

Gotemba Newsletter

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<https://www.gia-gotemba.com>

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1. Let's Participate in Disaster Prevention Drill

Scheduled date: Sunday, December 3

For self-help and mutual help to work well, it is important for each person to take concrete action.

Our prefecture has designated the 1st Sunday in December as Local Disaster Prevention Day. Our city will conduct a regional disaster prevention drill on Sunday, December 3rd. With the aim of raising citizen's awareness of self-help and mutual assistance and reducing damage, the voluntary disaster prevention associations of each administrative district will take the lead in conducting various activities at schools, communication centers, community combined facilities, etc.

To protect lives and property from large-scale disasters such as eruptions, it is necessary to make adequate preparations on a regular basis. Please take part in this drill with your family and neighbors.

This year Nakabata-Kita Ward will hold a disaster prevention drill for eruption of Mt. Fuji as a model city on Sunday, November 26.

Inquiries:

- Regarding local disaster prevention drill: Crisis management division at (82)4370
- Regarding those requiring support: Longevity welfare division at (83)1463



2. Things You Can Do to Prevent Fires

--Fall national fire prevention week starts—
Fire department prevention division at (83)0119

In this coming season as the temperature falls, fires tend to spread more easily with dry air. It is important to take your own fire prevention measures.

Q: What can I do to prevent fires?

A: Let's live our lives with the following points in mind and strive for fire prevention.

●For house fire prevention: 10 points to save our lives

[Four habits]

- Don't smoke in bed.
- Keep flammable materials away from stove tops.
- Turn off gas stoves if you have to leave the room.
- Clean dust from outlets and remove unnecessary plugs.

[Six preventive measures]

- To prevent fire, let's use appliances with safety devices such as stoves and cooking stove.
- Make sure to install fire alarms in the house and replace every 10 years.
- Buy and use flame resistant bedding, clothes and curtains.
- Make sure to have a fire extinguisher in the house to put out small fires.
- Have a plan to help elderly or disabled neighbors escape safely from fires.
- Let's take fire prevention measures throughout the community such as participating fire and disaster prevention training etc.

Q: How effective are fire alarms?

A: Due to the revised law, it is now compulsory to install fire alarms in all houses.

About 50% of the risk of fire and the amount of damage will be prevented compared to house without fire alarms. Additionally, the floor area destroyed by fire will be reduced by 60%.

Fall National Fire Prevention

National unified fire prevention slogan: "Put out the fire, No Anxiety and Connect to the Future".

Starting from November 3 (Thu.) to 15 (Wed.), fall national fire prevention week.

Let's check once again about fire prevention measures.

☆A siren will sound at 8:00pm to reinforce the fire prevention, not to signal a fire.

3. Reiwa 6 Gotemba Twenties Gathering

Date: Sunday, January 7, 2024, from 11:30 am to Noon (Door opens at 11:00 am)

Place: Civic center (main hall and small hall)

Eligibility: Those born from April 2, 2003 to April 1, 2004.

* You will receive an announcement postcard by the end of the November to applicants.

* From last year, the name has been changed from Coming-of-Age Ceremony.

Inquiry: Social education division at (82)0339.

4. Please Take Advantage of the Single Parent and Child Welfare Fund

We offer student loans for education to enroll in high school, university, or graduate school for single parent families.

* Loan is subject to review. Application form is distributed at child support center.

* For details, please check the child care support website. (QR code)

How to apply/ inquiry:

Please submit the application form and other necessary documents directly to the Childcare support division by Friday, December 8. The Contact phone number is (82)4142.



5. Allowance Application for Traffic Accident and Natural Disaster Orphans Announcement

As of November 1, child dependency allowance will support orphans whose parents or the main source of livelihood among the parents dies or becomes disabled by traffic accident or natural disaster. The object is mothers, fathers or guardians who are taking care of, raising, or rearing children under 18 years old.

<Amount>

A child under 18 years old: 15,000 yen (yearly).

For the second or additional child: 10,000 yen each (yearly).

<How to apply/ Inquiry>

Applications can be made by December 8 (Fri.) at the counter. Please bring applicant's name written (guardian) bank book, accident certificate, proof of severe disability certificate (in the case the guardian became handicapped).

Inquiry: Child Support Department at (82)4124

6. Make Sure to Pay Your Taxes on Time

Taxes are used for improving education, welfare services, roadways, waterways, equipment, and maintenance of public facilities. They are utilized for important resources that benefit our own good. Without our tax payments our living situation will be negatively impacted by a lack of financial resources to provide public services. So please make sure to pay your taxes on time.

To keep fairness between the citizens who pays their taxes and non-paying citizens we do perform strict disposition for failure to pay taxes based on the rule of the law within the city unless the tax payment is temporarily difficult because of an unavoidable reason.

- Gotemba City has a strict policy toward citizens who do not pay or get tax guidance in November/December

To ensure tax fairness and equality the prefecture and all cities and towns, work with corporations. Gotemba reinforces delinquent taxes by means of distraintment such as foreclosure.

We do perform distraintment on savings, insurance, salaries, etc. We will start investigating a defaulters' home and work address in order to seize their property (field or house), cars and other belongings.

- How to make your payment

City tax can be paid at city designated financial institutions, tax department counters, various city hall locations, station service centers, and convenience stores.

Starting this year, payment can also be made via smartphone app, credit card, or computer.

Please see the city website (QR code).



Please also use bank transfer

Direct debit is a safe, convenient, and reliable payment method for taxpayers. As the amount is automatically deducted from your savings account when the payment deadline comes.

Inquiry: Tax division at (82)4166.



Car repossession (Tire lock)

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