



Be careful about the following at the time of snowfall, and when roads are icy

After a snowfall, or when temperatures are low, roads become slippery. What shall we be careful of in order to avoid injuries and accidents?



Be careful of the following when...



There is more than 1cm of snow

After a snowfall, snow gets trampled and very easy to slip on (within approximately 24 hours)

The highest temperature of the previous day is less than 0°C

Sometimes, the entire roadway is frozen. It is difficult to see that it is frozen.

While walking



These places are dangerous !

- **The white line of a pedestrian crossing and the cover of a manhole**
On white lines, there are chances that even though it looks dry, there may be thin ice on it, making it slippery. It is also difficult to see when manhole covers are frozen, making it very dangerous.
- **Sidewalks where cars pass by (Parking lot entrances and exits, gas stations, etc.)**
Sometimes the ice on the road is polished by the tires of cars, making it very slippery.
- **Slopes**
One is more likely to slip and fall when descending a slope rather than while going up.

Let's be careful about this!

Take small steps while walking
Basically, make your stride smaller, and walk slowly like a "penguin". Doing so, your body will move less and you won't fall easily.

- Rest your entire shoe sole on the road surface. Keep your center of gravity slightly forward and keep the entire sole of your shoe on the road as much as possible.
- One of the measures is to wear safety gear such as a hat, and gloves, to protect you in case you fall.
- It is dangerous to ride a bicycle on snowy days and when roads are icy. Try not to ride a bicycle as much as possible.

While driving a car



These places are dangerous !

- **Intersections with signals**
Snow and ice between the tires may melt and form water droplets, making them slippery.
- **On a bridge and in a place where there is no sunlight**
The temperature is more likely to drop here than in other places, and the road may be partially frozen.

Let's be careful about this!

- Slow down well enough before a curve, and during the curve, keep your speed slow and maintain one speed throughout. In addition, sudden brakes are dangerous. Press the brake earlier than you usually would.
- When it's snowing, keep your lights on. Maintain a safe distance from the cars in front of you.
- If you are tired or feel unsafe, park your car in a safe place and rest well.
- Prepare the necessary equipment for the winter road.
-Tire chains, spare tires (winter road tires)
-Scoops, jacks, snow removal brushes, towing ropes, etc.
- If your tires slip, do not brake abruptly. Hold on to your steering wheel firmly and gradually lower your speed.
- Sometimes the windshield gets covered with frost. You can melt it faster by starting the engine early or using a freeze-dissolving spray sold at home centers.

Source: Cabinet Office website "Special Feature: Preparing for Heavy Snow ~ What kind of disasters occur in snow damage?"
https://www.bousai.go.jp/kohou/kouhoubousai/h27/81/special_01.html

The most important thing is to act slowly with plenty of time in hand.



From October 2022, plastic containers and packaging will be collected four times a month, instead of the previous twice a month.

Since the start of the separate collection of plastic containers and packaging in April 2019, the amount collected has been increasing every year, thanks to everyone's cooperation. In order to further increase the collection of plastic, reduce the amount of burnable waste, and encourage recycling, we have increased the number of collection days from October to make it easier for citizens to dispose of plastic containers and packaging. Let us all join hands in order to realize a "future without the word garbage".

East, West A, West B

Every Wednesday

South and North regions

Every Friday



※There would be no collection in the 5th week of the month

※If the collection date is the same as that of cans, please put out the plastic containers and packaging and the cans in separate bags.

Let's revise the rules for plastic containers and packaging

Plastic containers and packaging have a "Pura mark" (as shown on the right top). It refers to plastic containers and packaging covered by the Containers and Packaging Recycling Law. In the city, as a rule, we collect things that are marked with "pura (plastic) marks" and are not dirty. Even dirty items can be easily washed and disposed of (see illustration below), so we ask for your cooperation. The collected plastic containers and packaging are turned into recycled plastic "pellets" such as polyethylene and polypropylene and recycled into various products such as gardening supplies and garbage bags.



Egg cartons, cushioning material for wrapping vegetables and fruits



Styrofoam



Exterior films for plastic bottles, etc.



Caps from plastic bottles, etc.



Tubes such as mayonnaise and toothpaste



Hard-to-remove food containers



Retort Food Pack



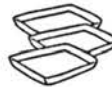
Bags of sweets, bread, etc.



Plastic containers for cup noodles, pudding, etc.



Containers of tofu, etc.



Food Tray

Items with oil stains or odors should be disposed of as "burnable garbage".

The fee for the certificate convenience store issuance service will be 10 yen.

The fee for the "Convenience Store Issuance Service", which allows you to obtain a certificate using your My Number Card, will be reduced from 150 yen to 10 yen per copy. Convenience store issuance is a service that allows you to obtain various certificates from kiosk terminals (multi-function copiers) at convenience stores nationwide. Even if you don't go to the city hall, you can easily get a certificate at a place and time that is convenient for you. If you do not have a My Number Card, please take this opportunity to issue a My Number Card and use the convenient convenience store issuance service.

Implementation Period

Tuesday, November 1 ~ Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Hours of use

Daily 6:30AM~11:00PM

* It may not be available during the year-end and New Year holidays and system maintenance.



Certificates that can be issued at convenience stores

Those who have an address in Tsukuba City can obtain copies of the following certificates:

- Certificate of residence
- Seal registration certificate
- Taxation certificate*
- Tax exemption certificate*
- Certificate of Income*

*Only from the latest year

* Vaccination certificate (120 yen) is not eligible.



Ibaraki Prefecture's Special Benefit to Support Low-Income Households with Child(ren)

As the impact of COVID continues for a long time, for low-income households with child(ren) facing the effects of deteriorating employment conditions and soaring prices such as food costs, Ibaraki Prefecture will provide 50,000 yen per eligible child as living support. For details on how to apply, please visit the city's website.

