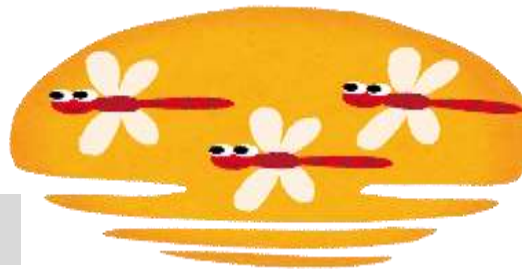


November 2023 Oshu City Newsletter



Sunday/Holiday Doctors

Oshu Kanegasaki Holidays Clinic		Address: 21-1 Taga Mizusawa		TEL: 25-3935
Hours: 8:30AM – 4:00PM (at the address listed above.) ※ Please call in advance.				
Nov. 3 rd	Dr. Kamei (Kamei Orthopedic Surgery Clinic)			
5 th	Dr. Ishikawa (Ishikawa Cardiovascular Clinic)			
12 th	Dr. Ito (Ito Family Clinic)			
19 th	Dr. Ueda (Otomegawa Hospital)			
23 rd	Dr. Iwabuchi (Sakurai Clinic)			
26 th	Dr. Oikawa (Oikawa Orthopedic Surgery Clinic)			
Oshu Kanegasaki Nighttime Clinic		Address: 21-1 Taga Mizusawa		TEL: 25-3935
Hours: 6:30PM – 9:00PM, every day year-round ※ Please call in advance.				
Sunday Dentists (9:00AM – 12:00PM)				
Nov. 5 th	Chiba Dental Clinic	51-1300	420 Mizusawa Sakurayashiki	
12 th	Abe Dental Clinic	44-3918	25-1 Kanegasaki-cho Nishine Aramaki	
19 th	Arisumi Dental Clinic	42-3006	60-2 Kanegasaki-cho Nishine Machiura	
26 th	Hitaka Dental Clinic	22-5330	22-15 Mizusawa Kyuden	
Sekkotsu* Clinics (9:00AM – 3:00PM) *(therapeutic massage and PT-like treatments)				
Nov. 5 th	Takahashi Osteopathic Clinic	23-8158	139 Mizusawa Shinjo Kitashiokara	
12 th	Omachi Osteopathic Clinic	47-4110	75-2 Mizusawa Omachi	
19 th	Hoshi Osteopathic Clinic	25-3742	6-12 Mizusawa Fukuyoshicho	
26 th	Abe Osteopathic Clinic	35-1036	7-17 Esashi Muikamachi	
★Children's Emergency Helpline (☎ 019-605-9000) 7PM – 8AM the next day, every day year-round				

Taxes

Property tax (payment #4) and National Health Insurance (payment #5) are due November 30th (Thurs.)

Please consider setting up automatic payments so you can't forget.

☎ Tax Payment Division, Main City Hall (34-2227)
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Administrative Consultation ☎ 34-2915

Place	Time & Date	
Main City Hall, Gen. Consultation Room	10 th (Fri)	1:00PM-
	24 th (Fri)	3:00PM
Esashi Gen. Branch Office, Citizen Living Group	8 th (Wed)	9:30AM-11:30AM
Maesawa Gen. Branch Office, Citizen Welfare Group	9 th (Thurs)	9:00AM-12:00PM
Isawa Gen. Branch Office, Citizen Living Group	28 th (Tues)	1:30PM-3:00PM
	9 th (Thurs)	1:30PM-3:30PM
Koromogawa Health & Welfare Center	9 th (Thurs)	1:30PM-3:30PM

Pension Consultation ☎ 0191-23-4246

Appointments required 1 day in advance

Place	Time & Date	
Main City Hall	9 th (Thurs)	10:00AM-3:30PM

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Human Rights Consultation ☎ 34-2915

Place	Time & Date
Main City Hall, Gen. Consultation Room	2 nd (Thurs) 16 th (Thurs)
Esashi Gen. Branch Office, Citizen Living Group	21 st (Tues) 1:30PM -
Kojo Comm. Center	9 th (Thurs) 3:30PM
Koromogawa Health & Welfare Center	9 th (Thurs)

Financial & Lifestyle Stability Consultation**☎ 34-2915** Appointments required

Place	Time & Date
Main City Hall, Gen. Consultation Room	15 th (Wed) 1:00PM-
Esashi Gen. Branch Office, Citizen Living Group	1 st (Wed) 4:00PM

Free Law Consultation ☎ 34-2915

Appointments required

Place	Time & Date
Main City Hall, Gen. Consultation Room	8 th (Wed) 10:00AM 28 th (Tues) - 4:00PM

Free Multiple Debts Consultation with a**Lawyer ☎ 34-2915** Appointments required

Place	Time & Date
Main City Hall, Gen. Consultation Room	1 st (Wed) 10:00AM 21 st (Tues) -3:00PM

Consumer Affairs Consultation ☎ 34-2915

Appointments required for Esashi, Maesawa, Isawa, and Koromogawa

Place	Time & Date
Main City Hall, Gen. Consultation Room	Mon-Fri, 9:00AM to 5:00PM (last apt. at 4)
Esashi Gen. Branch Office, Citizen Living Group	Every Monday, 10:00AM to 3:00PM
Maesawa Gen. Branch Office, Citizen Welfare Group	Every Tuesday, 10:00AM to 3:00PM
Isawa Gen. Branch Office, Citizen Living Group	Every Thursday, 10:00AM to 3:00PM
Koromogawa Health & Welfare Center	Every Friday, 10:00AM to 3:00PM

Notices

Please Cooperate with Snow Clearing Operations

1. Conditions for snow clearing

Snow plows are deployed at over 10cm of snow cover

The city clears snow between December and March. Once snow has accumulated over about 10cm, snow plows are deployed and city roads will be cleared. Snow clearance operations will take place with priority given to major arterial roads, bus routes, and school routes.

