



The Shakushizawa and Kaerazuzawa snow creeks have been confirmed to be glaciers

Since 2020, Hakuba Village has been investigating Shakushizawa, Kaerazuzawa, and Hakubazawa Creeks as potential glaciers in cooperation with Niigata University, Hakuba Mountain Guides Association, Hakuba Mountain and Ski Museum, and others.

On January 6, 2025, an academic paper on this survey was accepted, confirming that Shakushizawa and Kaerazuzawa creeks are glaciers. This marks the 8th and 9th glacier in Japan.

It was also revealed that there are 3 glaciers including Karamatsuzawa Glacier, which has already



been confirmed as a glacier in the village. Furthermore, data on Hakubazawa Creek has also been obtained with a high probability of being a glacier this year.

It should be noted that Shakushizawa glacier is located in front of Hakuba Station along the JR Oito Line and is visible from the downtown area, which makes it valuable as a "glacier visible from the city. You may be able to see the glacier in your photos. Hakuba Village plans to continue to promote mountain tourism that takes advantage of the diverse natural environment of the Northern Alps, including glaciers, and to use the area as a subject for regional and environmental education at schools and for lifelong learning. Through these efforts, the significance and appeal of glaciers will be conveyed to many people in and outside the village, and the splendor of Hakuba Village's natural environment and the importance of environmental preservation will be widely publicized.

Life-long Learning and Sport Division: 0261-85-0726



Prices go up on garbage bags in April

Due to the recent price increase in raw materials, the price of small, medium and large "North Alps Wide Area Union garbage bags" will go up by a few yen to several ten of yen per bag. Bags can be purchased at most supermarkets in the area, as well as convenience and hardware stores. ※Garbage bags are sold from 10 bags per roll and Retail prices may vary by retailer.

Hakuba Recycle Plaza will open on April 1, 2025

A base for environmental activities such as education, promotion, display, and public information on the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle), as well as workshops and exchanges of reused products. Anyone can drop off reused items and free to take them home.



Hakuba Recycle Plaza Information

Location: Hokujo 9305-8, Hakuba Village

Opening hours: 9:00-15:00

Closed: Weekends, public holidays, and year-end/New Year's holidays

Fee: FREE

Capacity: Approx. 20 people

Facilities: Workshop room, Restrooms, projector and screen Kid's play area, parking space (for 4 cars)

Workshop Room

-The workshop can be used for the purpose of promoting environmental awareness. (an application is required)

(e.g., meetings of environmental groups, environmental study groups, environmental activities, lectures, etc.)

Please bring used items at home before throwing them out as garbage to the Hakuba Recycle Center!

【Items that can be brought in】

Pottery dishes, picture books, umbrellas, (non-metal) toddler toys,

Unused or lightly used clothes and kids' clothes



Registration of Dogs and Rabies Shots

Thinking of bringing your pet dog to Japan?
Considering adopting a puppy? Knowing the rules surrounding dog ownership in Japan will help you plan ahead and keep you and your buddy safe.



Registration of dogs

Owners are required to register their dogs 91 days of age or older ("life-time registration") and give them an annual rabies shot according to the Rabies Prevention Law.

You can register your dog at the Hakuba Village Office Resident division, at vet clinics belonging to the Azumino Branch of the Nagano Veterinary Medical Association, or at a rabies vaccination site in the village. Registration is valid for life.

After registration, a dog tag for Hakuba Village will be issued, which must be attached to your dog's collars. (Wearing the tag is required by the Rabies Prevention Law.)

▶The following cases must be reported to the town office

Reasons of change	Procedure
A change in the dog's owner A change in the name/location of the dog	Change of registration details
When a dog is purchased at a pet store, etc. When the address/phone number of the owner (owner) changes	New register

Notes

Check the dog's condition and come to the venue listed in the letter. In case your dog's condition is poor, he/she may not be able to receive vaccinations at the venue.

- Dogs that are unable to receive vaccinations due to illness or senility should be checked by a vet and submit a "Certificate of Deferment" issued by the vet to the Resident Division.



While walking your dog, remember to follow basic dog walking etiquette:

- Always keep your dog on a lead in public places
- Remember to pick up after your dog and dispose of the waste correctly

Consideration for local neighborhood and environment

Dog owners should maintain a pleasant environment by controlling their dogs' behavior and overall clean hygiene.

Cleanup campaign on April 14-21

As the snow melts a lot of rubbish is revealed around the local neighborhood.

Please participate in cleanup activities around your lodge, restaurant, business or home as we prepare for the green season guests to arrive.

This is a village wide campaign and you can collect free rubbish bags from Resident Division at the Hakuba Village Office.

For inquires: Resident Division TEL 0261-85-0715

Rabies Shots

Dogs must be vaccinated against rabies by June each year. Please visit your local vet clinic or the vaccination place in the village. The procedure for injections is as follows.



Injected.

A vet clinic belonging to the Azumino Branch of the Nagano Veterinary Medical Association or at a group injection site

Other vet clinics

Injection tag for that year

Issued on the same day

A Certificate of Vaccination will be issued.

