)

Wakayama UNESCO Association New Year's Eve Bell Ringing

Date: Dec 31 (Sun) from 2330 **Location:** Okayama-no-Jishodo Bell Tower (Fukiage 1-14-19) **Inquires:** ☎435-1138

Wakayama Job Exchange Festival

Date: Jan 13 (Sat) from 1000–1200 **Location:** F4 Hall, Plaza Hope Wakayama Prefecture Labor Welfare Center **Target:** General employment seekers between approx. 35–55 years of age. **Applications:** Apply via the QR code by Dec 28 (Thurs) **Inquires:** Career Facilitator Association ☎425-3720



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TGC WAKAYAMA 2024

by TOKYO GIRLS COLLECTION

Event Day: **Feb 3 Sat**

Wakayama Big Whale

OPEN | 2:30 / START | 4:00 / CLOSE | 8:30 (subject to change)

Currently selling tickets! ※Sales end when tickets sell out

Arena	Pre-order : 12,000 ¥ / General : 12,500 ¥ (tax incl./ souvenir bag and cheering gear incl.)
Stands	Pre-order : 8,500 ¥ / General : 9,000 ¥ (tax incl./ souvenir bag and cheering gear incl.)

Check the TGC Wakayama 2024 website for updates! <https://tgc.girlswalker.com/wakayama/2024/>



New Years announcement

City Hall will be **closed from Dec 29 (Fri) to Jan 3 (Wed)**. We apologize for the inconvenience, but appreciate your cooperation and understanding. ※The holiday period differs for certain operations, so please refer to the city website (ID: 1025900). **Inquiries** Wakayama City Hall ☎ 432-0001 (main phone)

National Health Insurance and Pension Division Counter Services

Regular operations until **Dec 28 (Thurs)**
Year-end 【National Health Insurance】 until 12:00 on Dec 29 (Fri)
 【National Pension】 until Dec 28 (Thurs)

※Because JPS Branch Offices are closed.

Year-start Resume regular operations from **Jan 4 (Thurs)**

Counter Services for Family Register · Seal · Residence Registration etc.

- Citizens' Affairs Division (F1 Main Building)
- Service Center (Tobu, Kanan, Kahoku, Central, North, South)

Year-end Regular operations until **Dec 28 (Thurs)** until 12:00 on **Dec 29 (Fri)**

Year-start from **Jan 4 (Thurs)**

※Certain services, including those related to my number cards, are unavailable.

※Memorial Photo Booth (Citizens' Affairs Division) is available over the new years from 0830-1715.

※The Bereavement Consultation Desk is closed from Dec 29 (Fri) to Jan 3 (Wed).

Tenant Applications for Public Housing

Inquiries Wakayama Prefectural Housing Corporation ☎ 494-7471

Complex/Area	Type	Layout	#	Monthly Rent (¥)
Kiwa Station	General	3DK	2	21,000 ~ 39,400
Mukai	General ※1, 2	3DK	2	17,800 ~ 31,100
Shobugaoka	General ※1, 2	3DK	1	15,500 ~ 28,000
	Physically Disabled	2DK	1	14,400 ~ 27,400
Yakushubata	General	2LDK	1	26,800 ~ 52,600
	General	3LDK	3	30,900 ~ 60,700
Raburi Matsue	Elderly	2DK	1	22,300 ~ 43,900
	Hearing Impaired	3LDK	1	29,200 ~ 57,300
Byutsutsujigaoka	General	3LDK	1	30,900 ~ 60,700
	General ※3	2DK	1	25,100 ~ 49,300
Higashinagacho	General	2LDK	1	26,100 ~ 48,200
Hirose	General	2LDK	1	26,100 ~ 51,200
Nakanoshima Daini	General	3DK	1	24,900 ~ 48,900
Shioya Daini	General	3DK	1	22,700 ~ 43,700

※ 1 : Available for single occupants ※ 2 : Available for out of city families with children ※ 3 : Available for single occupants 60 and above.

Applications: Dec 8 (Fri) and 11 (Mon) at the Wakayama Prefectural Housing Corporation (Sakano Building, 13 Jusanbacho) ※Between Dec 1 (Fri) and 11 (Mon), the application form can be downloaded from the corporation's website or picked up from the above address. ※Chosen by lottery if applications exceed availability. Can only apply once. The housing availability is subject to change. Please refer to the housing corporation's website/pamphlet for the most recent information.

City Hall General Operations (excl. some sections)

Year-end until **Dec 28 (Thurs)**

Year-start from **Jan 4 (Thurs)**

Official Document Publication at Convenience Stores Residence Certificate · Seal Registration Certificate · Family Register · Supplementary Abridged Family Register · Taxation/Tax Exemption Certificate

Year-end until **Dec 28 (Thurs)**

Year-start from **Jan 4 (Thurs)**

※My Number Card and pin code is required for this service.

Funeral Hall

【Acceptance of Documents】

Regular operations over the new year

【Funeral Hall Usage (cremation · ceremonial hall)】

closed on **Jan 1 (Mon)**

Tax Payment Deadlines

Dec 28 (Thurs)

Prefectural and Municipal Inhabitants Tax (general collection) (period 4)

Inquiries Tax Revenue Division ☎ 435-1038

Insurance Payment Deadlines

Dec 25 (Mon)

National Health Insurance (period 7)

Inquiries National Health Insurance and Pension Division ☎ 435-1214

Nursing Care Insurance (period 7)

Inquiries Nursing Care Insurance Division ☎ 435-1334

Advanced Elderly Medical Insurance (period 6)

Inquiries Insurance General Affairs Division ☎ 435-1062

Let's Prevent Norovirus Food Poisoning!

