

# SHINAGAWA

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## Togoshi Park Traditional Events Herald the Arrival of Winter

Togoshi Park prepares for winter every year from November through December. The winter preparations are vital not only because they protect plants and trees, but also because they enrich the winter scenery. In this issue, we describe three of these traditions. Please enjoy the view when you visit Togoshi Park.

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### Straw Belts



*Komo-maki* is a traditional method of protecting pine trees from insects. *Komo* (woven straw mats) are wrapped around the trunks of trees like belts—very inviting to pests wishing to escape from the cold. When winter is over, the belt is burned along with pests inside. Since no pesticides are used, this is considered an environmentally friendly way of eliminating pests. Togoshi Park uses *komo-maki* on all thirty-four *kuromatsu* on its grounds.

### Tree Protection

The purpose of *yuki-tsuri* is to protect trees from snow. A technique developed in the snow belt of Japan, it is a Japanese winter tradition. Togoshi Park uses *yuki-tsuri* every year in mid-December on the three *kuromatsu* (Japanese black pine) trees located in front of Yakuimon gate so that visitors can learn about this ancient custom and enjoy the beauty of a traditional Japanese garden.

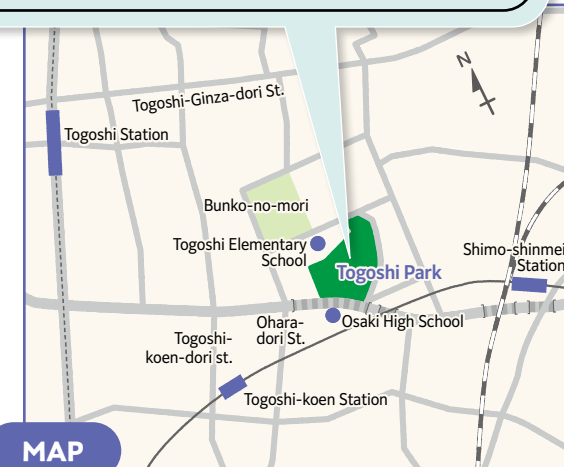


### Togoshi Park

Created from the remnants of a feudal lord's manor, Togoshi Park has a pond at its center and walking paths around the pond. The park is serene and beautiful, with flowers and trees that add color during each season, such as plum blossoms, cherry blossoms and ginkgo trees.

**Location** 2-1 Yutakacho

**Access** About a seven-minute walk from Togoshi-koen Station or Shimo-shinmei Station.



### Traditional New Year's Decoration



In anticipation of New Year's Day, a pair of *kadomatsu* are placed in front of Yakuimon gate. A *kadomatsu* consists of pine branches and bamboo and plum branches, which is thought to bring good luck in the New Year. Professional artisans create the *kadomatsu* at Togoshi Park, carefully inserting about a hundred pine branches for each. It takes about two hours to create one.



## About COVID-19 Vaccinations

(information current as of November 27)

### ■ Vaccinations started in Autumn 2023

#### Eligibility:

Everyone who is at least six months of age and has received the initial vaccinations.

**Locations:** Hospitals and clinics in Shinagawa City

**Vaccine:** Vaccine for omicron variant (XBB.1.5)

**Vaccination fee:** Free

#### Inquiries:

Until Thursday, December 28: Shinagawa Coronavirus Vaccination Call Center **Tel:** 03-6633-2433, **Fax:** 03-6684-4845

From Thursday, January 4: Unit in charge of COVID-19 Vaccination, Health Care and Disease Prevention Section **Tel:** 03-5742-7846, **Fax:** 03-5742-6012

#### ● Concerning Vaccination Tickets

Tickets are being mailed out to residents who do not have any unused vaccination tickets. If you have unused vaccination tickets, you will not receive any more, since the unused ones are still valid.

Please note that if you have lost your vaccination ticket or recently moved into Shinagawa City, you must complete application procedures.

**Note:** If you have not yet received the initial vaccinations, you can still receive them.



For more information, please visit the Shinagawa City website.

# To Incoming Municipal Elementary or Junior High School or Compulsory Education School Students: Coming Soon—Notification Postcards about Which School They Will Enter

Notification postcards stating the schools that children will enter are scheduled to be sent out late December to households with children starting school in April 2024. Please note that children who have had a school entrance consultation may be mailed a notification in late December or later. In addition, notifications will not be mailed to families with children who are currently in compulsory education school and will be promoted to the seventh grade in the same school.

