



Ginowan City Newsletter

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TYPHOON PREPAREDNESS

Stay prepared to protect you and your home

- Bring any loose items on your balcony or in your front yard indoors or secure them
- Remove or repair damaged roof tiles
- Unclog rain gutters
- Remove or repair any cracked or wobbly fences

⚠️ Clogged gutters cause flooding.

⚠️ Remember that if you are already in a safe place, you do not need to evacuate.

⚠️ Evacuating to an outdoor area is dangerous during heavy rain.

⚠️ Refrain from using a car during heavy rain.

Disaster Alert Level - Evacuate by Level 4

5	Emergency Safety Measures
4	Evacuation Order
3	Evacuation of the Elderly
2	Heavy Rain/Flood/High Tide Advisory (JMA)
1	Early Warning Information (JMA)

*Level 5 will not be issued if the municipal authorities cannot accurately grasp the severity of the disaster.

*When level 3 alert is issued, non-elderly people should also prepare for evacuation and evacuate independently when necessary.

List of Emergency Contacts

	About disaster prevention	☎098-892-3151
Ginowan City Office	About water and sewerage	☎098-892-3352
	About roads	☎098-893-4423
	About garbage collection	☎098-893-4140
Okinawa Electric Company		☎0120-586-705
Fire Department		☎119
Police		☎110

GINOWAN POPULATION AS OF JUNE 2023

Total population	99,996 (+36)
Foreign nationals	1,699 (+41)
Nationalities	50 (±0)
Total households	47,143 (+71)

GARBAGE COLLECTION DURING A TYPHOON

May be suspended depending on the severity of the storm

How to determine if garbage collection is suspended:

Q1. Are public buses operating at 8 AM?

- a. YES → Garbage collection will be as usual.
- b. NO → Garbage collection is suspended. Go to Q2.

Q2. Are public buses operating at noon?

- a. YES → Garbage collection will resume.
- b. NO → Garbage collection is cancelled. Please put your trash out on the next collection day.

Residents who made an appointment for oversized trash pickup will be contacted separately for rescheduling.

FAQ: What happens if buses are suspended after 8AM?

Answer: To ensure the safety of our collectors, garbage collection will be terminated as soon as an announcement for the suspension of bus services is issued.

If you have any questions, please contact the Environmental Affairs Division at 098-893-4140 (direct dialing).



APPLICATION FOR THE FY2024 SUBSIDY FOR SCHOOL EXPENSES

For the next school year

The Subsidy for School Expenses (*shugaku enjo*) helps families with children attending elementary or junior high school cover for school supplies, lunches, and other miscellaneous expenses. Application for the next school year (FY2024) is as follows.

■ WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THIS SUBSIDY?

- Children born between 02-APR-2009 and 01-APR-2018 who will be attending or is currently enrolled in a municipal elementary or junior high school, or;
- The guardian of a child that lives in Ginowan City

■ GETTING AN APPLICATION PACKAGE

- Application forms can be picked up at your school or the Board of Education (on the 2nd floor of the Water and Sewerage Bureau) **7/3 (Mon)-8/25 (Fri)**

■ SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

- Submit your forms **8/14 (Mon)-8/25 (Fri)** excluding weekends at the Ginowan City Office, Multipurpose Conference Room (in front of the main entrance)
- Hours of operation: 9AM-11:30AM and 1PM-4:30PM

■ INCOME CRITERIA

- The income limit is determined by the make-up of the household (and the age of its members) and the household income. Income is defined as the total income from salary, business income, and pension before deductions.

Household size	Income cap	Household size	Income cap
2 people	under 2,000,000 yen	4 people	under 3,350,000 yen
3 people	under 2,620,000 yen	5 people	under 3,900,000 yen

■ IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

1. A new application must be made every year.
2. Children who will be entering grade one are also eligible to apply for this subsidy.
3. If approved, coverage will begin in April 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact the Board of Education at 098-892-8283.

FY2023 FINANCIAL AID FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

One time payment of 30,000 yen per household

Ginowan City is offering a financial aid of 30,000 yen per household to eligible low income households particularly affected by rising food and energy costs.

■ Who is eligible?

- A household registered in Ginowan as of 01-MAY-2023 in which all the members are exempt from FY2023 per capita levy or per income levy of resident tax

■ How to apply

- Ginowan City has mailed out a notice of payment to households that do not need to submit an application.
- Other households that are deemed eligible have been mailed an application package in late June. Complete the form and mail it back to the Ginowan City Office using the return envelope provided.

*Not all eligible households are mailed an application

package. If there is a member of household who did not file their taxes, the city will not be able to confirm the household's tax standing. Please come to the city office to submit an application.

HOUSEHOLDS THAT SUFFERED A SUDDEN DROP IN INCOME

- Application opens on 7/20 (Thu)
- Regular households in which all members of the household are considered tax-exempt due to an unexpected and sudden change in household finances are eligible to apply
- Application forms can be picked up at the city office

For more information, please call the call centre at 0120-472-450 (open 9AM-5PM on business days).