Living in Kurihara



Kurihara City-Hall

Guide to Living in Kurihara

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1) Check List: What to do once you move to Kurihara

	How	Where	Note
Resident Registeration :	Bring your passport or residence card to your local branch office	City-Hall Branch Office	Must complete within 14 days after arrival.
Acquire Jyuminhyo :	Bring your passport or residence card to your local branch office	City-Hall Branch Office	くりはら
Personal Seal Registeration : * OPTIONAL	Consult your workplace manager	City-Hall Branch Office	Only needed if you intend to purchase a white-plate car or realestate.
National Health Insurance :	Consult your workplace manager	City-Hall Branch Office	It may be possible to claim your spouse at a dependent.
National Pension :	Consult your workplace manager	City-Hall Branch Office	You will be able to get certain mount of the money back if you leave Japan permanently.
Water/Sewage :	Contact Water and Sewage Department by phone or submit your	Water and Sewage Department Managemen	Submit your application 2~3 days before you intend to start/stop water utility.
	application to the office directly in order to start or stop water	Kannari Branch	The office is closed on weekends and holidays.
Cell Phone Service :	Bring your residence card, seal, and Jyuminhyo to local provider's office	Office	It is technically illegal for you to use a wireless device purchased outside of Japan.
Internet Service :	Bring your residence card, seal, and Jyuminhyo to local provider's office		It usually takes more than 2 weeks before you can access internet.
Driving License :	Refer to Driving in Japan	Miyagi Driving License Center	Do it as soon as possible. The driving test is very difficult and it may require multipul tries.

2) Resident Registeration

You must register your address at City-Hall's branch office within 14 days after you arrive. You may be fined up to 50,000 yen if you fail to register.

Required Documents:



- 1) Passport(If moving in from foreign country)
- 2) Residency Card
- 3) My-Number card or My-Number Notification card(If you have one)
- 4) Certificate of Moving (Tensyutsu Todoke)
 If you live in Japan and moved from other cities in Japan
- 5) National Pension Handbook

Location: At your local City-Hall Branch office

Acquire Jyuminhyo

Jyuminhyo is your certificate of residency and name.

Required Documents:

- 1) Identification documents such as residency card, my-number card or passpo
- 2) Application Form (Available at city-hall's branch offices)

Cost: 300 Yen / Copy

3) Personal Seal Registeration

Personal seals are needed for transaction of realestate, getting a loan from a bank, purchasing/selling/totalling a car, joining insurance, claiming insurance, and to receive inheritance.

Seal Registeration Requirement:

- 1) Must be 15 years or older to register a seal
- 2) Must be a registered resident





- 3) The seal must not fit in a 8mm X 8mm square
- 4) The seal must fit in a 25mm X 25mm square
- 5) The seal may only contain your registered full name or parts of the registered name
- 6) The seal must not be made of rubber or other soft materials
- 7) The seal must have a outer frame
- 8) The seal must only contain any information other than the name
- 9) The seal must not be ilegible

Required Document:

- 1) Residency Card or My-number card
- 2) Personal Seal you wish to register

Cost : Registeration of the seal 500 Yen Certificate of seal registeration 300 Yen/copy

4) Garbage Disposal

Please check the garbage disposal calender for date of garbage collection and take your garbage to collection point designated to your address before the deadline.

Garbage collected at designated collection points

Consolidate garbage using trash bag designated as [For combustible

Combustible: garbage] by Kurihara City and place them at designated garbage collection

Non-Combustible: Consolidate garbage using trash bag designated as [For non-combustible

garbagel

Sort 11 types of recyclable garbage separately and tie the recyclable Recyclable Garbage: garbage with paper rope before taking them to designated collection point.

Garbage NOT collected at designated collection points

Oversized garbage such as bicycles, furnitures, and futons Oversized garbage: are not colected. Dispose oversized garbage at Kurihara City

Clean Center.

Garbage difficult to process cannot be processed at Garbage difficult to process:

Kurihara City Clean Center.

Garbage with disposal Follow recycle regulations accordingly.

(For TV, fridge, washing macine, air-conditioner, PC) regulated by law:

Types of garbage recyclable garbage

Combustible: Food waste, paper, aluminum foil, wood chip, rubber, fabric, leather, oil

container, plastic tube, and other combustible items.

Electronics, Metal, Glass, Porcelain, Spray Can (Must be punctured) Non-Combustible:

1) Newspaper 2) Books/Magazines 3) Cardboard Recyclable Garbage:

4) Paper Packs 5) Paper Wrapping 6) Aluminum Cans

7) Plastic Bottle 8) Glass Bottles 9) Steel Can

10) Paper Wrapping 11) Plastic Wrapping

How to dispose your garbage:

Pile up all your recyclable paper by type and tie

Recyclable Paper: them with paper rope.