Outbreaks of norovirus food poisoning tend to occur in the winter season. Let's prevent outbreaks by understanding the norovirus' characteristics and prevention tips.

Characteristics: It takes 24-48 hours for symptoms to appear after infection (latency period); main symptoms include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea & stomach pains; recovery normally takes a few days.

Prevention Tips: Ensure proper handwashing; cook food that requires heating to a proper internal temperature; sterilize dishes with chlorine bleach or boiling water.

Inquiries: Healthy Lifestyle Division ☎ 488-5111

Garbage Collection/Self-Disposal

Put out your garbage by 8AM on garbage collection day.



Inquiries: General Waste Division ☎ 435-1352

Aogishi Energy Centre ☎ 428-4153 Aogishi Stockyard ☎ 435-5560

North Office ☎ 471-1503 West Office ☎ 453-0253 Oversized Garbage Reception Centre ☎ 0570-666-202

● General House Waste Collection

Collection Schedule	Year-end collection	First collection of the year
Mon/Thurs	12/28 Thurs	1/4 Thurs
Tues/Fri	12/29 Fri	1/5 Fri

※ Garbage/recyclables will not be collected from Dec 31 (Sun) to Jan 03 (Wed)

● Self-disposal of garbage at Aogishi

Stockyard

(Next to Aogishi Cleaning Centre)

Disposal Hours ▶ Mon to Sat, 0900-1530

Year-end Until Dec 30 (Sat)

Year-start Normal operations from Jan 04 (Thurs)

[Regarding self-disposal]

※ Confirm the disposal criteria on the city website (ID : 1005228)



① The collection facility becomes congested from mid December, so please come as soon as possible.

Be sure to separate oversized garbage into burnables, non-burnables, and recyclables.

② The stockyard does not usually accept self-disposals on Sundays, but will be open on Dec 24 (Sun), from 0900-1530.

※ Excluding business garbage

③ Please dispose of small electrical appliances either on the collection day for your area that occurs twice yearly, or directly haul the items to the North office, West office, or Aogishi Stockyard.

※ Phone reservations are required for the North and West offices.

● Separate collection of (1) glass bottles/cans and (2) PET bottles/fabric/paper

Course	12/27 4th Wed	12/30 Sun*	1/10 2nd Wed
A	PET bottles/fabric/paper	cans/glass bottles	PET bottles/fabric/paper
B	cans/glass bottles	PET bottles/fabric/paper	cans/glass bottles

A . . . Areas where cans/glass bottles are collected on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, and PET bottles/fabric/paper on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays of each month.

B . . . Areas where cans/glass bottles are collected on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, and PET bottles/fabric/paper on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of each month.

※ Premature collection for Jan 03 (1st Wed of the month)

● Booking oversized garbage disposal via phone (Oversized garbage reception centre)

Hours of operation

▶ Mon~Fri 08:30 to 1600 ※excl. holidays

▶ **Year-end** Until 1600 on Dec 28 (Thurs)

▶ **Year-start** Regular operations from Jan 4th (Thurs)

※ Be sure to confirm your collection day at the time of reservation. If you plan to use one of the licensed waste collectors (paid) listed on the city website (ID: 1002053), please contact the collector directly to confirm your collection day.

● Small animal (dogs, cats, etc.) carcass disposal

[Reserving collection via phone] Booking period ▶ Mon-Fri 0830-1600

※ Excluding holidays

Year-end: Book by Dec 28 (Thurs) with the oversized garbage centre.

Book from Dec 29 (Fri)-30 (Sat) at Aogishi Energy Centre.

※ On Dec 30th, must book by 1200PM.

Year-start: From Jan 04 (Wed), book as usual at the oversized garbage centre

[Self-disposal] Booking period ▶ Mon-Sat 0900-1700

Year-end: Book by 1700 on Dec 30 (Sat), at the Aogishi Energy Centre.

Year-start: Book as usual from Jan 04 (Thurs) onwards at Aogishi Energy Centre

If you suddenly become ill over the new year...

Wakayama City Night & Holiday Medical Centre

☎ 425-8181

Service	Examination Hours	
Internal Medicine • Pediatrics	12/29 Fri	12/30 Sat-1/3 Wed
	1900-0600	1000-1200 1300-1700 1900-0600
Ear/nose/throat disorders	12/29 Fri	12/30 Sat-1/3 Wed
	1900-0600	1300-1700 1900-0600
Dentistry	12/29 Fri-1/4 Thurs	
	☎ 428-3588 1000-1200; 1300-1500	



(Fukiage 5-2-15)

Night & Holiday Medical Centre

Seeking medical attention for feverish symptoms etc, or consultations about COVID-19

Wakayama Prefecture COVID-19 Consultation Desk
441-2170、FAX 431-1800

Operates 24/7 (incl. weekends) Connects you to the appropriate healthcare service or facility.

Do not require an ambulance, but need information regarding the appropriate medical facility...

Wakayama Prefecture Emergency Medical Information Centre ☎ 426-1199
Operates 24/7

Directs you to the nearest medical facilities

