Protect yourself and your family from natural disasters

## Survival Passport Chapter 145

A disaster could strike tomorrow!

# Get ready now! Preparing your household

After the Northern Osaka Earthquake on 18 June 2018, a number of pipes were damaged and water supply was cut to many areas of the city. Also, during Typhoon No. 21 (Typhoon Jebi) on 4 September, large-scale power outages were caused by fallen telephone poles. Water supply pumping equipment also stopped operating at some apartment buildings, causing disruptions to water supply as well. No one can tell when disasters such as these will happen again. Right after a large earthquake, help from outside will not arrive for 3 days. Please start preparing your household with supplies to last 3 days even if power, water, and gas are stopped and services are suspended.



### Always keep your bath full of water!

When a disaster strikes, you can use bath water for your everyday water needs, such as flushing the toilet. Always keep the bath full of water.

#### water outage Personal experience

In my apartment building both the power and water were cut. At the time, the thing I was most concerned about was water for everyday life, like using the toilet and washing clothes. Someone living on the same floor as me was kind enough to share their bath water, and it was a huge help. Since then, I try to always keep water in my bath as a daily habit.

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Great tip!

The biggest struggle is "water for everyday life" According to a national survey of survivors of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, the thing most people struggled with after the earthquake was "securing water for everyday life". For example, you need 1 bucket of water (around 6-8 liters) to flush a toilet. Try to always keep your bath full of water.

## 3 Always keep your car's gas tank full!

Instead of thinking "I'll fill it up next time I go out", change your habit to "I'll fill it up before I go home". Your car is not only for transport, it can also be useful for heating and cooling. Also, you can use the car battery to charge your phone!