DO NOT Take these out in rain

Cans. bottles, and Rins clean and take all the plastic wrapping off.

other containers Puncture all cans that has no opening.

Kurihara City Clean Center:

Location: Nakayam 1-61 Ichihasama-Yanaginome,

Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture, 987-2309

Hours: AM 8:30 ~ 11:30 Closed on Weekends and Holidays

PM 13:00~16:30

TEL: 0228-52-3080

Cost: 10kg/70Yen Dog: 1,570 Yen (city limit)

Cat: 840 Yen (city limit)

5) Water and Sewage

Start Water Supply: Call or submit application to Water and Sewage

Department

Management Section 2~3 days prior to

the intended day to begin or end use of water utility.

Location: Machioki-200, Kannari-Sawabe,

Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture, 989-5171

TEL: 0228-42-1130

Sewage: Sweage fee will be calculated according

to the amount of water used.

6) Phone/Electricity/NHK Bill

Phone: There are many tele-communication service providers in Japan but

NTT Docomo, SoftBank, and AU are the three biggest providers in Japan.

Required Documents:

1) Photo I.D

2) Seal

3) Credit Card / Cash Card / Passbook

Internet: There are many internet service providers in Japan but

NTT Docomo, SoftBank, and AU are the three biggest providers in Japan.

Required Documents:

1) Photo I.D

2) Seal

3) Credit Card / Cash Card / Passbook

Note: Internet service will take at least 2 weeks for instalation and you must be present while they install your internet hardware.

There are a few wireless internet options which could be used immediately,

however they are very unstable and slow.

NHK is founded by yhe Broadcasting Act and is a special corporation under

the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications thus it has the right to

collect subscription fee from residents.

Cost: About 15,000 Yen / Year

7) National Health Insurance Program

Who must enroll:

1) Self-Employer

2) Farmer

3) Those whoes employer does not offer health insurace

5) Foreigners who will stay over 1 year in Japan

Deductable: 30% of totaal cost

1) Medical examination 2) Medical treatment for injury and sickness Eligible Medical Care:

3) Medication required for treatment 4) X-Ray 5) Hospitalization

1) Parental care / Birth 2) Abortion for financial reasons Non-Eligible

3) Health exan 4) Plastic surgery 5) Vaccination Medical Care: 6) Work related injuries and sickne 7) Intoxication

8) Injuries sustained during ilegal activities or by ignoring doctor's advice

Enrollment: If you are required to enroll, you will be automatically enrolled

once you complete your residence registeration.

Location: 1 Chome 7-1 Tsukidate-Yakushi, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture, 987-2293

TEL: 0228-22-0370

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30~17:15 Closed on Weekends/Holidays

8) National Pension Program

All residents of Japan between 20 to 60 years of age are required to join the naitonal pension program. You will be able to get most of the pension payment back when you leave Japan. You must enroll in the natoinal pension program for at least 10 years to receive pension after you reach 65 years of age.

Enrollment:

You are eligible to enroll if

1) You are a resident of Japan between 20 to 65 years of age.

2) You are a Japanaese citizen between 20 to 65 years of age living abroad.

Cost: The national pension program charges a fixed fee of 16,610 Yen / Month 2021

Location: 2 Chome 6-1 Tsukidate-Izu, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture, 987-2216

TEL: 0228-22-3211

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30~17:15 Closed on Weekends/Holidays

9) My-Number (Social Security Number)

My-number is used for tax collection, social security, and disaster management. Handle your My-number with great caution and do not misplace your my-number card. My-number card notification will be delivered to your registered address once you complete your first resident registeration. Please contact citizen service department of Kurihara if you do not recieve your My-number notification within 30 days.

Location: 2 Chome 6-1 Tsukidate-Izu, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture,987-2216

TEL: 0228-22-3211

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30~17:15 Closed on Weekends/Holidays



10) Marriage

You must submit your marriage notification to your local city-hall's branch office if you want your marriage to be legally recognized in Japan regardless of your citizenship.

Required Documents: Please contact your local city-hall branch offices for detail.

Locaton: City-hall's branch offices

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30~17:15 Closed on Weekends/Holidays

Note: Same-sex marriage is not recognized in Japan therefore will not receive any legal

benefits.

Unlike marriage between two Japanese citizens, if either of the party is not a

Japanese citize, you will not be forced to take the same last name.

