

Information for those injured in fire or other disasters

We offer our deepest sympathies in this unexpected disaster.

We hope that you do not lose heart, and we are wishing for your earliest possible recovery.

This document is a collection of information related to the processes and procedures for support for those injured in fire or similar disasters. It is our hope that it will be of use to you.

Please be advised that this does not serve as an exhaustive list for all procedures following a disaster.

For further information, please inquire with the department in charge.

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YONEZAWA CITY

Citizen's Environment Department
Disaster Prevention and Crisis Management Division
Crisis Management Desk
TEL: 0238-22-5111 (ext. 3401 or 3402)

1 Types of Support for Those Affected by the Disaster

Type	Description	For Inquiries
Disaster relief payment and/or condolence money (Yonezawa City)	<p>If, due to disaster (excluding deliberate acts or those caused by negligence), a house is completely burned, completely destroyed, eroded, sunken in, partially burned, partially destroyed, partially eroded, partially sunken in, or received damage due to a flood, a household may be supplied with a disaster relief payment. The amount of money will depend on the damage and the type of household (single-person or multi-person household)</p> <p>Also, in the case of death due to a disaster (excluding deliberate acts or those caused by negligence) the surviving family members will receive condolence money in the amount of \150,000 for each deceased person.</p>	Social Welfare Dept. (General Affairs and Planning Section)
Disaster relief payment and/or condolence money (Japan Red Cross Society)	<p>If, due to a disaster (excluding deliberate acts or those caused by negligence), a house is completely burned, completely destroyed, eroded, sunken in, partially burned, partially destroyed, partially eroded, partially sunken in, or received damage due to a flood, in response to this a household may be supplied with a disaster relief payment. The amount of money will depend on the damage and the type of household.</p> <p>Also, in the case of death caused by a disaster (excluding deliberate acts or those caused by negligence) the surviving family will receive condolence money in the amount of \200,000 for each deceased person.</p>	Social Welfare Dept. (Japan Red Cross, Yonezawa Area)
Disaster Relief Supplies	If, due to a disaster (excluding deliberate acts or those caused by negligence), a house is completely burned, completely destroyed, eroded, sunken in, partially burned, partially destroyed, partially eroded, partially sunken in, or received damage due to a flood, a household may be supplied with disaster relief supplies (blankets, emergency kit (daily necessities)) from the Japan Red Cross Society.	Social Welfare Dept. (Japan Red Cross, Yonezawa Area)

Move into designated city-owned housing	<p>Those who lost their homes due to a disaster are eligible to live in city-owned housing without undergoing public application process.</p> <p>However, one must first satisfy the requirements prescribed for living in city-owned housing.</p>	Building and Housing Dept. (Municipal Housing Section)
Temporary Occupancy of designated city-owned housing	<p>Where it is difficult for an individual to secure housing independently, any person may make a temporary residence in city-owned housing (as long as there is a vacancy).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An application for occupancy must be made within 2 weeks of the disaster • Residency period is for up to one month 	Building and Housing Dept. (Municipal Housing Section)
Production of a Disaster Damage Certificate (In case of fire)	A Disaster Damage Certificate can be issued for the purpose of application for fire insurance premiums, tax deductions, etc.	Yonezawa Fire Dept.
Production of a Disaster Damage Certificate (In case of natural disaster)	If cases when one's residence has been damaged due to an earthquake or a flood, a disaster damage certificate can be issued for the purpose of insurance premiums, tax deductions, etc.	Taxation Dept. (Head of Housing)
Production of a Disaster Damage Certificate (In case of a natural disaster)	In case of household good or merchandise of a store being damaged in an earthquake or a flood, a disaster damage certificate can be issued for the purpose of insurance premiums or disaster waste disposal.	Disaster Prevention and Crisis Management Dept. (Crisis Management Desk)

2 Types of Documents and Proceedings for (Re)issuance

Type	Description	For Inquiries
Seal Registration	If either the seal registration or the registered seal itself is lost or burned, the seal registrations up until then will be revoked, and a new seal will be issued upon application.	Citizen's Department
MyNumber (Individual Number) Card	If your MyNumber (Individual Number) Card or notification card is lost or burned, a new one will be issued.	Citizen's Department
Special Permanent Resident Certificate	If Special Permanent Resident Certificate is lost or burned, a new one will be issued upon application.	Citizen's Department

