

Things to Prepare in Advance Against Wind and Flood Damage

Before you start

In recent years the damage from heavy rains and winds has been growing and disaster could strike anywhere and at anytime. Be aware of the need to safeguard your own life and familiarize yourself with the kinds of damage that can occur in the area where you live. At the same time, each person should create an evacuation plan that fits their own particular situation.

The following is an excerpt from, "The Role of Evacuation from Flood and Sediment-related Disaster Countermeasures based on the Heavy Rain that occurred in July 2018"(Central Disaster Management Council) <to all citizens>

- It is impossible for the authorities to put out evacuation information tailored to each individual's circumstances. In the face of impending natural threats, the authorities cannot come to the aid of each and every individual.
- You must make the final judgment on whether or not to evacuate. Everyone should take action to preserve their own lives.
- It's too late once rivers have burst their banks and landslides have occurred. Do not lose the awareness that, "if I don't evacuate now, my loved ones and I may lose our lives."

Take an interest in disasters, and prepare what you can now to protect these precious lives.

STEP 1 Ascertain the dangers of the area you live in!!



Check the hazard map to understand the level of danger posed by flooding or landslides.

About hazard maps (Yokohama City website)

Yokohama hazard map Search

Hazard maps are distributed by your local ward office.

STEP 2 Understand weather/evacuation information*!! *Evacuation of the elderly, evacuation orders, etc.

Alert level 1	Alert level 2	Alert level 3 Evacuate the elderly and others at-risk	Alert level 4 Evacuation order	Alert level 5 Urgently seek safety
Be on the alert	Check evacuation actions	Evacuate those who need time to evacuate	Evacuate to evacuation centers, etc.	Risk of death Immediately seek safety!
(Ex.) Looks like heavy rains	(Ex.) Heavy rain warning, flood advisory	(Ex.) Heavy rain/flood warning Flood warning info	(Ex.) Landslide warning info Flood risk info	(Ex.) Heavy rain emergency warning

Evacuation site In general the authorities will open evacuation sites in conjunction with evacuation information.

The timing of official announcements may differ for each ward. Evacuation sites are announced on the city website, the website of your local ward office, and by disaster preparedness information emails.

Local disaster preparedness centers (elementary and middle schools), which are evacuation sites during earthquakes, may not necessarily be opened. District centers and neighborhood town halls may be opened instead.

If you are considering evacuating, be sure to check the information about established evacuation sites on the website of the city or ward office where you live.

STEP 3 Learn how to collect the information you need!!

In addition to getting information from TV and radio, use the following kinds of tools to find information faster.

Yokohama City Website

Yokohama disaster preparedness information Search

Email

Yokohama city disaster preparedness email Search

Apps

Yahoo! Disaster Preparedness Bulletin (Bousai sokuhou)



STEP 4 Understand evacuation actions!!

Signs you should evacuate (Gather information early!)

Risk of rivers overflowing, water inundation from sewers, etc.

- Pay attention to weather information from TV, radio, or the Yokohama City website.
- Check river conditions on the Yokohama City website.
- Pay attention to conditions outside.

*Large quantities of water are overflowing from manholes.

Alert level 3 (Evacuate the elderly and others at-risk),

Alert level 4 (Evacuation order) given...

Risk of landslide

- Small rocks falling loosely
- Cracks appear in slope
- Water welling from slope

Signs of imminent landslide

Evacuation actions (Take early action!)

- Evacuate to tall buildings nearby
- Evacuate to the second floor or higher of the building you are in now (such as your home)

- Evacuate to a safe location (evacuation sites such as designated emergency evacuation sites, or the homes of relatives outside of the potential landslide or flood damage zones)

Vertical evacuation



Horizontal evacuation



Evacuation means to avoid danger and get to safety. Evacuation actions entail more than just going to an evacuation site. Each household should consider what to do based on their needs. This may include designating a place such as the home of a relative as their evacuation site beforehand.

STEP 5 Prepare items to take with you in an emergency!!

As a rule, evacuees should bring supplies and food to the evacuation site themselves. (Bring what you can, but prioritize evacuating)

List of items to take with you in an emergency

- Select the necessary items depending on your family make-up.



Safety and First-aid

First-aid kit (bandages/dressings)
Household medicines

Glasses, contacts lenses, etc.

Valuables

Bankbook
Credit cards

Cash

Drivers license, health insurance card, seal, etc.

Water / Drinks

Drinking water
Emergency rations

Portable radio

Daily necessities

Flashlight

Towels, blankets, etc.

Toiletry pack

Thermometer

Paper plates and cups

Helmet

Thick-soled sneakers

Work gloves

Milk (formula, etc.)

*You should prepare your own hot water as well.

Paper diapers

Tissues

Masks

Chargers

Plastic bags

Clothes

Raincoats

Use the reverse side to create your own personal timeline based on the information above!