The owner of the dog,

Attach the tag to the collar of your dog.

Receive the tag at Resident Division

Group Injection Schedule of 2025

【Things to bring on Group Injection】

Registered dog: A letter and fee (3,600 yen)

Newly registered dog: Fee (6,600 yen)

April 21st (MON)		May 14th (WED)	
Hakuba Village Office	9:30-9:55	Hakuba Village Office	9:00-9:20
Fukasora Kikan Center	10:05-10:15	Sun Sun Park	9:35-9:55
Happo Info Parking	10:30-10:45	Kamishiro Community Center	10:05-10:15
Shinden	11:00-11:10	Happo Info Parking	10:30-10:40
Moriue Sta.	11:20-11:30	Moriue Sta.	10:50-11:00
Hakuba Village Office	13:10-13:20	June 1st (SUN)	
Sawado Community Center	13:40-13:50	Omachi City Hall	8:00-9:30
Kamishiro Community Center	14:00-14:10		
Hirakawa Public Toilet Parking	14:15-14:30		



■ Payment Schedule of March

Payment Method	
Cash	Account Counter at Village Office Bank institutions Convenience stores
Bank Withdrawal	JA Bank Dai-Hoku, B2 Bank, Nagano Bank, Matsumoto Credit Union (Shin-Kin Bank), Japan Post Bank
Credit card	
Payment App	

	Payment due date	Account transfer :Kouza Furikae	Payment Method			
			Cash	Account Transfer	Credit card	Payment App.
10 th of 10 payments National Health Insurance Tax	March 31(Mon)	March 25(Tue)	○	○	○	○
8 th of 8 payments Medical Insurance For Elderly			○	○	—	—
Water & Sewer Bills	March 25(Tue)	March 25(Tue)	○	○	—	○

EASY TAX PAYMENT

By scanning the QR code printed on the payment slip with a smartphone or other device, payment of village taxes can be made through the eLTAX website, Apps or at QR code-compatible financial institutions. ◆eLTAX <https://www.payment.eltax.lta.go.jp/>



Water and Sewer Division TEL 0261-85-0766 Taxation Division 0261-85-0712

Discarding or transferring ownership of your Light motor vehicle



In winter time, many short term residents have purchased cars. There have been many cases of people returning to their countries without changing their ownership, or without designating a tax agent. This is a guideline of transferring ownerships and levying a light motor vehicle tax.

Imposition of Light Motor Vehicle Tax

This tax is imposed on those who own motorcycles, light motor vehicles, special compact cars and two-wheeled motor vehicles as of April 1st with the tax ordinance of Hakuba Village and Local Tax Act.

The owners as of April 1st are required to pay the annual tax for their Light Motor Vehicles. Please complete necessary procedures by March 31st for discarding or transferring ownership of your vehicles.

Type of Vehicles	Guidelines	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motorized bicycle (Gentsuki) . . Small-sized special vehicles . . (included Agricultural vehicles) . . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motorcycle(125cc~ 250cc) . . Motorcycle (over 250cc) . . Three/ Four-wheels light vehicles . . 	
Where to submit . . (Address and contact number) . .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hakuba Village Office Taxation Division . . (7025 Hokujo, Hakuba) . . Tel:0261-85-0712 . . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Motorcycle] . . Light Motor Vehicle Inspection Organization . . Matsumoto branch office . . (2-5-10 Hirata Higashi, Matsumoto) . . Tel:050-5540-2043 . . [Three/ Four-wheels light vehicles] . . Light Motor Vehicle Inspection Organization . . Matsumoto branch office . . (2-1-11 Hirata Higashi, Matsumoto) . . Tel:050-3816-1855 . . ※Agent service available at some car dealer shops . .
Necessary items for discarding . . a light motor vehicle . .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name seal (Inkan) of both owner & user . . Photo I.D of the submitter who presents at the office ※1 . . Number plate . . ※2 . . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name seal of both owner & user ※3 . . Vehicle Inspection Certificate(Shakensho) . . Number plate . . Recycling voucher ※4 . . ※5 . .
Necessary items for transferring of . . ownership . . of a light motor . . vehicle . .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name seal of NEW owner & user . . Name seal of CURRENT owner & user . . Photo I.D of the submitter who presents at the office ※1 . . Number plate (not necessary for the transfer of ownership between family members who live at the same address) . . ※2 . . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name seal of NEW user ※3 . . Name seal of NEW & CURRENT owner ※3 . . Vehicle Inspection Certificate(Shakensho) . . Number plate ※6 . . One of the following . . Resident certificate (Juminhyo) . . Seal Registration Certificate (Inkan-shomei) or . . Signature Certificate (Sign-shomei) . . (issued within last 3 months) ※7 . . Car insurance, or car liability insurance voucher . . ※5 . .

