

#### 1) Composting Workshop Using Kitchen Waste

On **Wednesday, July 30**, Hiratsuka City will host a workshop on how to create compost using kitchen waste. The event will be held from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** in the **first-floor hall of Hiratsuka City Hall**.

Four composting methods will be introduced:

1. Returning kitchen waste to soil
2. Using a compost bin
3. Using a planter
4. Using a styrofoam box

No reservation is needed—simply come to City Hall on the day.

For inquiries, contact the Environmental Policy Section at **0463-21-9762**.

Another session will also be held on **Wednesday, August 20**.

#### 2) Tax Payment Reminder – Fixed Asset Tax

**July 31** is the **due date for the second installment of the Fixed Asset Tax**.

Please ensure payment by the deadline.

If you are unable to pay on time, please contact the **Hiratsuka City Tax Division** at **0463-21-8769**.

#### 3) Volunteer-Run Japanese Language Classes

Hiratsuka City offers **four volunteer-run Japanese language classes** for non-native residents:

1. Hiratsuka International Exchange Association
2. Cabella Japanese Language Group
3. Shonan JRC
4. Yokouchi Project

**All classes are free of charge.**

For locations, days of operation, and eligibility, please visit the **Hiratsuka City website**.

#### 4) Update on Immigration Procedure Fees

Effective **April 1, 2025**, the **fees for certain immigration procedures for foreign residents** have been revised as follows:

1. Change of status of residence: ¥4,000 → ¥6,000
2. Extension of period of stay: ¥4,000 → ¥6,000
3. Permanent residence application: ¥8,000 → ¥10,000
4. Single re-entry permit: ¥3,000 → ¥4,000
5. Multiple re-entry permit: ¥6,000 → ¥7,000
6. Employment qualification certificate: ¥1,200 → ¥2,000

For full details, please refer to the **Immigration Services Agency website**.