



### ✧ Taxi Use Voucher for People with Disabilities ✧

- **Eligibility:** Registered residents of Numazu city with either the Class 1 or 2 Physical Disability Certificate, Rehabilitation Notebook (*ryo-iku techo*) A, or the Class 1 or 2 Mental Disability Certificate (Excluding facility residents, hospitalized individuals, cars/light motor vehicle tax exempted individuals, and Going Out Support Services Users)
  - **Subsidy amount:** The initial cost of a standard-sized taxi.
  - **Where:** Disabled Person's Welfare Division at City Office Annex, Health Center Heda Annex - Starting from March 24 (Mon.).  
Satellite windows - Starting from April 7 (Mon.).
  - **How to apply:** Please bring the relevant handbook/certificate directly. (For those who are asking a proxy, a handbook/a certificate and the proxy's ID are required.)
- ※The voucher can be used from April 1 (Tue). ※For more information, please contact us.
- **Application/Contact:** ☎055-934-4829/Fax:055-934-2631 Disabled Person's Welfare Division (*Shogai Fukushi-ka*)

### ✧ Issuing Vouchers for Usage of Indoor Heated Pools in Outside Cities ✧

The city will partially subsidize the usage fee for the Numazu citizens using pools in other cities. The issuance of the Reiwa 7 (2025) vouchers began on Tuesday, March 25.

- **Reception hours:** Weekdays, 8:30 - 17:15
- **Eligibility:** Registered residents of Numazu city who are 3 years old and above.
- **Facilities covered:** Shimizucho Heated Swimming Pool, Mishima Public Heated Swimming Pool, Shizuoka Prefectural Fuji Swimming Pool, and Nagaoka Heated Swimming Pool.

How to Apply	
In person	Please bring the application form, available at the With Sports Division (City Office 8th floor) or the City Website, along with your identification document, issued by a public institution.
By post	Please mail in the application form available on the city website along with a copy of your identification document. (The usage fee voucher will be sent at a later date.)

※Application (from the second application in Reiwa 7 (2025)) at the satellite window will start on Thursday, May 1. ※For more information, please visit the city website.

- **Apply/Contact:** ☎055-934-4875 With Sports Division (*With Sports-ka*)  
〒410-8601 Numazu City Office

### ✧ Resuming the services of Heda B&G Marine Center Pool ✧

- **When:** April 1 (Tue) – October 31 (Fri)
- **Time:** 9:00 – 20:30  
\*Opening hours may change in April and October due to equipment inspections, etc.
- **Contact:** ☎0558-94-3501 Heda B&G Marine Center (*Heda B&G Kaiyo Centre*)

### ✧ The area where public sewerage can be used expand from April ✧

Public sewers will be available in parts of the following areas, so please connect as soon as possible.

\*Please visit the city website for details.

District	Target area
Daisan	Nishijimacho, Shimokanuki
Daiyon	Miyukicho, Yoshidacho, Misonocho, Kamikanuki
Daigo	Sugisakicho, Sanmaibashi
Ooka	Ooka (Nakaishida etc)
Kadoike	Okanomiya
Katahama	Ozuwa, Kozuwa
Hara	Hara, Otsuka

- **Contact:** ☎ 055-934-4864 Sewerage Maintenance Division (*Gesuido Seibi-ka*)

### ✧ Distribution of “Mosquito Prevention Agents” to Neighborhood Associations ✧

To prevent the emergence of mosquitoes and chironomids from side ditches, we are distributing mosquito prevention agents free of charge to interested neighborhood associations. Please contact your local neighborhood association for more information.

- **Contact:** ☎ 055-933-0711 Clean Center Management Division (*Clean Centre Kanri-ka*)

### ✧ Reiwa 7: Child allowance payday ✧

Child allowances will be paid out to those raising children up to high school age once every two months, on the 13th of every even-numbered month (It will be on the previous weekday if that day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or public holiday).

Payout days in this fiscal year are scheduled on April 11, June 13, August 13, October 10, December 12, 2025 and February 13, 2026.