For inquiries and information: Taxation Division TEL: 0261-85-0712



2025 Spring Wildfire Prevention Campaign

From March 1 to May 31, is the campaign for spring wildfire prevention. Due to the recent dry weather and strong winds, there is a risk of wildfires in the forests. Please take the following measures to prevent forest fires from outbreak:

- (1) Do not start fires in fire-prone areas where there is dead grass or other obstacles.
- (2) Do not leave the area while a fire is being built, and make sure to extinguish the fire completely after use.
- (3) Do not make a bonfire or light a fire during strong winds.
- (4) When setting up a fire, be sure to obtain permission from the village mayor and install the necessary fire prevention equipment in advance.
- (5) Only smoke cigarettes in designated areas, always extinguish cigarette butts, and do not throw them away.
- (6) Do not play with fire and do not allow others to do so.

For inquiries: Agriculture Division Tel: 0261-85-0766

Priority support benefits (30,000 yen payment) for soaring prices of electricity, gas, food goods, etc.

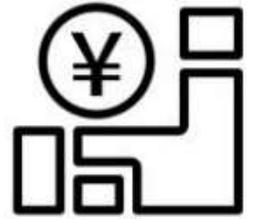
In light of the increase in burdens caused by soaring prices of electricity, gas, foodstuffs, etc., Japanese government provide **30,000 yen** per household, especially for households exempt from residence tax, which have a significant impact on households.

Households that fall under any of the following are eligible.

- Household tax exempt from residence tax in FY2024
- Households that resided in Hakuba village as of Dec 13th.



**Apply Government benefit
By May 30, 2025**



Households that are **not** eligible for benefits

- Households that include those who have not yet declared the resident tax in FY2024 (excluding those who are dependent on resident tax).
- Households consisting of only dependent relatives who are subject to residence tax.

1 How to receive vouchers

A 400-yen voucher is available for each use of onsen.
Number of use coupons issued
If applying in April, 12 tickets will be issued for one fiscal year (from April to March).
If the application is made in May or later, 1 ticket will be issued per month, including the month of application.

2 Eligible persons to receive a ticket

Those who fall under any of the following with a Hakuba Village resident registration can apply

- (1) 65 years of age or older
- (2) Persons with physical or mental disabilities (certificate holders)
- (3) Single-parent families, etc., with children under 12 years old

*If there is any outstanding payment of village tax, water and sewerage bills, etc., a coupon will not be issued. As soon as payment is cleared, a coupon will be issued.

3 How to use the vouchers

Pay at the onsen counter for the amount of the ticket (400 yen) deducted from the total. Tickets cannot be combined with other discounts or coupons.

4 Available public onsens

Onsen facilities registered with the village
(For details, please refer to the notice enclosed when the use coupons are issued.)



Vouchers for the use of hot spring facilities are now available for the fiscal year 2025

In order to increase opportunities to go out for bathing and prevent nursing care, we issue vouchers for the public bath facilities, valid from April 2025.

If you are interested in applying, please fill out the application form and submit it to the Health and Welfare Division of the Village Office.

The voucher will be mailed to you later.

Applications can also be submitted at the Health and Welfare Division of the Hakuba Village Office, downloaded from the official Hakuba Village administrative website, or submitted

via the official Hakuba Village LINE App.

**Nagano prefecture
Emergency Call Center**

When you wonder if you should call ambulance or visit doctors at emergency illnesses or injuries,
Call #7119 *Call 026-231-3021 if you call with Dial IP Line.

**Weekday : 19pm- 8am
Weekends/Public Holiday : 20pm- 8am**



Health and welfare Division TEL 0261-85-0713

■ Clinics, Hospitals and Pharmacy's open during holidays

For emergency cases of pediatrics and internal diseases on weekday nights, please go to "North Alps Weekday Night Emergency Center for Pediatrics & Internal Medicine". TEL: 0261-26-6199
Please do not request for the ambulance service for minor injury and illness or it will be overloaded when there is an emergency.

M	D	Day of week	Clinic On Duty			Dental Clinic		
			Northern District (Hakuba • Otari)	Omachi City	Southern District (Ikeda •)			
March	20	THU	Hakuba Clinic	Yokosawa Internal Medicine Clinic	Serizawa Clinic	Iizawa Dental Clinic	Omachi	0261-23-7050
	23	SUN	Kamishiro Clinic	Ono Clinic	Yoshimura Clinic	Azumino Dental Clinic	Matsukawa	0261-62-2332
	30	SUN	Kurita Clinic	Nomura Clinic	Midori Clinic	Otari Clinic	Otari	0261-82-2762
April	6	SUN	Shintani Clinic	Ishizone IM & Surgery Clinic	Herbe-no-Sato Clinic	Omachi Municipal General Hospital	Omachi	0261-22-0415
	13	SUN	Yokosawa Clinic	Kakishita Clinic	Wakabayashi Clinic	Odagiri Dental Clinic	Ikeda	0261-62-3134
	20	SUN	Hakuba International Clinic	Endo Internal Medicine Clinic	Azumi Hospital	Kaneko Dental Clinic	Omachi	0261-23-2200
	27	SUN	Otari Clinic	Mogami Orthopedic surgery	Kondo Clinic	Maruyama Dental Clinic	Matsukawa	0261-62-0648
	29	TUE	Hakuba Clinic	Kikuchi Clinic	Nishimori Orthopedic Clinic	Yokosawa Dental Clinic	Omachi	0261-22-1343