

**Living Guide
In Shin- Onsen town**

Shin-onsen International Association

Introduction

Living with the sea

Shin onsen town faces the Japan Sea and has prospered as a fishing port in earlier time. In recent years, the sea has provided natural resources and supported a flourishing tourist industry with swimming and other marine activities.

We appreciate the value of the sea to our community and recognize our responsibility for environmental conservation for the benefit of future generations

Mountains and hot springs

The town has two main rivers, the Kishida River and the Kuto River. These rivers flow from the broadleaf and beech forests of the Ueyama Heights and other mountains, carrying rich minerals and nutrients to the sea, benefiting the marine resources.

The Yumura and Hamasaka hot springs are enjoyed by town people and visitors alike. Our town aims to utilize its natural resources in an effective and sustainable manner.

Our traditions, cultural heritage, festivals and performing arts have been handed down in this area for generations. These traditions are greatly treasured by the people of our community.

Our most prominent industries are coastal fishing and fish processing, stock farming, and agriculture. Shin Onsen town boasts Japans top catches of snow crabs and firefly squids as well as producing other high quality fish products (Chikuwa), beef (Tajima Beef), radish (Hataganaru Radish), pears and rice.

We have many events incorporating our town's natural environment and culture.

These events provide wonderful opportunities for local people and visitors to meet and celebrate each passing seasons.

Annual events

April	Hamasaka Firefly squid festival	Hamasaka port
May	Kirin jishi marathon	Hamasaka area
June	Yumura onsen festival (Big tug of war) Hide and seek event	Yumura area Yumura area
July	Kawasuso festival fireworks Arayu tengu festival	Hamasaka beach Yumura area
September	Tajima beef festival	Tajima Pasture Park
November	Winter crab festival	Hamasaka port

Local festival and traditional dance

April	Chidani kirin jishi mai	Chidani area
June	Tajima kutani no shoubu tsuna hiki (Tag of war)	Kutani area
July	Kawasuso matsuri/ Utsuno jinja Kirin jishi mai	Hamasaka area
August	Umigami kasa odori Kishida saemon odori Tando haneso odori Yumura no hi matsuri	Umigami area Kishida area Tando area Yumura area
November	Kutani zanzaka odori	Kutani area
February	Utaosa dai kagura Utsuno jinja kirin jishi mai Igumi ・ Mio kirin jishi mai	Utaosa area Hamasaka area Igumi , Mio area

Flower

Spring	Cherry blossom(Taiunji temple) Cherry blossom(Shoufukuji temple)	Takeda area Yumura area
Early summer	Ranunculus nipponicus	Tochidani area

Gourmet

Spring	Firefly squids	
Early autumn	20 century pear Hataganaru Japanese white radish	
Winter	Snow crab	
All season	Tajima beef	

1. Utilities

○Water

You can use water immediately, but you should call the water supply section of shin onsen town office (Phone: 0796-82-3114; Address: 2763-1 hamasaka) and give your name, address, customer's number, starting date, and telephone number. Or you can visit the office directly to register for water service.

Before you move out, please give at least one-week notice to the office. You are required to pay for service before you move.

Plumber

Flotec	793-1, Hamasaka	Tel 0796-82-5588
Nishioka pump	1282, Hamasaka	Tel 0796-82-1350
San in propane	2337-6, Hamasaka	Tel 0796-82-1100
Uejima Propane	464-2, Hamasaka	Tel 0796-82-3110
Uno pump	1247, Hamasaka	Tel 0796-82-1073
Yamaguchi	289-8, Hamasaka	Tel 0796-82-4131
Kitamura Denki Shoukai	350, Tohidani	Tel 0796-82-1438
Hokutan Setsubi	765-2, Futsukaichi	Tel 0796-82-3393
Tanaka Kougyosho	80-1, Shichikama	Tel 0796-82-1947
Sanyu Giken	56, Takeda	Tel 0796-92-2356
Oka suidou setsubi	405, Isumi	Tel 0796-92-1020
San in zouen doboku	395, Iino	Tel 0796-92-1546

○Electricity

Fill out the postcard that is attached to the breaker with your name, address, and starting Date and send it to Kansai Electric Power Company, Toyooka branch(0796-22-3131, 0800-777-8784; 7-37 Sanno-cho, Toyooka City) or call the company when it is urgent. Also you can apply via internet. (Japanese only)<http://www.kepc.co.jp>

When you move into a new residence, turn on a light switch to see if there is power.

