

Informational Newsletter for English-Speaking Residents

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Staying Prepared for Natural Disasters

9月1日は「防災の日」：災害に備えましょう



Heavy rain and typhoon season lasts from June to October, and during this time, rain and wind may cause damage beyond expectations, such as floods, landslides, and high tides. Moreover, Japan is the most earthquake-prone country in the world, so it is important to be prepared and ready to evacuate at a moment's notice.

Inquiries: Disaster Prevention Division (*Saigai Yobō Ka*) Tel: 082-504-2664

Know your risks



● Hazard Maps

Provides information regarding Flood Prediction Maps (flooding, high tide, tsunami), Landslide Hazard Areas, Evacuation Spots, and more. If your residence falls in a highlighted area, it is at high risk. As a general rule, if you live in a disaster-prone area, you must evacuate to a safe place when necessary. The Hazard Maps app can be downloaded from the city's website, or you can receive a hardcopy at your local ward office's Community Revitalization Division (*Chiiki Okoshi Suishin Ka*).

Hazard Maps can also be accessed through the Disaster Prevention Portal. Information is available in seven languages including: Japanese, English, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Hazard Maps: <https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/site/saigaiinfo/330114.html#en>



Inquiries: Your ward office's Community Revitalization Division (*Chiiki Okoshi Suishini Ka*)

Ward	Telephone	Ward	Telephone
Naka	082-504-2820	Asaminami	082-831-4926
Higashi	082-568-7704	Asakita	082-819-3905
Minami	082-250-8935	Aki	082-821-4905
Nishi	082-532-1023	Saeki	082-943-9704

☑ Make an evacuation plan

In order to be able to evacuate as smoothly and quickly as possible, it is important to have a plan in place beforehand. Hiroshima City has 5 warning levels to let residents know about risk during a disaster and when they should evacuate. Learning the various warning levels used during times of natural disaster will better help you assess when to evacuate. Please be sure to evacuate by Level 4, especially if you live in a high-risk area.


☑ Prepare your own emergency kit

It is recommended that emergency supply kits for evacuation be any type of bag that leaves both of your hands free, like a backpack. They should be easily accessible and ready to go in the case of a natural disaster.

★★ Emergency Kit Check List ★★

Essential items vary by person. This is a generalized list, so feel free to personalize it for you.

<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight	<input type="checkbox"/> Towels	<input type="checkbox"/> Portable Radio	<input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear
<input type="checkbox"/> Money	<input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone and phone charger	<input type="checkbox"/> Medications		



☑ Stay informed

☁ City Disaster Preparedness Text Alerts

By signing up using your cell phone e-mail or computer e-mail address, users can receive e-mails (texts) regarding evacuation information or alerts for heavy rain, etc. To sign up for the service, send a blank e-mail to the following address: entry@k-bousai.city.hiroshima.jp

☁ Hiroshima City Emergency Evacuation Guide App

A free app that alerts users to the appropriate evacuation measures to take before disaster strikes. When emergency information, such as evacuation orders, is announced you can check how hazardous your current location is, as well as the best route to your closest emergency evacuation site. Available in eight languages, including: English, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Spanish, Portuguese, Filipino, and Vietnamese. For more details, please visit the city website:

Download the app here