11) Maternity and Child Support / School System

Pregnancy: Submit a pregnancy notification to city-hall's branch office.

Benefits:

1) 1 Initial consultation with public health nurse

2) 1 Initial consultation with nutritionist

3) 14 visits to obstetrics and gynecology clinic

1 Dental Exam (Performed between 12~36 weeks of preganancy)

Child Birth:

You must register the birth to your city-hall's branch office

within 14 days after the child is born.

Legal Procedures: You must apply for your child's VISA at regional immigration bureau

if the child is going to stay in Japan for more than 60 days.

1) Registering the birth of your child

Deadline: 14 days after this childbirht

Location: City-hall's branch offices

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30~17:15 Closed on Weekends/Holidays

Required Documents:

1) Birth Certificate

2) Health Insurance Card

3) Maternal and Child Health Handbook

4) Seal

Note: Make sure you keep the Proo of Birth Registeration,

you will need it to apply for your child's passport at your embassy.

Apply for your child's residence permit/visa

Deadline: Within 30 days of the childbirth

Required Documents:

Locatoin:

1) Proof of Birth Registeration

2) Application Form

3) Jyuminhyo (With the newbron child included)

4) Parents' passport and residence card

5) Proof of employment / Tax Certificate /Residence Tax Certificate

Sendai Regional Immigration Bureau

1-3-20 Gorin, Miyagino-ku, Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture, 983-0842

Hours: 9:00~16:00 Weekdays Closed on Weekends/Holidays

TEL: 022-256-6076

Benefits:



1) Nurturing Support

Number of Children	Support Amount
1	20,000 Yen
2	20,000 Yen
3	50,000 Yen
4	100,000 Yen
More than 5	200,000 Yen

- 2) Free Health Care for Children under 18
- 3) Child Benefit (Until age 15)

Age	Support Amount
Under 3	15,000 Yen / Month
Over 3 until graduation	
from Elementary	10,000 Yen / Month
school	
Over 3 until graduation	
from Elementary	15,000 Yen / Month
school	
Junior-High School	10,000 Yen / Month

4) Nurturing Support Coupon

Amount: 36,000 Yen / Child

Coupons may only be used in designated shops for designated products such as diaper, baby formula, and other child care products.

5) Family Support Specialist Visit (Upon Request)

Eligibility: Families with children under 18

Purpose: To support parents with feel anxious rasing children.

Content: Any type to parenting support.

Frequency: Up to twice a week Duration: 2 Hours / Visit

6) Family Support Center (Nanny Service)

Eligibility: Family with children not yet in emelentary school

Time: 9:00~17:00 Weekends and Holidays

Cost: Free(There may be some event that require payment)
Check「広報くりはら」and Kurihara city's website

Event: 「イベント・募集・相談」for more info

For any questions regarding pregnancy, parantal support, and other benefits, please contact Kurihara City-Hall

Location: 1 Chome 7-1 Tsukidate-Yakushi, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture,987-2293

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30~17:15 Closed on Weekend and Holidays

TEL: 0228-22-2360

School System:

Kindergarten:

Eligibility: Children between age 3~5 may apply to enter

Kindergarten Schedule: Weekdays: 8:30(Class start at 9:00)~13:00

Days off: Weekends, Holidays, Winter/Summer Vacation

School Lunch: All kindergartens in Kurihara provide lunch.

School Bus: All kindergartens provide shuttle bus in designated area.

Tuition FREE COST: Lunch FREE

There may be additional cost for school materials.

Application Deadline: Early November ∼Early December

Please call for detail.

Day-care:

Eligibility: All applications will be reviewed.

(Those who are unable to attend their children before/after kindergarten due to work, pregnancy, sickess are eligible to

utilize day-care service.)

Day-Care Schedule : Weekdays: 7:30~8:30 13:00~18:30

Saturdays: 7:30~18:30

Extended Time: 7:00~7:30 18:30~19:00 Winter/Summer Vacation: 7:30~18:30

Not Available on Sundays, Holidays, New Year (Decemebr 29

∼January 3)

COST: 450yen/use

If approved to use day-care, the cost will be free.

If the child is a resident outside of Kurihara, please acquire approval to use day-care facility by the city of residence.

Application:

Required Documents:

Day-Care: 1)Day-Care Application Form

2) Employment Report Form

3)Application to use child-care facilities

Location: Local city-hall's branch offices

Application deadlines Weekdays: 8:30~17:15

and Hours: Closed on Weekends and Holidays

Elementary School



Children of foreign citizens are not required to receive mandatory education in Japan. However, Japan respects basic human rights and ensures all her residents' right to receive basic education from elementary school throgh junior—high.

