

The state of Emergency for Chiba Prefecture will continue until February 7th. Please check the Kamogawa Homepage for more information.



## Renting an Emergency Radio...

If you have a hard time hearing the announcements over the citywide loudspeakers, please consider getting an emergency radio. Emergency radios, *bosai rajio*, can be borrowed for 3,000 yen from the Disaster Management Division (4F City Hall), Amatsu-Kominato City Hall Branch Office, or from the Yoshio・Emi・Kominato branch offices.

• You can only apply for one per household

### Reasons to get an Emergency Radio

- It is an easier way to hear announcements in heavy rain or typhoons
- Its battery powered LED light can be used in power outages
- You can play back announcements in case you didn't hear them the first time

※ All announcements are made in Japanese. Check the homepage for English information -->



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※ Important information about national safety, earthquakes, evacuation orders, etc. will be announced loudly with a red light.

### Questions:

Disaster Management Division (04-7093-7833)

## Chiba Food Drive

Food Bank Chiba will be hosting a food drive this month until the end of February. If you are able to donate any extra goods from the list below, it will go to help organizations and individuals who are in need of some extra support. Please make sure that you donate goods that are not expired.

When: January 18th – February 26th

**What to donate:** pasta, dried noodles, dry food goods, canned goods, freeze-dried foods, instant foods, gift packs, noodle soup base, canned and bottled drinks, any types of spices, flour, snacks, etc.

### Where to donate:

Fureai Center 2F Social Welfare Council  
(Open Mon. – Fri. 9AM – 5PM, Closed weekends and holidays)

Oyama Community Center  
(Open daily 9AM – 4PM, Closed Mondays)

### Important notes!

- ① Check that donated items have at least 2 months left before they expire
- ② Donate things that can be kept at room temperature
- ③ Donate things that are sealed
- ④ You may not donate alcohol
- ⑤ Please do not donate rice

Questions: Social Welfare Council (04-7093-0606)



## Information in Announcements:

Warnings about national safety (missile attacks, large-scale terrorism, etc.)

Weather warnings (Heavy rains, flooding, damaging winds, etc.)

Earthquake warnings

Information about evacuating

Missing person information

Fire warnings

Crime prevention information

Messages from the city ... etc.



## Natural Disaster Translation and Interpretation Course

This will be a special course for Kamogawa citizens to learn more about how to use simplified Japanese to help others during emergencies. It will focus on translation and interpretation, as well as how to change Japanese announcements into simpler sentences. There is no fee to join. The course size limit is 20 people. Please apply by February 3rd with the Kamogawa International Relations Association (KIRA).

When: Sunday, February 7th 10:00 – 12:00

Where: Chuo Community Center

Questions and To Apply: KIRA (04-7093-5931)



## Be careful of Norovirus!

How to prevent food poisoning and passing on the virus

Norovirus is a virus that flares up during the winter months and is usually passed through undercooked shellfish. It can pass from person to person very easily as well. People with weakened immune systems, young children, and the elderly may also have very severe reactions to this virus. The virus stays in your system for 1-2 days and may cause vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain, a small fever, among other symptoms.

### Three ways to prevent Norovirus:

- ① Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water. Hand sanitizer has little effect on norovirus.
- ② If you are worried, do not eat raw shellfish. When cooking, cook meat until it has an internal temperature of between 85-90°C for at least 90 seconds.
- ③ Norovirus is easily passed through bodily fluid/waste. If you are taking care of someone or have to clean a toilet or other space used by someone with norovirus be extra careful. Use Hypochlorite Nitrium Sanitizer 「次亜塩素酸ナトリウム消毒液」 when cleaning.

Questions: Health Promotion Division (04-7093-7111)



## Garbage Disposal Reminder

### Throwing away PET Bottles:

- ① Remove label and cap
- ② Empty insides and rinse out
- ③ Crush down and place in a proper recycle bag

Check that the bottles have the PET Bottle mark on them before getting rid of them as well. Any bottle that doesn't have a PET Bottle mark should be thrown away with burnable garbage.

### Throwing away burnable garbage:

When throwing away burnable garbage be sure to use the official city garbage bags. If you don't use bags marked with the city seal, they will not be picked up for collection.

### Questions:

Environment Division (04-7093-7838)  
Kamogawa Garbage Center (04-7093-5300)