

KUMAGAYA FRIENDS

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Basic water charges will be reduced to half for 6 months

In order to support water users (individuals and corporations that receive their water supply from the City's water utility) who are affected by the prolonged Corona disaster, the basic water rate will be reduced by half for 6 months to help them cope with the effects of the rise in price of crude oil and the cost of living.

These bills are reduced:

- Charges for August, October, and December metering gauges, for customers with even-numbered monthly meter readings
- Charges for September, November, and January 2023, for customers with odd-numbered monthly meter readings

*If you use 13mm diameter water, the monthly basic charge of 1,320 yen will be reduced by 660 yen (3,960 yen will be reduced in total).

*The bill for the month following the month of meter reading will be reduced.

No application or other procedures are required.



Have you submitted the documents related to the Temporary Special Benefits?

Have you returned the form titled "Confirmation of Requirements for Temporary Special Benefits for Households Exempt from Residential Taxation" sent to those eligible for benefits since early July? Please note that the deadline is the end of September.

If you have not yet returned the form, please do so as soon as possible.

Households in the column below may also be eligible for benefits by submitting an application (request form) to the Temporary Special Benefits Office or the welfare section of each administrative center.

*For details, please scan the code below.

*Please note that households, which have already received the benefit once this year after returning the confirmation form, are not eligible.

Benefit amount: ¥ 100,000 per eligible household

Households such as below are required to submit an application form (request form) :

- (1) Households whose finances have changed rapidly due to the COVID-19, and are exempt from per capita resident tax due to a decrease in income since January 2022
- (2) Households that moved to Kumagaya city between January 2 and June 1, 2022 and are exempt from per capita resident tax for the fiscal year 2022

◆Temporary Special Benefits Office TEL 048-580-7288



City Website

☆ KIFA ☆ Information

Kumagaya International Friendship Association



Japanese Language Class

Learn Japanese to use in everyday life. Please note that participation in Japanese class will now require you to book a seat in advance.

For further information, please call us on the phone number below or check out our website.

Office Information

Days: Monday through Friday (Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays)

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City population (As of August 1st, 2022): 193,495

Foreign resident population: 4,023