Public education is free and text books will be provided free of charge.

Your local board of education will notify you by mail once your child is of age to attend public school.

Age: All children who has turned 6 by April 1st are eligible to receive 9 years of public education until first March 31 after turning 15.

For more information, contact the Board of Education.

Address: Machioki-200, Kannari-Sawabe, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture.989-5171

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30~17:15 Closed on Weekends / Holidays

TEL: 0228-42-3513

Junior-High School

You will be automatically enrolled in a junior-high school in your district unless you proceed to enroll in a private school.

For more information, contact the Board of Education.

Address: Machioki-200, Kannari-Sawabe, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture 989-5171

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30~17:15 Closed on Weekends / Holidays

TEL: 0228-42-3512

12) Consultation/Translation Service

If you have any questions or need translation, please visit the city-hall during normal business hours or call to make an appointment.

Kurihara City, Citizen Collaboration Department

Address: 1 Chome 7-1 Tsukidate-Yakushi, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture, 987-2293

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30~17:15 Closed on Weekends / Holidays

TEL: 0228-22-1164

13) Driving in Japan

There are 4 ways in which one can legally operate a vehicle in Japan. Read carefully for your own benefit.

- 1) International Driving Permit
- 2) Driving with a foreign driving license
- 3) Transfer foreign driving license to Japanese license
- 4) Obtaining Japanese driving license



1) International Driving Permit (IDP)

Apply through AAA or AATA (U.S.A)

(These are the only organizations authorized to issue IDP in the US)

Valid for ONLY 1 year in Japan

(You must leave Japan for 3 month and apply for a new IDP before you can drive with IDP in Japan again.)

• You must carry both IDP and your original driving license.

2) Driving with a foreign driving license

Eligible Countries:

Estonia, Switzerland, Slovenia, Germany, France, Belgium, Monaco, Taiwan

- Obtain a translation of your original driving license from:
- Organization that issued your original driving license
- Embassies of your country in Japan
- Japan Automobile Federation(JAF)

3) Transfer foreign driving license to Japanese license

Eligibility:

- 1) Must hold a valid driving license.
- 2) Must be 18 years or older.
- 3) Must be able to show proof that you have resided over 90 days after you obtained your driving license in the issuing country.

Required Documents:

- 1) Valif Driving License
- 2) Translation of your driving license issued by Embassy or JAF
- 3) Jyuminhyo
 With Nationality listed and WITHOUT my-number
- 4) Passport
 (Proof that you have resided in the issuing country of your driving
- 5) Residence Card
- 6) Photo: 3cm X 2.4cm
 (May be obtained at photo booth in Driving License Center.)

Location: Miyagi Driving License Center

Address: Takakura-65 Ichinazaka, Izumi-Ku, Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture,981-3117

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30~17:15 Closed on Weekends / Holidays Reception for foreign license transfer: 13:00~13:30

TEL: 0223-73-3601

[Examination]

Written Exam: You must answer at least 7 out of the 10 question correctly.

Languages Japanese, English, Korean, Chinese, Persian, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian,

Available: Thai, Tagalog

Driving Exam: You must drive through the designated course and complete the exam with

at least 70 points remaining. (Extremely Difficult)

*Must be accompanied by interpreter if not fluent in Japanese

Exemption: Driving License issued by the following countries are EXEMPT from both the written and the driving exam.

Iceland, Ireland, USA (Maryland), USA (Washington), the U.K,

Australia, Austria, the Netherlands, Canada, Korea, Greece,

Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Slovenia, Czech Republic,

Denmark, Germany, New Zealand, Norway, Finland, France,

Belgium, Portugal, Monaco, Luxemburg, Taiwan

14) International Exchange Organization

Kurihara Internaitonal Friendship Association

Purpose: KIFA hosts many internaitonal exchange activities as well as

Japanese classes through out the year. However, the organization does not update their website or social media accounts very often. In order to obtain

up to date information, please visit KIFA office or give them a call.

URL: http://kifa.webcrow.jp/

Activities: 1) To promote internaitonal exchange

2) To support foreigners living in Kurihara3) To support students to study abroad4) To facilitate intercultural understanding

5) To facilitate signing of sister city agreement

Address: 2 Chome 6-1 Tsukidate-Izu, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture, 987-2216

TEL: 090-7791-3156

15) Japanese Classes

The City of Kurihara in collaboration with KIFA provides Japanese classes on a weekly bases.

