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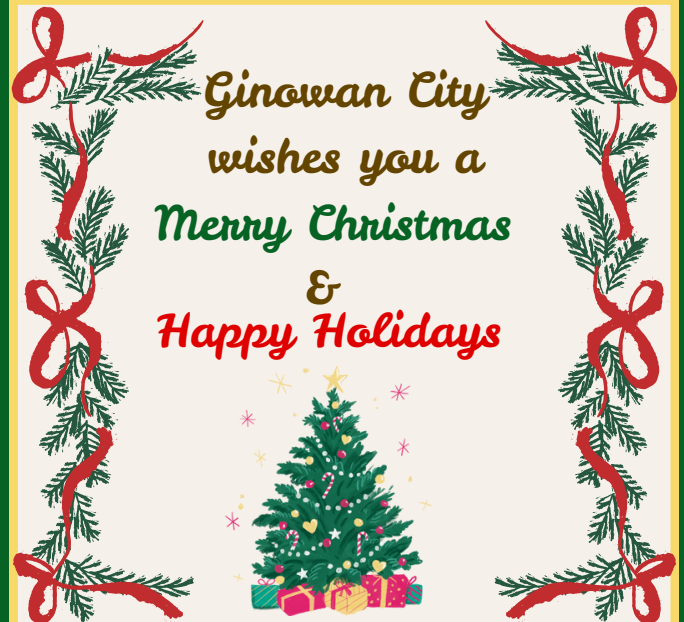
GINOWAN CITY NEWSLETTER

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The city office will be closed
12/29 - 1/2
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役所は休みです。

We will open again on
1/5
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にまた開きます。



Year-End Garbage Collection Schedule

Waste collection during the holiday season will be as shown in the schedule below.
We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.
We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in keeping the city clean.

Important:

1. Separate your garbage.
2. Put it out by 8:00 a.m. on the designated day.
3. Put it out at the designated location.

Last Day of Collection		12月31日 (Wed)					Resume Collection 1月5日 (Mon)						
		12/27	12/28	12/29	12/30	12/31	1/1	1/2	1/3	1/4	1/5		
		(土)	(日)	(月)	(火)	(水)	(木)	(金)	(土)	(日)	(月)		
Burnable		Holiday (No Garbage Collection)		Collection As Usual			Holiday (No Garbage Collection)				Collection As Usual		
Non-Burnable													
Cans/Glass/ Paper/ Hazardous Waste	Collection As Usual			Collection As Usual							Collection As Usual		Collection As Usual
Oversized Trash													
PET Bottles													

*Yard Waste: No collection on December 31 (fifth Wednesday). Collection will resume on January 7 (Wednesday).

*Non-Burnable Trash: No collection on December 31 (fifth Wednesday). Collection will resume on January 14 (Wednesday).

Enquiries: 098-893-4140 Environment Planning Division
Ginowan City Office

Population as of November

Total Population	100,268 (+13)
Total Households	48,802 (+7)
Foreign Residents	2,397 (±0)
Nationalities	56(±0)

Call to Participate in Public Survey on Next Generation Transportation Vision Okinawa (Tentative Title)

In light of ongoing urban and social changes, Okinawa Prefecture is working to address key transportation issues—including chronic traffic congestion, sustaining public transit services, and ensuring mobility for all residents.

To help shape a future transportation model, we are seeking public input through an online survey. We invite you to share your thoughts on present challenges and the ideal future for transportation in Okinawa.

► Survey Period: Until January 15, Thursday

☎098-896-2045 Transport Policy Division
Okinawa Prefecture



Scan the QR code to access the complete details and fill in the questionnaire. (Japanese language only. Please use your device's translation.)

Group Health Checkups (Specific Health Checkups & Cancer Screenings)

The deadline for health checkup is the end of the fiscal year. Please book your appointment early to avoid disappointment!
*February 1 checkup at Urasoe General Hospital is for National Health Insurance members aged 40-74 only.

By appointment only .

Date	Venue	Reception
January 18 (Sunday)	City Gymnasium	8:30-11:00
February 1 (Sunday)	Urasoe General Hospital Health Checkup Center	8:00-9:00
*Specific Health Checkup only	Health Consultation Center	
February 8 (Sunday)	Health Consultation Center	
February 21 (Saturday)	City Office	8:30-11:00
*Osteoporosis testing available		
March 21 (Saturday)	Health Consultation Center	
*Specific Health Checkup only		

* Please call in advance.

For Appointments and Inquiries ☎ 098-898-5598

Health Consultation Center

Applications for Certificate of Eligibility for Tax Deduction Due to Disability

► Eligibility

Seniors aged 65 and older who have been certified as needing long-term care as of December 31, 2025 may be eligible for tax deduction due to disability, even without an official disability certificate, if they meet the criteria set out in the Income Tax Act Enforcement Order and the Local Tax Act Enforcement Order.

(Please check the city website for details before applying.)

Note: A new eligibility certificate cannot be issued if you already receive the disability deduction through physical disability certificate.

► Applications will be accepted starting January 5, Monday.



Scan the QR code to access the complete details and the application form.
(Japanese language only. Please use your device's translation.)

- **How to Apply:** Applications can be submitted in person by the individual or a family member at the Nursing Care Division.
- **Please bring:** Nursing Care Insurance Card (copy accepted) Personal seal Photo ID
If a family member applies on behalf of the individual, the applicant's consent with their seal is required.
- **Please note:** This certificate is for tax deduction purposes only and does not replace a disability certificate.
- Applications must be submitted every year.

☎ 098-893-4411 (Extension 4153/4156) Nursing Care Division

Support Services for Seniors Living at Home

There are several programs available to help seniors remain safe and comfortable at home.



List of services available



Contact your local Community Comprehensive Support Center for details

Do you face this situation?	You can check out this service	Eligibility Criteria
• I have been advised by my doctor to follow a medically appropriate diet but I cannot prepare meals by myself. • I would like the reassurance of someone checking up on me regularly.	Meal Delivery Service • We deliver nutritionally balanced lunches to seniors, including medical diet options (diabetic, renal, pureed diet, etc.). • The city subsidizes half the cost. • This service also serves as a daytime safety check.	Individuals who meet either of the following criteria: • Certified as requiring long-term care and living in a tax-exempt household with no caregiver under age 65 living in the city • Certified as requiring assistance and eligible for the program, with no one under age 65 living in the household. Please note: Individuals who have not received long-term care certification are not eligible.
I am taking care of a family member certified at care level 4 or 5, and the cost of disposable diapers is becoming a financial burden.	In-Home Care Supplies Assistance Program • We provide vouchers that can be used at designated pharmacies in the city to purchase care supplies such as disposable diapers, urine pads, disposable gloves, and more. • You can purchase up to ¥6,250 worth of items per month.	This subsidy is available to caregivers providing in-home care for a family member certified at care level 4 or 5, when: • the caregiver, the care recipient, and all family members living in the same household are from tax-exempt households, and • the care recipient is not currently hospitalized or residing in a facility.