

1. Temporary Special Benefits for Households Exempt from Residential Tax

This benefit was provided in the form of 100,000 yen to households in which all members of the household were exempt from resident tax for the fiscal year 2021. It was also provided to households that have experienced a sudden change in their finances due to the effects of COVID.

Households in which all members of the household are exempt from resident tax for the fiscal year 2022 have also been added to the list as benefit recipients.

Households experiencing a sudden change in household finances will be required to apply for benefits based on their income from January 2022 onward.

Households that were exempt from taxation for the fiscal year 2021 or already received benefits for sudden change in finances as well as households that include a person who used to be the head of such a household will not be reimbursed.

For more information, please contact the Tochigi City Call Center for Temporary Special Benefits for Households Exempt from Residential Tax at 28-7721.

2. Benefits for Households Raising Children

In order to support single-parent households facing price hikes and other challenges in today's economy, a special support benefit will be provided.

The recipients will be those eligible for the Child Support Allowance in April 2022, those who did not already receive the Child Support Allowance because they have received public pension benefits, and those in single-parent households who have not received the Child Support Allowance and whose household finances have suddenly changed due to the impact of COVID.

The amount of the benefit is the same as that of the child support allowance which is 50,000 yen per child.

For those who received the Child Support Allowance for April 2022, the amount will be transferred to the designated account for the Child Support Allowance in late June. Those who are eligible for other benefits need to apply and be screened in order to receive the benefits.

Please check the city's website for detailed information on how to apply and application deadlines.

3. Please Pay Your Taxes by the Due Date!

City tax is necessary in providing administrative services to improve the lives of citizens. This includes welfare, education, disaster prevention, and community development.

Late payments of city taxes put pressure on the city's finances and can lead to a decline in the quality of citizen services.

The city imposes penalties for such cases in the form of seizure of property in accordance with laws and regulation for those who neglect to pay their late taxes despite being reminded to do so by letters and other notices.

Seizure of properties may be carried out if a notice is sent out within 20 days after the due date and the tax has not been paid within 10 days thereafter.

The City's Tax Collection Division may seize property after investigating whether or not the delinquent taxpayer has wages, savings, life insurance policies, real estate, etc. If a delinquent taxpayer does not pay their taxes despite having property, a formal investigation may be conducted at their home or other related places without notice.

If you have trouble paying your taxes, please do not leave it unattended and consult with the Tax Collection Division as soon as possible.

4. Let's Prevent Heat Stroke!

In Tochigi City, 72 people were transported to emergency rooms due to heat stroke between May and September last year.

Heat stroke can occur not only outdoors but also indoors. Special attention should be paid when it suddenly becomes hot after the end of the rainy season especially when working or engaging in other activities in a hot environment.

To avoid heat stroke indoors, adjust the room temperature so that it does not exceed 28°C by making good use of air conditioning.

Drink water when you wake up, after each meal, when going out, before exercising, before taking a bath, and at bedtime, even before you feel thirsty.

Also, take care of your health by eating a well-balanced diet on a daily basis.

To prevent the spread of COVID, wearing a mask remains important as a basic safety measure. However, in summer, it is recommended that masks be removed when outdoors and in situations where masks are not needed in order to prevent heat stroke.

Please ensure that you are wearing a mask or taking it off appropriately depending on the situation.