If the light does not come on, lift up the lever on the circuit breaker and retest it.

If there is no light, call the company, and request service.

In the western Japan the electricity current is 100V/60Hz, in eastern Japan it is 100V/50Hz.

Note that there may be some electrical appliances which cannot be used due to the difference in frequency.

(Stopping the electrical service)

Please give notice to the electrical company before you move out by calling or by visiting the website.

○Gas

Most houses in Shinonsen town uses the liquid petroleum gas. For service please call the gas company.
In the area closest to you.

San in propane	2337-6, Hamasaka	Tel 0796-82-1110
Uejima Propane	464-2, Hamasaka	Tel 0796-82-3110
Yamaguchiya shoukai	1228-2, Hamasaka	Tel 0796-82-1035
Yoneyasu	388-1, Yu	Tel 0796-92-1235

2. Waste Disposal


You must put the right kinds of garbage, at the right place, on the right day, in the right way by 8am in the morning.




We collect fifteen kinds of garbage as follows:①Burnable garbage (non-recyclable)
②Plastics ③Bottles(clear glass) ④Bottles(brown glass) ⑤Bottles (other color glass)
⑥Glasses(cups, broken bottle, ceramics) ⑦ Electric bulb ⑧ Plastic bottles(PET) ⑨ Cans(steel, aluminum)⑩ Metal products ⑪ Battery ⑫Drink Carton ⑬Corrugated cardboards
⑭Paper bags, Paper package ⑮Large-size items

Items that cannot be collected by Shin-onsen town

- Television, Refrigerator, Freezer, Laundry machine, Air conditioner, PC, Clothing dryer,
- Agricultural plastics ○Oil, Paint etc ○Chemical, Pesticide, Powerful drag, Car Battery, Gas cylinder,
- Fire extinguisher, ○Tires, 2-wheel vehicle ○Soil, Bricks, Stone, Rock, Concrete block

Garbage sorting

Category	Sorting and rubbish examples			Note
Burnable Garbage (non-recyclable)	Kitchen garbage	Kitchen garbage, Food waste, Peel	Drain water well before disposing	Designated bag (Red print)
	Unrecyclable papers	Newspaper, Magazine, Tissues, Paper, diapers (remove excrement)	Note that plastics that cannot be cleaned should be disposed of with burnable waste. for examples.	
	Fabric, Leather products,	Clothes, Shoes, Rubber products, Dolls	Oil container, small bags of soy sauce, etc.	
	Twig, Grass	Grasses, Flowers, bamboo, Twig,		
	Uncleanable plastics	Plastic container, Plastic tray, Styrofoam (Unclean.No identification Mark)		
Plastics	Plastic package, tray	Please sort out the plastics with identification mark “Pla Mark” () as recyclable plastic.	Please rinse before disposal.	Designated bag (Blue print)
Bottles	Bottles(Clear glass)	Bottle for drink or food		Put them into the container at the collection site
	Bottles(Brown glass)	Bottle for drink, food Ex, beer bottle,		
	Bottles (other color glass)	Bottle for drink or food		
	Glasses, Ceramics	Ceramics, Cup, Glass, Bottle of cosmetic, Broken bottle		
	Electric bulb	Electric bulb, Fluorescent lamp, Mercury thermometer		

Cans	Plastic bottles (PET)		Remove caps and labels. Rinse the bottle	Put them into the container at the collection site
	Cans(for drink)		Rinse the cans No squash	
	Cans(not for drink) Metal products	Pod, Frying pan, Toaster, Kettle, Spray can		
	Battery	Battery, Button battery Rechargeable battery		
Papers	Drink carton (juice, milk)	Except cartons with silver lining	Cut and flatten. Then tie in bundles	Put them out tidely
	Corrugated cardboards		Tie in bundles	
	Paper bags, Paper packages			Designated bag
large size	large size items	The large-size items Over 50cm Bicycle, Furnitures, Futon, Desk, Sowing machine, Stove	The red sticker must be placed on each item.	

