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STRENGTHENING OF PENALTIES

On Telephoning while bicycle driving and Driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI)

From Nov. 1st the Road Traffic Act will be revised to impose new and tougher penalties on dangerous bicycle driving. To prevent serious accidents, please follow the traffic rules.

PENALTIES FOR USING A MOBILE WHILE DRIVING

Violators will be sentenced to imprisonment of up to 6 months or a fine of up to ¥100,000 .

If you cause a traffic hazard, you will be sentenced to imprisonment of up to 1 year or a fine of up to ¥300,000

PENALTIES FOR DUI

Violators : Imprisonment of up to 3 yrs or a fine of up to ¥500,000

Bicycle provider: Imprisonment of 3 yrs or a fine of up to ¥ 500,000

Alcohol provider and co-rider: Imprisonment of up to 2 yrs or a fine of up to ¥300,000



From April 2026 CHANGE OF GARBAGE SEPARATING RULES

The City will change garbage separating rules from April 2026 to promote further reduction and recycling of garbage.

*This change will start from January 2026 in areas south of the national route 2 except for Nishinomiya-hama, Takasuchō and large apartment complexes having turnover type container / drum storage machines.

[Inquiries] Cleanup Planning Division (Tel: 0798-35-8653)

New Garbage Separating Rules from April, 2026

New Separating Categories		How to dispose	Items	Collection
Garbage	Burnable	Designated bag for burnable	Food waste, Leather, Rubber, Unrecyclable paper, Clothes, Unrecyclable plastic, etc.	Twice a week
	Non-burnable	Common designated bag	Small products composed of various materials, Umbrella, Small home	Once a week

			appliances, Ceramics, Small metal products, Glass products, Spray cans, Batteries, Fluorescent lamps, etc. which can be put into the designated bags and are lighter than 5kg	
	Bulky	As it is	Home appliances (except for Air conditioners, TVs, Refrigerators and Washing machines), Furniture, Beds, Items which cannot be put into the designated bags and are heavier than 5kg	On request
Recyclables	Cans/PET bottles	Common designated bag	Steel cans, Aluminum cans, PET bottles,	Once a week
	Bottles	Container	Glass bottles	Twice a month
	Paper, etc.	Cross-binding with string	Newspapers, Paper cartons, Cardboards, Cloths, magazines, Flyers, Paper boxes, Paper bags, etc.	Twice a month
	Plastic	Common designated bag	Plastic packages, Plastic products (composed of only plastic, shorter than 50cm)	Once a week

*The current designated bag for "Other plastic" can be used as the "Common designated bag".



Starting in November
At eight locations in Nishinomiya
USED CLOTHING COLLECTION BOXES WILL BE INSTALLED
The City will implement a demonstration project for spot collection of used clothing using “PASSTO,” a system developed by ECOMMIT. Starting in November, collection boxes exclusively for used clothing will be installed at eight locations throughout the city. We ask for your cooperation in promoting the reuse of used clothing.

Collection process

- 1) Deposit used clothing (excluding underwear, kimonos, etc.) no longer needed at your home in the “Used Clothing Collection Boxes”.
 - 2) Collected used clothing will be placed in the secondary distribution market as reused items through ECOMMIT's distribution channels.
- * Clothing that is not suitable for reuse as-is will be recycled into raw materials for recycled polyester, etc.

Location of collection boxes City Hall Main Building 1st floor south entrance, Acta Nishinomiya Station, Yamaguchi Branch Office, Taisha Community Center, Daiei Nishinomiya Store (Hamamatsubara-cho), Corowa Koshien (Koshientakashio-cho), AEON Nishinomiya Store (Hayashida-cho), and Hankyu Oasis Najio Store (Najio-Shinmachi)
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October **HEALTH COLUMN**
A Dental Hygienist's Thoughts
“Do you have dental hygiene products in your disaster kit?”

During a disaster, the environment changes and irregular living conditions can make you more susceptible to illness. To prevent this, it is effective to keep your teeth and mouth clean. Put your usual toothpaste and other dental hygiene products in your disaster kit. In case you cannot brush your teeth, it is good to include mouthwash or xylitol gum in your disaster kit. Also, as there will be a shortage of water in times of disaster, it is reassuring to practice gargling with a small amount of water on a regular basis.

A video introducing disaster preparations (for teeth and the mouth) has been created by the four cities of NATS (Nishinomiya, Amagasaki, Toyonaka, and Suita) (HP34174055). Now is the time to double-check your disaster preparations.
[Inquiries] Contact the Health Promotion Division (0798-26-3667).

< Nishinomiya City 100th anniversary(2025) pre-project >
CONSUMPTION LIFE EXHIBITION ON SAT. NOVEMBER 9.
At ACTA Nishinomiya east building 2F central square

Consumer groups in the City will host a panel exhibition that



shows their everyday activity results, a workshop and a stamp rally collaborating with “Environment town creation forum” and so on. Entrance fee is free. Come and visit them.

[Date & time] From 10:30am to 4:30pm on Sat. Nov. 9th.

[Contents] Panel exhibition, Exhibition corner of materials related to consumer education,

Stamp rally, Workshop for parents and kids “Try to make Environment Mark by puzzles”.

[Inquiries] Consumer Center 0798-69-3157] HP35165523
Learn more here!

Ambassador Mr. Hyodo's Activity Report
HANSHIN KOSHIEEN BASEBALL STADIUM

100th anniversary this year.



Mr. Daiki Hyodo, who is an “Ambassador spreading the word about all the good things in Nishinomiya” promoting many fascinating

aspects inside and outside of our city, visited Hanshin Koshien baseball stadium which celebrated its 100th anniversary. He reported his experience in the baseball stadium.

Report 1 Tour in Koshien history museum and Experience of batting

Report 2 Observation of a performance with a night lighting
These tours and experience are in “Hometown Tax Return - Tour of Hanshin Koshien baseball stadium & Special plan where you can enjoy Hanshin Tigers menu at the premium restaurant”. Eligible persons are those who are registered as residents not only in the city but also outside the city because of the system of Hometown Tax Returns.

[Inquiries] Financial Structure Improvement Promotion Division ([0798-35-3328](tel:0798-35-3328))

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NISHINOMIYA'S PAST AND PRESENT

The first Nishinomiya Civic Festival was held at the Nishinomiya Shrine in Dec.1973. About forty thousand people, which equals one tenth of the city population, joined the event. Since 1980, the venue was shifted to Hankyu Nishinomiya baseball stadium where miniature shrine parades and music concerts were held. The number of viewers reached around eighty thousand people at maximum. This year, many food stands will open, and live concerts and dancing events will be held by Nishinomiya citizens.



Held in 1980 at the Nishinomiya stadium for the first time



Has been held around the city hall since 2004