



# Oh-i!



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## Be prepared for heavy rain!



Abundant rain and strong wind such as typhoons and guerilla rain that occur at this time of year sure have me worried.

Yeah, last September when the Kinugawa River flooded due to guerilla rain it was really scary.



I wonder how we should be prepared.



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Today I'll tell you about how to be prepared for heavy rain.



### 1. Usual countermeasures

- Remove trash and mud from street ditches and drain gutters to allow for good water flow
- Confirm dangerous locations by looking at the shape of the land and roads around the area you live
- Look at the "Hazard Map" issued by the municipality, and confirm where there is a safe evacuation site
- Have flashlights, etc. on hand in case of a power outage

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### 2. What to do when it looks like there may be heavy rain



- Don't go outside
- If out and about, go home as soon as possible
- Close storm windows and shutters
- Prepare emergency items
- People who live near cliffs should be careful of landslides
- People who live near rivers should be careful of the upstream rain and water level

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Next I'll tell you about what to do when there is heavy rain.



### 3. What to do when the heavy rain is at its peak

#### << If you are at home >>

- Check out the latest weather reports on TV, radio, or the Internet
- If there is a possibility that the toilet or bathtub may have a backflow of water from the drain, have a plastic bag filled with water to plug it up
- Put items you do not want to get wet up high in preparation for indoor flooding (if your house becomes immersed in water)
- Evacuate immediately if there is an evacuation advisory issued by the municipality



#### << If outside >>

- If there is heavy guerilla rain, do not quickly try and go someplace else, but rather stay in a safe place and see what happens
- Don't go near rivers or cliffs
- If driving, don't take underground passageways



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In Tochigi Prefecture there is a lot of thunder and lightning too. If you hear thunder, unplug electronic devices and be sure to stay away from such things as tall trees.



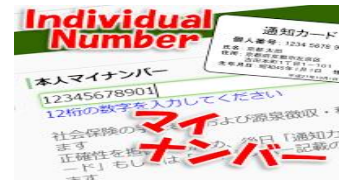
Emergency drills are conducted to prepare for the occurrence of disasters. Various drills take place and emergency food rations are handed out for free. Come see what it's all about!

◎Municipal comprehensive emergency drill  
August 20 (Sat) 9:00AM – 12:00PM  
Toyosato Chuo Elementary School (Sekibori-cho)  
If you come by car, please park at Toyosato Junior High School.



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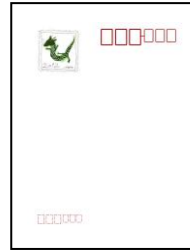
## My Number card (individual number card) pick up



※マイナンバー = 個人番号

### People who applied for a My Number card

As soon as preparations to give you your My Number card have been made, a notification card (postcard) will be sent to you notifying you of where to pick up the card, etc. However, there are currently many people who applied for a card, so it is taking about six months for the notification card to be sent out.



### My Number card Notification and pick up

When your notification card arrives, please read the content carefully and go to pick up the card in person by the deadline. It is possible to pick up your card after the deadline.

If you are not able to pick it up on a weekday, please consult with the location notated on the notification card.

Inquiries: Shimin-ka (Citizen's Division)

☎ 028-632-5266

## Attention dog and cat owners

### If your dog/cat is lost, please contact the Hokenjo



Animals such as lost dogs and injured cats are taken into protection at the Hokenjo (Health Center, which is like a humane society), and information about them is posted on the city's website. In addition, it is possible to contact the Hokenjo for information on dogs and cats taken into protection there. If your dog or cat gets lost, please contact the Hokenjo immediately.

### Make sure to notate the dog/cat owner's information

When lost dogs and cats are taken into protection, if there is a contact number known for them, it is possible to return them to their owner. Please notate the following information on their collar.

▽Dogs: Dog license tag and rabies vaccination notice

▽Cats: Owner's name and phone no., etc.

It is also effective to have a microchip implanted by a vet.

### It is best to keep cats inside

There are many dangers in keeping cats outside, such as being hit by cars or getting diseases. In some cases injured cats are brought for protection at the Hokenjo. Please keep your cat(s) inside.