- You should contact the School Affairs Section if:
- Your children will be entering a school other than a Shinagawa municipal school (national, Tokyo metropolitan or private school)
  - The notification has an error in your child’s name, address, date of birth, parent’s/ guardian’s name or other information
  - You and your children are scheduled to move either within Shinagawa City or out of the city

**Inquiries:** Educational Affairs Subsection, School Affairs Section (Dai-ni Chosha 7F, **Tel:** 03-5742-6828, **Fax:** 03-5742-0180)

**[Entrance procedures for those with foreign nationality]**  
You should complete the designated procedures at the School Affairs Section right away if your child is of foreign nationality and you want him/her to enter a municipal school, or if your child will graduate from an elementary school in March 2024 and you want him/her to enter a municipal junior high school/ compulsory education school.

## Please Join the 2024 The Coming-of-Age Day Ceremony

Shinagawa City will conduct the gathering of twenty-year-olds to celebrate the milestone of adulthood. Please join us.

**Date and time:** January 8 (a national holiday)  
Group 1: Residents of the Osaki and Ebara areas from 10:30 a.m.  
Group 2: Residents of the Shinagawa, Oi and Yashio areas from 2:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Curian (in front of Oimachi Station)  
**Eligibility:** Shinagawa City residents born between April 2, 2003 and April 1, 2004  
**Note:** Information will be mailed by the end of December to eligible residents.

**Inquiries:** General Affairs Subsection, General Affairs Section  
(**Tel:** 03-5742-6625, **Fax:** 03-3774-6356)

## Year-End Recyclable Resource and Garbage Collection Schedule

### Last Collection Day of December

Please take your recyclable resources and waste to the designated location by 8:00 a.m. (except for some early collection areas). Recyclable resources and waste that are not properly sorted cannot be collected.  
**Note:** The usual collection schedule will resume from Thursday, January 4.

Combustible Waste	Monday/Thursday Districts	28 (Thu.)
	Tuesday/Friday Districts	29 (Fri.)
	Wednesday/Saturday Districts	30 (Sat.)

Ceramic, Glass and Metal Items	First and Third Collection Districts	Monday Districts	18 (Mon.)
		Tuesday Districts	19 (Tue.)
		Wednesday Districts	20 (Wed.)
		Thursday Districts	21 (Thu.)
		Friday Districts	15 (Fri.)
		Saturday Districts	16 (Sat.)
	Second and Fourth Collection Districts	Monday Districts	25 (Mon.)
		Tuesday Districts	26 (Tue.)
		Wednesday Districts	27 (Wed.)
		Thursday Districts	28 (Thu.)
		Friday Districts	22 (Fri.)
		Saturday Districts	23 (Sat.)

Recyclable Resources	Monday Districts	25 (Mon.)
	Tuesday Districts	26 (Tue.)
	Wednesday Districts	27 (Wed.)
	Thursday Districts	28 (Thu.)
	Friday Districts	29 (Fri.)
	Saturday Districts	30 (Sat.)

Yashio Park Town and Housing in front of Omori Station		
Combustible Waste	Monday/Wednesday/Friday Districts	29 (Fri.)
	Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday Districts	30 (Sat.)

**Inquiries:** Programs Subsection, Shinagawa Waste Collection Office  
(**Tel:** 03-3490-7051, **Fax:** 03-3490-7041)



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### Shinagawa City Website

You can view the Shinagawa City website in 131 languages, including English, Chinese (simplified characters and traditional characters) and Korean using an automatic translation service.

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### Tokyo Multilingual Coronavirus Hotline

Consultation services are available to answer your questions about lifestyles, health, and any concerns regarding the spread of the coronavirus.

**Languages:** Twelve (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Nepali, Tagalog, Thai, Portuguese, Spanish, French and Burmese)

**Tel** 0120-670-440

**Hours** 24 hours  
(also available on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays)

### Shinagawa Coronavirus Vaccination Call Center

Consultation services are available concerning the COVID-19 vaccinations Shinagawa City offers in Japanese, English and Chinese.

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### Shinagawa Info

### Multilingual FM City News Broadcasts

The city government broadcasts *Shinagawa Info*, a 3-minute municipal news program, in several languages on InterFM897 (89.7 MHz) from 6:56 a.m., Monday through Friday.

**The languages broadcast are as follows:**

**Mondays:** Chinese and Japanese

**Tuesdays:** Korean and Japanese

**Wednesdays:** Tagalog and Japanese

**Thursdays:** English and Japanese

**Fridays:** English and Japanese

**In addition to daily-living information, emergency information is broadcast during times of emergency. You can also check the broadcast content via the website.**

**Website:** <https://www.interfm.co.jp/timetable/>