National Insurance Card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> National Health Insurance Card <input type="radio"/> Advanced Elderly Medical Insurance Card A reissue will be carried out upon application, with the presentation of another form of identification (such as a MyNumber card, driver's license or other photo ID) . In case of damage or soiling, bring the affected card. <input type="radio"/> Health Insurance/Mutual Aid Association/Other Employee Insurance ⇒Please refer to your employer 	Citizen's Department, Insurance and Pension Division
Pension handbook and/or pension certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Pension Handbook « Members of the national pension system» ⇒You can apply for reissue at the City Hall. ID (MyNumber card, driver's license, insurance card, etc.) are required. «Welfare pension • Mutual Aid pension members» ⇒Please apply for reissue through your employer. <input type="radio"/> Pension certificate: Apply through the pension office. 	Insurance and Pension Division, Yonezawa Office
Medical Record Book (for disabled persons)	If lost or damaged, Medical Record Book can be replaced upon submission of application.	Social Welfare Division
Long-term Care Insurance Card	These can be reissued upon submission of application affixed with a personal seal. ID (such as national insurance card or driver's license) are required for the reissue.	Elderly Welfare Division
Burden Division Certificate		(Long-Term Care Certification and Benefits Section)
Burden Ceiling-amount Registration		
Maternity Record Book	Can be reissued upon application (However, only a portion of the information may be included) .	Child and Family Division (Maternal Health Desk)
Pregnancy Health Exam Certificate	Can be reissued upon application.	Child and Family Division (Health Planning Desk)
Driver's License	<p>Can be reissued upon application, with the following required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Another form of ID (insurance card, passport, bank book, etc.) 2 3 x 2 . 4 cm picture taken in the last 6 months 	Yonezawa Police Department Phone 0238-26-0110 Yamagata Transportation Safety Center Phone 023-655-2150

	<p>3 Fee: ¥3500</p> <p>For more details, please contact the Yonezawa Police Department or the Yamagata Transportation Safety Center.</p>	
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3 Reduction of and Exemption from Taxes · Insurance Fees · Hiring

Fees · Handling Charges

Item	Description	For Inquiries
Reduction/Exemption from National Health Insurance Fees	If home or household goods were damaged due to natural disaster, individuals may be eligible for exemption or reduction for your National Health Insurance Fees upon application.	Tax Division (Tax System Desk)
Reduction/Exemption from prefectural or city taxes	If home or household goods were damaged due to natural disaster, individuals may be eligible for exemption from or reduction of prefectural or city taxes upon application.	Tax Division (Municipal Tax Desk)
Reduction/Exemption from property taxes	If land, home, and/or other depreciable assets have been damaged due to a natural disaster, individuals may be eligible for reduction/exemption from property taxes upon application.	Tax Division (Land Desk/Housing Desk)
Reduction/Exemption from National Pension Insurance fees	Individuals may be eligible for reduction/exemption from National Pension Insurance Fees based on the amount of damage.	Insurance and Pension Division
Reduction/Exemption from child-care or after school care fees	If home and/or shop was damaged due to fire, wind and rain, or an earthquake, individuals may be eligible for reduction or exemption from child-care or after school care fees.	Child-raising Support Division (Support Desk)
Water Bills	In the cases where water continued to flow, individuals may be eligible for reduction or exemption from water bills upon application.	Office of Operations (General Affairs Section)
Postponement of City Tax Collection	In event that payment of municipal taxes becomes difficult due to a disaster, an extension of the payment deadline or installment payment arrangements may be granted upon application.	Tax Collection Division
Reduction/Exemption from Trash Collection Fees	The disposal fee may be reduced or exempted for cases where waste generated by fire or other disasters (such as debris from damaged houses or bulky waste) is to be collected and processed by	Environmental Division (Waste Collection Desk)

	<p>the Okitama Administrative Association Chiyoda Clean Center. For details on eligibility and procedures, please contact inquire in advance.</p>	
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4 Procedures for Public Services

Item	Description	For Inquiries
Phone (if you have NTT)	<p>Please let us know what conditions (fire, earthquake, other disaster) you were affected with and what kind of procedures you would like to undertake. For companies other than NTT, please refer to your phone service provider.</p>	NTT (Defective Phone Reception) Phone116 Cell Phone 0120-116-116
Gas	Please consult your contacted supplier in regards to propane gas.	
Electricity	<p>Consult your electricity supplier. If fixing or repairs are needed for electrical wiring, please consult an electrical contractor.</p>	
Post Office	<p>By submitting a change of address notification to nearest post office, all previous mail addressed to the old address will be forwarded to the new address free of charge for one year.</p>	

5 Regarding Other Procedures

Item	Description	For Inquiries
Resident Registration	In the event of a change of residence with plans to live at the new location for an extended period, a change in resident registration will be processed based on the notification	Citizen's Department
School Aid Fund	If students enrolled in elementary or junior high schools within the city experience hardship due to damage to their residence and are unable to pay for necessary educational expenses such as school supplies and lunch fees, they may be eligible for partial financial assistance. Please consult with us for further information.	The enrolled elementary or junior high school or the School Education Division, Academic Affairs Section