\*If you wish to receive a child allowance for the first time, you will need to apply for certification.

\*For more information, please contact us.

- **Contact:** ☎ 055-934-4827 Children’s Future Creation Division (*Kodomo Mirai Sozo-ka*)

### ✧ Applications for medical care for premature babies will be accepted ✧

This is a system for infants who are born prematurely and need medical care, and hospitalization. Medical expenses which are covered by health insurance will be covered by public funds for your portion.

- **Eligibility:** Those who are registered residents in the city and have received a written recommendation from a designated medical institution.
- **How to apply:** The required documents must be submitted in person within one month after the birth of the child.

※For details on required documents, etc. please visit the city website or contact us.

- **Apply/Contact:** ☎ 055-951-3480 Health Promotion Division/Health Centre (*Kenko Zukuri-ka/Hoken Centre*)

### ✧ Children with chronic specific diseases are provided with daily living aids ✧

The following equipment is provided for children with chronic specific diseases who have difficulty in living their daily lives at home.

- Toilet bowl, special mat, special toilet bowl, special bed, equipment to support walking and bathing, special urinal, position transducer, wheelchair, head protection cap, electric phlegm vacuum, cool vest, UV protection cream, nebulizer (inhaler), pulse oximeter, stoma appliance (digestive system), stoma appliance (urinary system), Nasal prosthesis

\*There will be a co-payment depending on the income of the person who responsible for supporting the eligible child.

\*If you purchase it before applying, it will not be eligible. Please contact us before purchasing.

\*For details on how to apply etc., please contact us or visit the website.

- **Contact:** ☎ 055-951-3480 Health Promotion Division/Health Centre (*Kenko Zukuri-ka/Hoken Centre*)



Child rearing  
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## ✧ 親子で学ぶ日本語ひろば/Japanese Class for both foreign parents and their children ✧

We are holding a “親子で学ぶ日本語ひろば/Japanese Class for both foreign parents and children” for foreigners living in Numazu City and neighboring municipalities to study Japanese necessary for daily life. This is a Japanese language class that parents and children can participate in together.

- **When:** Sundays, April, Reiwa 7 (2025) to March, Reiwa 8 (2026), 9:30 – 11:00
- **Where:** *Daigo Chiku Centre, Imazawa Chiku Centre*
- **What to bring:** Textbooks you want to study from, notebooks, stationery, etc.

\*Reservation is not required. Please come to the venue on the day.

\*For more detail, please visit the city website.

- **Contact:** ☎055-934-4717 Regional Autonomy Division (*Chiiki Jichi-ka*)

## ✧ Intercultural Cohesion (*Tabunka Kyosei*) Volunteer ✧

Types	Content	Who
Interpretation/Translation	Translation and interpretation for foreign students at schools, etc.	People who can interpret and translate from foreign languages to Japanese and from Japanese to foreign languages
Support for Japanese language	Japanese language support for foreign students in Japanese language classes and elementary/junior high schools	People who understand and are willing to provide Japanese support to foreign residents.
Host family	Acceptance of homestays for foreign visitors of the city's sister city and friendly city exchange program	In principle, it should not be a single-person households, and people who have the cooperation of their family members.
Introduction to Japanese and foreign culture	Introduction of the culture of each country at city events, lectures, etc.	People who can introduce the culture and cuisine of each county in Japanese
Support foreigners in the event of a disaster	Provision of information and consultation to foreign residents in the event of a large-scale disaster	People who understand and have the desire to help foreigners during disasters

- **Who:** People who meet all the following requirements.

1. People aged 18 or older who live in the city or neighboring municipalities (foreign nationals must have a valid residence permit).
2. People who are willing to do/participate in volunteer activities.
3. People who can participate in training sessions, etc. held by the city.
4. A person who is not a member of an organized crime group as stipulated in the Numazu City Ordinance on Elimination of Organized Crime Groups

- **How to apply:** Submit your application form along with a head shot in person or by email to Reginal Autonomy Division on the 2nd floor of the City Hall. You will find a designated application form on the city website.

\*For more detail, please contact us or visit the city website.