Inquiries: Seikatsu Eisei-ka

(Environmental Health Division)

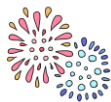
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## Fun events 🎵 🎶

### Kamikawachi Festival Enjoy Festa Kamikawachi



- 🕒 August 27 (Sat) 1:00PM – 8:00PM  
Cancelled in the case of heavy rain or wind  
Fireworks only postponed until Aug. 28 (Sun) 7:30PM
- 🎉 Dancing and musical performances on stage, rituals and rice cake throwing from a stage on the pillars where a house will be built, jumbo watermelon event, local vegetables for sale, etc.
- @ Bonten no Yu and the surrounding area (Temporary traffic restrictions)
- ☎ Kamikawachi Area Machizukuri Secretariat 028-674-3140



### Utsunomiya Museum of Art



- 🕒 Until September 4 (Sun) 9:30AM - 5:00PM
- 🎨 Exhibition: “11<sup>th</sup> Utsunomiya City Esperer Award Ryota Kuwakubo exhibition”  
Closed: Aug. 1, 8, 12, 15, 22, 29  
Admission: General 310yen  
High school/university student: 210yen  
Elementary/junior high school student: 100yen
- @ Utsunomiya Bijutsukan (Utsunomiya Museum of Art)
- ☎ 028-643-0100



### Something fun to go do with your kids!

- 🕒 August 22 (Mon) 2:00PM – 4:00PM
- 🎨 Fun things to make and interesting games to play
- For** Infants – elementary school students  
Guardians can have fun with infants.
- Max. Sign up** First 200 people  
On the day of event from 1:00 – 2:00PM at the venue reception desk
- @ Utsunomiya Shimin Plaza “Yuai Hiroba”
- ☎ Yuai Hiroba (Yuai Square) 028-616-1570

### A hot summer event



- 🕒 August 20 (Sat)
- 🎨 Miya no Bon Odori (dancing) 5:00PM – 9:00PM  
Orion Jazz 1:00PM – 9:00PM  
Thoroughly enjoy the city center!  
Come dance with everyone!
- @ Intersection in front of the Tobu Utsunomiya Department Store Orion Street Event Square
- ☎ Utsunomiya Machizukuri Suishin Kiko (Community Promotion Org.) 028-632-8215

### Robot demonstration and operation & crafts workshops

- 🕒 August 17 (Wed) 10:00AM – 3:00PM
- 🎨 Utsunomiya University Engineering Department is running
  - ① Robot operation workshop
  - ② Crafts workshop
- For** Elementary school students and above  
First 100 people
- Cost** Free
- @ Higashi Toshokan (East Library)
- ☎ Higashi Toshokan 028-638-5614

### ♪ International Salon

- 🕒 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month 4:00PM – 6:00PM
  - Aug. 28 Piñata breaking
  - Sept. 25 What is a world BBQ?
- 🎨 An event at which you can talk with people from various countries
- Cost** Free
- @ Utsunomiya International Plaza (UIP)
- ☎ Utsunomiya International Plaza (UIP) 028-616-1563



**Information**

# Please use the Utsunomiya City libraries!

People living, working, or attending school in Utsunomiya City can borrow books, CDs, DVDs, etc.

Library	Open	Closed
Chuo	9:30AM – 7:00PM	Fridays, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, year-end & start, special inventory period
Higashi & Kamikawachi	9:30AM – 7:00PM	Mondays, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, year-end & start, special inventory period
Minami	9:30AM – 8:00PM	
Kawachi	Tues – Fri, August	9:30AM – 8:00PM
	Sat & Sun, national holidays, months other than August	9:30AM – 7:00PM

**【Borrowing procedure】** 1. Make a library card at the library. (Residence card, driver's license, or student handbook, etc. are needed.)

2. Take your library card and the book(s) you want to borrow to the check-out counter.

- ※ The borrowing period is 2 weeks.
- ※ You can borrow up to 15 books, 5 CDs and 5 DVDs at one time.



**【Returning procedure】** 1. Take the books(s), CD(s) and DVD(s), etc. to the library's return counter.

- ※ You can also return books to the Shogaigakushu Center and branch locations.
- ※ You can return books to the book postbox, but please not CDs or DVDs.

Inquiries: Chuo Library ☎ 028-636-0231



## Utsunomiya International Plaza (UIP) Services

### Consultation for Foreign Residents



		Spanish Portuguese	Chinese	Thai	English
<b>UIP</b> ☎028-616-1564	3:00PM-6:00PM	Mon	Tues	Wed	Fri
		4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of month (appointment needed)			
<b>City Hall</b> ☎028-632-2834 (during office hours)	9:00AM-12:00PM	Thurs	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	—	—
	2:00PM-5:00PM	Thurs	—	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs
<b>Administrative Scrivener</b> ☎028-616-1564	3:00PM-5:00PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday (appointment needed)			

### Interpreter Volunteer Service

Go with someone needing language assistance to such places as national and prefectural facilities and the city hall and interpret for them.

- ▶ Monday – Saturday 9:00AM - 5:00PM
- ▶ 1 time (2 hrs) 2,000 yen
- ▶ Please fill out an application form at UIP, pay the fee, and apply.

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