Location: 2 Chome 6-1 Tsukidate-Izu, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture, 987-2216

Hours: Class will resume upon request.

COST: 2,000 Yen / Month

TEL: 090-2997-9973



16) List of kurihara City Facilities

Kurihara City-Hall

Address: 1 Chome 7-1 Tsukidate-Yakushi, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture,987-2293

TEL: 0228-22-1122

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30 ~ 17:15 Closed on Weekends/Holidays

Tsukidate Branch

Address: 2 Chome 6-1 Tsukidate-Izu, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture, 987-2216

TEL: 0228-22-1111

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30 ~ 17:15 Closed on Weekends/Holidays

Wakayanagi Branch

Address: Kawaminamitononishi-4, Wakayanagi, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture,989-5502

TEL: 0228-32-2121

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30 ~ 17:15 Closed on Weekends/Holidays

Kurikoma Branch

Address: Enkyojiushiro-155 Kurikoma-Iwagasaki, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture,989-5301

TEL: 0228-45-2111

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30 ~ 17:15 Closed on Weekends/Holidays

Takashimizu Branch

Address: 39 Takashimizu-Nakamachi, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture, 987-2186

TEL: 0228-58-2111

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30~17:15 Closed on Weekends/Holidays

Ichihasama Branch

Address: Shimizutagawamae-5 Ichihasama-Masaka, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture,987-2308

TEL: 0228-52-2111

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30~17:15

Closed on Weekends/Holidays

Semine Branch

Address: 37-2 Semini-Chojahara. Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture, 989-4516

TEL: 0228-38-2111

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30 ~ 17:15 Closed on Weekends/Holidays

Uguisuzawa Branch

Address: 74-1Uguisuzawa-Nangotsujimae, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture,989-5492

TEL: 0228-55-2111

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30 ~ 17:15 Closed on Weekends/Holidays

Kannari Branch

Address: Machioki-200, Kannari-Sawabe, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture, 989-5171

TEL: 0228-42-1111

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30 ~ 17:15 Closed on Weekends/Holidays

Shiwahime Branch

Address: Minamioki-452 Shiwahime-Numazaki, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture,989-5692

TEL: 0228-25-3111

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30 ~ 17:15 Closed on Weekends/Holidays

Hanayama Branch

Address: Honsawakitanomae-77 Hanayama, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture, 987-2592

TEL: 0228-56-2111

Hours : Weekdays: 8:30 ~ 17:15 Closed on Weekends ∕ Holidays

City Hospitals

Kurihara Central Hospital

Address: 3 Chome-1-1 Tsukidate-Miyanochuo, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture,987-2205

TEL: 0228-21-5330

Hours : Weekdays: 8:30 ~ 17:15 Closed on Weekends ∕ Holidays

Call to make an appointment

Wakayanagi Hospital

Address: Kawakitaharahata-23-4 Wakayanagi, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture,989-5501

TEL : 0228-32-2335

Hours : Weekdays: 9:00 ~ 12:00 Closed on Weekends/Holidays

Call to make an appointment

Kurikoma Hospital

Address: Matsukida-10-1 Kurikoma-Iwagasaki, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture,989-5301

TEL: 0228-45-2211

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30~17:15 Closed on Weekends/Holidays

Call to make an appointment

Takashimizu Clinic

Address: 7 Takashimizu-Sakuracho, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture, 987-2133

TEL: 0228-58-2020

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30~11:30 13:30~16:30 Closed on Weekends/Holidays

Call to make an appointment

Semine Clinic

Address: 37-2 Semini-Chojahara. Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture, 989-4516

TEL: 0228-38-3121

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30~11:00 13:30~16:00 Closed on Weekends/Holidays

Call to make an appointment

Uguisuzawa Clinic

Address: Nangohiroomote-38-1 Uguisuzawa, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture, 987-5402

TEL: 0228-55-3511

Hours : Weekdays: $9:00 \sim 11:30 \ 13:30 \sim 16:30$ Closed on Weekends/Holidays

Call to make an appointment

Hanayama Clinic

Address: Honsawakubo-36-9 Hanayama, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture, 987-2511

TEL: 0228-56-2013

Hours: Weekdays: 9:00~11:30 13:30~16:30 Closed on Weekends/Holidays

Call to make an appointment

Board of Educatoin

Address: Machioki-200, Kannari-Sawabe, Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture, 989-5171

TEL : 0228-42-3511

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30 ~ 17:15 Closed on Weekends/Holidays