- **Contact:** ☎055-934-4717/kokusai@city.numazu.lg.jp Regional Autonomy Division (*Chiiki Jichi-ka*)

## ✧ April is the month to promote prevention of drinking by people under the age of 20 ✧

Drinking alcohol is prohibited for people under the age of 20 by law.

The age of majority under the Civil Code has been lowered to 18, but the drinking age remains at 20.

- **Contact:** ☎ 055-922-1560 Numazu Tax Office (*Numazu Zeimusho*)/☎ 055-934-4735 City Tax Division(*Shiminzei-ka*)

## ✧ Learn and follow traffic rules: Spring's Nationwide Traffic Safety Campaign ✧

The Spring's Nationwide Traffic Safety Campaign will be held, from Sunday, April 6 to Tuesday, April 15. Let's work together to create a safe and secure community by following the traffic rules and practicing good manners.



April marks the start of a new school year and preschool year, meaning many children who are unfamiliar with walking on the streets will be out and around. Let's all stay mindful of the rules and manners necessary to ensure their safety and secure communication with them.

### This year's campaign will focus on the following:

- Ensuring a safe traffic environment for children and other pedestrians, and practicing proper crossing techniques.
- Promoting a strong awareness of pedestrian priority, eliminating distracted driving, and encouraging the use of seat belts and child restraint systems.
- Ensuring that all users wear helmets and abide by all rules and regulations when riding bicycles or specified small motorized bikes.
- Preventing traffic accidents at intersections.



### How to hold hands with children to make it harder to shake off



1 Let your child grip your thumb



2 Adults (guardians) make a v-shape with their fingers



3 Hold the child's wrist with the V-shaped fingers



4 Grip the child's wrist

- **Contact:** ☎055-934-4742 Community Safety Division (*Seikatsu Anshin-ka*)

## ✧ Notices from Numazu Police Station ✧

### ❖ Renewal of the driver's license now by appointment

To reduce congestion at the counter and shorten waiting time for applicants, the Shizuoka Prefectural Police have introduced a reservation system for Driver's License Renewals and the written exam starting February 16 (Sun).

- **Eligible individuals:** Those renewing their license who have received a renewal notice postcard (with an appointment number), and those taking the written exam.

✧For details on how to apply, please visit the Shizuoka Prefectural Police website.

◆Automatic Reservation Dial (24hours) ☎050-1722-1110

\* Individuals who will be 70 years of age or older at the time of license renewal do not need an appointment.

### ❖ MyNumber card can now be used as a driver's license

Starting on March 24 (Mon), integration of the MyNumber Card with the driver's license (MyNa License) is available for those who wish to apply.

\*For more details, please visit the Shizuoka Prefectural Police website.

- **Contact:** ☎055-952-0110 Numazu Police Department Traffic Division (*Numazu Keisatsusho*) / ☎055-934-4742 Community Safety Division (*Seikatsu Anshin-ka*)



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## ✧ Supporting older drivers who return their driver's license ✧

The rate of car accidents involving older drivers is increasing. If you are worried about driving, please consider returning your driver's license.

- **Eligibility:** Those who are 65 years old and over living in Numazu City, who returned their driver's license within its expiration date.
- **Support Content:** Distribution of 5,000 yen (100 yen coupon x 50) worth of bus and taxi coupons. The applicant or their family can use it at cooperating businesses within the city.

✧ If the driver's license was already invalid before the application date, it does not count as returning a driver's license.

✧ The application for issuance is available within 6 months after returning a driver's license. Issuance is one time per person.

### Step 1 - Returning a driver's license

- **Where:** The Numazu Police Station or Tobu Driver's License Center (in Ashitaka)
- **Things to take:** Driver's license of the applicant
- **Issued Documents:** Notification letter about license cancellation, invalid driver's license

✧ Able to issue a driving history certificate as identification after the return of a driver's license (1,100 yen commission).