Eligible Recipients



<https://www.city.tsukuba.lg.jp/kosodate/oshirase/1018715.html>

【For single-parent households】

1. Recipients of child-rearing allowance for September 2022
⇒ No application required (paid in late November)
2. Those who have received a public pension and have not received child-rearing allowance for September 2022 (※Under the condition that the income is below the thresholds for child-rearing allowance.) 【Public Pensioners】
⇒ Application required (Starting in mid-December)
3. Those whose household finances have changed suddenly due to the influence of COVID and whose most recent income has dropped to a level eligible for child-rearing allowance [Sudden change in household finances]
⇒ Application required (Starting in mid-December)

[For child-rearing households other than single-parent households]

Those who meet both of following 1 and 2 conditions are eligible.

1. Those who are raising children born between April 2, 2004, and February 28, 2023 (or after April 2, 2002 eligible for special child-rearing allowance).
2. Those who are exempt from inhabitant tax per capita in FY2022, or those who have an income equivalent to inhabitant tax exemption due to a sudden change in household finances due to the influence of COVID after January 2022.
 - ① Recipients of Child Allowance (Excluding civil servants) or special child-rearing allowance for September 2022 and are exempt from 2022 inhabitant tax
⇒ No application required (scheduled to be paid in mid-December)
 - ② Recipients of Child Allowance (Excluding civil servants) or special child-rearing allowance from October 2022 to March 2023 who are exempt from 2022 inhabitant tax
⇒ No application required (from January 2023, to be paid at any time after certification)
 - ③ For those other than (1) and (2) (Those who are raising only children equivalent to high school students, those who have experienced sudden changes in household finances, civil servants, etc.)
⇒ Application required (Scheduled to be accepted from January 2023)



<https://www.city.tsukuba.lg.jp/kosodate/oshirase/1018716.html>

Bus Location System

"I'm waiting at the bus stop, but the bus has not arrived!", "Has the bus already left?" Do you feel anxious while waiting for the bus? In order to relieve you of such concerns, Tsukuba City provides a "bus location system".

With this system, you can search and check operation information such as the current bus operation position and the estimated time of arrival at the bus stop on the Internet from your smartphone or computer. Please feel free to use it. (Japanese, English)



<http://tsukuba.city.bu-s-go.com/english/>

The Tsukuba City website supports automatic translation.

The Tsukuba City website supports automatic translation by Google. Please use it when you want to know information that is not yet on the multilingual website or to know what is written on the Japanese website. (Accurate translation is not guaranteed)

Click on Menu



Click on Translation



Click on Start Translation

English

Please note that as it is a machine translation from an automatic translation system, the translation may not be accurate. Also note that the translated contents may not have the same meaning as in the original Japanese page.

Start Translation



Send a New Year Greeting Card!

In Japan, there is a custom of sending postcards called "Nengajou" for New Year to family and friends. It is an expression of gratitude for the previous year, and best wishes for the coming year.

Where to buy?

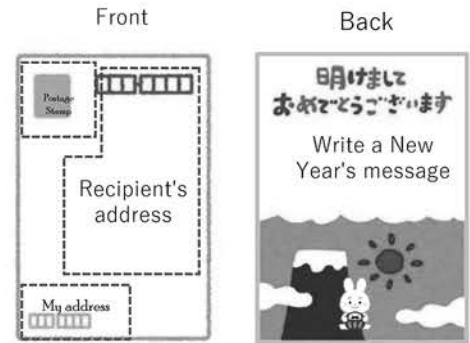
You can buy "Nenga postcards" for New Year's cards at post offices, convenience stores, stationery stores, etc. "New Year's postcards" do not require stamps. You can also print it yourself, using a family photo, etc. If you send a postcard printed by yourself, it requires a 63 yen stamp.

How to write?

Write the recipient's address and your own address on the front of the postcard. Write your New Year message on the back.

How to send?

If you put it in the postbox between December 15th and December 25th, it will be delivered to the other person's house on January 1st.



Practical Guide for International Students

This is a website where you can read about Japan's postal service in English, Chinese, and Korean. It contains information on what to do while sending and receiving mail.

You can also download a collection of phrases that can be used while communicating at the post office by pointing to them. Please feel free to use it.



https://www.post.japanpost.jp/int/ems/ryugaku/intl_student/

Website for Foreign Nationals as Residents to Learn Japanese Language

This is a Japanese learning website created by the Agency for Cultural Affairs for foreigners living in Japan. Here, you can learn Japanese for daily life. You can learn Japanese you use in your life according to your level.

It is free of cost

Select your preferred language from the "Language" tab on the homepage.



<https://tsunagarujp.bunka.go.jp/>

Notice of year-end and New Year holidays

During the year-end and New Year holidays, city hall services are closed.



	Dec 28 (Wed)	Dec 29 (Thu)	Dec 30 (Fri)	Dec 31 (Sat)	Jan 1 (Sun)	Jan 2 (Mon)	Jan 3 (Tue)	Jan 4 (Wed)
City Hall Branch Offices Community Centers		← Closed →						
Central Library	From 9:30 to 17:00	← Closed →						From 9:30 to 17:00
Garbage collection		Region-wide burnable garbage	← Closed →				Region-wide burnable garbage	
Garbage drop-off at the Sustaina Center	Until 16:30	← Closed →						From 8:30

Ibaraki Emergency Medical Information System



In case you need to go to a hospital on a holiday, or at night, you can search for a hospital. (English)

A list of doctors on duty is available on the Tsukuba City website and December Issue of the Tsukuba Newsletter (A hospital where you can go if you feel sick on holidays)



https://www.gg.pref.ibaraki.jp/p/b_md_fnc_language?screen_kin_d=top



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