Contact for snow clearance

- National Road 4: Iwate Rivers & National Roads Office, Mizusawa National Roads Maintenance Satellite Office (24-2187)
- Prefectural roads and other national roads (107, 343, 397, 456): Pref. Southern Greater Regional Promotion Office, Civil Engineering Dept. (22-2881)
- City roads: Main City Hall, Maintenance & Management Dept. Roads & Rivers Desk (Esashi Gen. Branch Office, 34-2495) or each general branch office's local support group

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What roads don't get plowed?

Oshu manages city roads, but that doesn't mean they clear every road in the city. This is a list of roads that the city does not clear.

- National and prefectural roads (managed nationally/prefecturally)
- Private roads that aren't managed by the city (designated location roads, etc.)
- Roads under 4 meters across (narrow roads)
- Dead end roads
- Roads that are used by a particular individual only
- Roads that cannot be used in wintertime

2. Requests to each household about snow clearing

The following 8 items are key points to enable smooth clearance of snow. Thank you for your cooperation.

1. Clear the snow from the entrance/exit of your home



Please remove snow that piles up around the entrance/exit of your home from snow clearing operations, and snow that falls onto the road from your roof.

2. Don't dump snow in the road



When you dump snow from your house onto the road, the roads get narrow, bumpy, and dangerous. Please dump snow in a snow yard or similar.

3. Don't park in the road



In addition to hindering snow clearance operations, this can cause traffic accidents or block the passage of emergency vehicles.

4. Prune branches that stick out into the road right away



When branches from your house protrude into the road, it can hinder snow clearance or traffic flow. Please prune your branches before the snow comes.

5. Remove iron plates from car entrance/exits in advance



Iron plates for vehicles may slide out during snow clearance, and lead to accidents. Due to the danger, please remove them in advance.

6. Understand the snow clearing priority ranking



Major arterial roads, bus routes, and school routes are prioritized for clearing. Please understand that other roads will be cleared once these are finished.

7. Snow clearing may be delayed at times



Depending on the time of snowfall and the amount, snow clearing may be delayed. We apologize for the inconvenience, and appreciate your understanding.

8. Leave sufficient space between your car and snow plows



Getting close to a snow plow while it clears snow is very dangerous. Please keep enough distance between yourself and the plows when on the road together.


3. Snow dumping yards will be set up

The city will set up snow dumping yards in various areas as receptacles for excess snow: please see the city website for details. The sites have limits, so please only use them as needed. There will not be guidance, a desk, etc. at snow dumping yards. The city is not liable for any on-site accidents, so please use with plenty of caution.

- **Timeframe:** December 1st (Fri) – March 20th, 2024 (Wed) ※ Dumping is also possible on weekends and holidays.
- **Hours of operation:** 8:30AM – 5PM
- **What may be dumped?** Snow from Oshu roads, residences, businesses, etc. ※ Please do not bring in snow from outside the city.
- **What vehicles may be used?** Medium-sized vehicles (up to 4-ton dump trucks) ※ If you want to use a large vehicle (4 tons or more) please contact Main City Hall, Maintenance & Management Dept.
- **Other important points:**
 - Dump snow starting from the innermost part.
 - Dumpers should take sufficient safety precautions.
 - Do not allow children to enter or play in the area.
 - Do not mix in garbage, gravel, or similar.

Adjustment of the Prefectural Minimum Wage

As of Wednesday, October 4th, the prefectural minimum wage is 893 yen per hour. If wages are below 893 yen/hour, they must be amended. Please see the city website for details.

 **Contact** Iwate Labor Office (019-604-3008)

Events


Oshu Space & Astronomy Museum Events

★ November Star-Gazing Events

① The Story of Astronomical Telescopes
Stargazing: Finding the Constellations,
Aquarius Edition

When? November 11th (Sat), 7:00PM – 8:30PM

Cost: Free!

 **Location, questions, applications for both:**
Oshu Space and Astronomy Museum (24-2020)

★ Sunday School: The Secrets of Marker Pens! Let's Separate the Colors with Paper and Water

Using an easy method with *washi* paper and water, the marker pen's ink will separate into pigments, and you can learn about how the colors are made.

When? November 26th (Sun), 2:30PM – 3:30PM

Participants: Elementary schoolers and up (children in lower grades must be accompanied by a parent). Limit 20 people, applications required

Cost: 100 yen for materials (admission is charged separately)

Oshu Festivals of Traditional Performing Arts

● Isawa Traditional Performing Arts Festival

Folk art performance groups from the Isawa region.

When? November 5th (Sun) at 1PM

Where? Isawa Cultural Creative Center

Contact: Isawa Gen. Branch Office, Area Support Group (34-0311)

● City Traditional Performing Arts Festival (Maesawa venue)

Folk art performance groups from Mizusawa, Maesawa, and Koromogawa.

When? November 26th (Sun) at 10:30AM

Where? Maesawa Fureai Center

Contact: City Board of Education Executive Office, Historical Heritage Dept. (Esashi Gen. Branch Office, 34-1315)

● Esashi Folk Performance Festival

Folk art performance groups from the Esashi region.

When? December 3rd (Sun) at 10AM

Where? Esashi Gen. Community Center

Contact: City Board of Education Executive Office, Historical Heritage Dept. (Esashi Gen. Branch Office, 34-1315)

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