Designated bag

Burnable Garbage (Red print)	Plastics (Blue print)
	
Paper bags, Paper packages (Black print)	Large size item (Red sticker)
	

Sending Mail

The red square boxes marked with 〒 on the streets are post boxes.

The postage of a postcard is ¥52. The postage of a regular shaped letter is ¥82 for up to 25g in weight and ¥92 for up to 50g. The cost of other items depends on its weight. The postage of postcards to overseas is ¥70 for all, but that of letters depends on the country

There are nine post offices in this town.

Hamasaka Post Office	740-2,Hamasaka	Tel 0796-82-1621
Yumura Post Office	93-1, Yu	Tel 0796-92-0050
Igumi Post Office	152-4, Igumi	Tel 0796-82-4000
Kutani Post Office	458-2, Kutani	Tel 0796-82-0902
Moroyose Post Office	432, Moroyose	Tel 0796-82-0901
Kishida Post Office *	730-1, Ishibashi	Tel 0796-93-0625
Chiwara Post Office *	916, Chiwara	Tel 0796-93-0033
Teragi Post Office	154, Kirioka	Tel 0796-93-0050
Hatta Post Office	204-1, Chidani	Tel 0796-93-0050

Medical treatment

Public & Private hospitals

Hamasaka hospital	184-1,Futsukaichi	Tel 0796-82-1611
Aozora kids clinics	130-1, Ashiya	Tel 0796-82-0349
Takagi clinics	2074-1, Hamasaka	Tel 0796-82-3001
Sawada clinics	90-1, Yu	Tel 0796-92-2653
Furusawa clinics	209-2, Hosoda	Tel 0796-92-2600
Hamabe clinics	1261-2, Hamasama	Tel 0796-82-1224
Hamasaka shichikama onsen clinics	904, Shichikama	Tel 0796-82-1398
Taki clinics	740-2, Moroyose	Tel 0796-82-1272

Dentists

Shika-shinryo-sho	930-1, Yu	Tel 0796-92-0140
Yasuko shika	108-1, Shichikama	Tel 0796-83-3011
Yoshida shika	1183-3, Hamasaka	Tel 0796-82-1116
Morita shika	900-2 Yu	Tel 0796-92-2131
Matsuoka shika	1920-1, Hamasaka	Tel 0796-82-1126
Itou shika	8, Ido	Tel 0796-92-2508
Sakai shika	144-1, Mitani	Tel 0796-82-3771

Public facilities

City hall / general branch

Shin onsen town office	2673-1, Hamasaka	Tel 0796-82-3111
Onsen general branch	990-8, Yu	Tel 0796-92-1131

Hall

Yume hall	990-8, Yu	Tel 0796-92-1870
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Gyms

B&G gymnasium	2431, Hamasaka	Tel 0796-82-1616
Kenkou kouen gymnasium	1684-5, Yu	Tel 0796-92-1713

Library

Kato Buntarou library	842-2, Hamasaka	Tel 0796-82-5251
Onsen general branch	990-8, Yu	Tel 0796-92-1870

Hot spring facilities

Yakushiya	1604, Yu	Tel 0796-92-1081
Yutopia Hamasaka	1352-1, Hamasaka	Tel 0796-82-5080
Yuurakukan	524, Shichikama	Tel 0796-83-1526
Matsunoyu	853-1, Asiya	Tel 0796-82-0932
Refresh Park Yumura	1371, Yu	Tel 0796-92-2002