### Step 2 - Distribution of bus and taxi coupons

- **Where:**
    - ① Second floor at Numazu City Hall Community Safety Division or Heda satellite window (*Heda Shimin Madoguchi Jimusho*)
    - ② The Numazu Police Station or each satellite window (exclude Heda satellite window)
  - **Issuance Period:**
    - ① On the day the driver's license is returned.
    - ② Coupons will be sent by post about a week after application.
  - **Things to take:** Notification letter about license cancellation and invalid driver's license or a driving history certificate.
- ✧ Letter of attorney is needed if a proxy will apply.  
✧ If you want to finish the whole application in one place, please apply for the bus and taxi coupons at the Numazu Police Office (Coupons will be sent by post about a week after application).

- **Apply/Contact:** ☎055-934-4742 Community Safety Division (*Seikatsu Anshin-ka*)

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## ✧ Nighttime Consultation for the payment of Municipal Tax ✧

- **When:** April 17 (Thu), 17:15 - 19:00
- **Where:** Tax Administration Division, 2nd floor, City Hall
- **Contact:** ☎ 055-934-4732 Tax Administration Division (*Nozei Kanri-ka*)

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## ✧ Nighttime Consultation for the payment of National Health Insurance Premiums ✧

- **When:** April 17 (Thu), 17:15 - 19:00
- **Where:** National Health Insurance Division, 1st floor, City Hall
- **Contact:** ☎ 055-934-4727 National Health Insurance Division (*Kokumin Kenko Hoken-ka*)

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## ✧ Nighttime consultation for payment of water bills ✧

- **When:** April 22 (Tue.) 17:15 - 20:00
- **Where:** Water Service Division, 1st floor, Water Works Department Building
- **Contact:** ☎ 055-934-4853 Water Service Division (*Suido Service-ka*)



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## ✧ Change in Holiday Emergency Dental Hours ✧

The office hours of the holiday emergency dental service will change to 9:00 - 17:00 starting in April. Please refer to the Emergency Cooperating Doctor page on the last page for information about the doctor on duty.

- **Contact:** ☎055-951-3480 Health Promotion Division/Health Center (*Kenko Zukuri-k/Hoken Center*)
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## ✧ Natural Disaster Preparedness ✧

The anticipated impact from a Mt. Fuji eruption has been reassessed, expanding the potential lava flow zones. In March 2021, Numazu City was designated as a volcanic disaster warning area.

It is crucial to understand the types of volcanic phenomena, their range of impact, and how they may affect our lives. Let's stay informed, prepare in advance, and plan for emergency evacuations.

### The 12th installment: Mt. Fuji Volcanic Disaster Preparedness in Numazu City

Based on the evacuation policy outlined in the Mt. Fuji Volcanic Evacuation Basic Plan, a disaster prevention map for Numazu City was created in March last year to ensure the safety of residents. The map is available at the Crisis Management Division on the 5th floor of City Hall.

The map is also available on the city website.



If Mt. Fuji erupts, this is what will happen in Numazu

#### ■ Lava Flow

Lava flow occurs when molten rock flows over the surface as a result of an eruption. Mt. Fuji has 252 potential eruption sites, and 10 of which could impact Numazu City. Depending on the location and scale of the eruption, lava could reach the city within 18 hours at the earliest, and up to 57 days for the furthest possible impact area. Please stay informed through evacuation updates from the city and remain calm in the event of increased volcanic activity.

#### ■ Volcanic ash

An ash fall of 2-10 cm is expected in the city. The extent of ash fall will vary depending on wind direction and speed. Ashfall may disrupt driving and other activities.

#### ▽ Evacuation • How to manage ▽

- Seek shelter at an evacuation site, a relative's house, or a lodging facility located outside of the lava flow zone.
- In the event of evacuation, the basic method of evacuation is on foot. Those who need assistance when the eruption alert levels are at 1 to 3, it's advised to evacuate by car.
- Prepare emergency supplies in case of evacuation.
- Ashfall itself is not immediately life-threatening. As a general rule, stay indoors, close windows, and seal the building.
- Prepare emergency supplies for indoor evacuation.

\*For details, please visit the city website.

- **Contact:** ☎ 055-934-4803 Crisis Management Division (*Kiki Kanri-ka*)

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