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Stay prepared for severe weather

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From June to September, Hiroshima sees the most concentrated rainfall from rainy season and extreme weather events such as typhoons. That's why it's important for you to be prepared and ready to evacuate when you need to. Below are some tips to help you stay ready.

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

1. Be aware of hazard areas around you

There are several resources available to check for hazard areas prone to landslides, flooding, etc., where you live. **The Hazard Map site** and the **Hiroshima City Disaster Prevention Information Site** provide important information for residents on which areas are at risk.

Hazard Map Site

Provides information such as flood prediction maps (flooding, high tide, tsunami), landslide hazard areas, evacuation shelters, and more. If your residence falls in a highlighted area, it means you live in a high-risk area.

The Hazard Map app can be downloaded from the City website, or you can get a hardcopy at your local ward office's Community Revitalization Division (*Chi'iki Okoshi Suishin Ka*). Maps are available in the following languages: Japanese, Chinese, English, Filipino, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, and Vietnamese (via automatic translation).

Hiroshima City Disaster Prevention Information Site

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



Inquiries about the Hazard Map Site

Community Revitalization Division (*Chi'iki Okoshi Suishin Ka*) of your local ward office

Ward	Tel	Ward	Tel
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

2. Make an evacuation plan

Hiroshima City Emergency Evacuation Guide App


The **Hiroshima City Emergency Evacuation Guide App** is very useful during emergencies for fast and reliable information. You can also search for evacuation sites in your area using the Hazard Map and the Hiroshima City Disaster Prevention Portal Site.

This emergency evacuation guide app has very useful functions, including providing directions to your nearest evacuation site, disaster preparedness information and announcements, information about risk levels in your current location, and so much more. Information is available in Japanese, English, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, and Vietnamese (via automatic translation).

For more information about the app and for a link to download it, see the following website:

<https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/site/english/165106.html>



 In order to be able to evacuate to safety as smoothly and quickly as possible, it is important to have a plan in place beforehand. Evacuation sites are safe places, including:


- ✓ Friend or relative's home (outside of hazard areas)
- ✓ Hotels
- ✓ School or other government-designated evacuation sites

Note: If you are already somewhere safe, there is no need to evacuate.

3. Emergency Warning Levels and What They Mean

Learning about the various warning levels used during natural disasters will help you know when to evacuate.

Warning Level	What you should do	Advisories and Warnings
Level 1	Stay aware of weather reports and stay prepared for emergencies.	Early Warning Information (早期注意情報// <i>Sōki Chūi Jōhō</i>)
Level 2	Make sure you know where to evacuate and how to get there.	Heavy Rain Advisory (大雨注意報// <i>Ōame Chūi Hō</i>) Flood Advisory (洪水注意報// <i>Kōzui Chūi Hō</i>) High tide Advisory (高潮注意報// <i>Takashio Chūi Hō</i>)
Level 3	Senior citizens (etc.) should evacuate Those who need more time, such as senior citizens, should begin evacuation.	Evacuation notice for senior citizens and those who need more time (高齢者等避難// <i>Kōreisha-Tō Hinan</i>)

Level 4	<p>All residents evacuate immediately If you live in a disaster-prone area or feel you are in danger, go to an evacuation site immediately.</p> <p> If it is dangerous to go to an evacuation site, go to a nearby safe place.</p>	<p>Evacuation Order (避難指示//Hinan Shiji)</p>
Evacuate to safety by Level 4		
Level 5	<p>Disaster in progress; take IMMEDIATE action for your safety</p> <p>Do what you think is best to protect yourself and the safety of everyone around you.</p>	<p>Take IMMEDIATE action for your safety (緊急安全確保//Kinkyū Anzen Kakuho)</p>

About vertical evacuation

Going to an evacuation shelter can be dangerous at night or when there is very heavy rainfall. Instead, you can evacuate temporarily to a higher floor in your home/apartment, or in a safer, more sturdy building nearby.

3. Stay informed

Hiroshima City Disaster Preparedness Text Alerts (Japanese only)

By signing up using your mobile email address or computer email address, users can receive emails (texts) regarding evacuation information or alerts for heavy rain, etc.

Please see: <https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/site/saigaiinfo/17955.html>



Hiroshima City Official LINE Account (Japanese only)

Information regarding disaster prevention is available online via the Hiroshima City Official LINE account.

Please see: <https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/soshiki/9/201138.html>



Hiroshima City Disaster Prevention Portal

The ultimate resource for information regarding disaster prevention. Information is available in seven languages, including Japanese, English, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, and Vietnamese (via automatic translation). You can also check Hazard Maps here.

Please see: <https://www.bousai.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/en/>











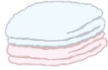





Other resources to stay informed about evacuation information:

- Hiroshima City Emergency Evacuation Guide App
- Hiroshima City Disaster Prevention Portal
- Emergency warnings
- The City of Hiroshima official social media such as X (former Twitter) and Facebook
- Television (Digital Data Broadcasting)
- Community wireless warning system
- Siren warning system



4. Emergency Kit Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/> Clean water (roughly 3 bottles (500ml))		<input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear	
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-perishable food (canned goods, crackers, etc.)		<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency toilet kit	
<input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight		<input type="checkbox"/> Medication booklet	
<input type="checkbox"/> Batteries		<input type="checkbox"/> Whistle	
<input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothes		<input type="checkbox"/> Masks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Towels		<input type="checkbox"/> Money (including small change)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bedroll, sleeping bag		<input type="checkbox"/> Copies of your health insurance card, driver's license, bankbook, etc.	

Note:

- We recommend putting your emergency kits in a backpack to keep your hands free when evacuating.
- Essential items vary by person. This is a generalized list, so feel free to tailor it to your needs.

