

# Prepare for typhoons and heavy rain!

Protect yourself and your family from natural disasters

## Survival Passport

Chapter 158

In late June 2018, the record-heavy rain (the Heavy Rains of July 2018) caused damage in Minoh City; such as landslides blocking roads, and large area floods due to overflowing gutters. In September, the powerful Typhoon No. 21 (Typhoon Jebi) hit, which caused widespread power outages from fallen telephone poles, and water outages in some apartment buildings. No one can tell when typhoons or heavy rain like this will hit again. To protect yourself from danger, you must get ready, not sometime soon, but now.



Near the Kamitodoromi Nakatani Bridge

### Start preparing as soon as you can!

#### ✓ Check if the gutters around your house are blocked

Having leaves, branches, or garbage stuck in your gutter causes water to start to overflow. A block in one place causes the whole surrounding area to flood, so it will not only cause damage around your home, but your entire neighborhood.

Once the rain starts to fall it is already too late to do anything. Make sure to check the gutters around your house, and keep them free from leaves, branches, garbage, and anything else that might block them.



#### ✓ Prepare an emergency bag with everything you need



Prepare a backpack filled with things you would need in a power/water outage, or if you need to evacuate quickly. Place the bag near the entrance of your home.

- Flashlight • Portable battery charger and cable
- Wet wipe tissues • Emergency toilet • Whistle (to call for help)
- Things you might need (some water and snacks, baby milk and diapers, your regular medicine, contact lenses (or spare glasses), menstrual products, tissues, masks, thermometer, alcohol-based sanitizer)

#### When a typhoon is coming...

#### Take action before the wind and rain get strong!

##### ✓ Bring things that could blow away in strong wind inside!

- Potted plants, hanging planters
- Clothes pegs, laundry hangers
- Laundry poles
- Cleaning equipment (e.g. brooms)
- Bamboo screens, etc.



##### ✓ Close window net screens /shutters and curtains early!

Before the wind and rain get strong, close the net screens/shutters on your windows and lock them. If your windows don't have these, close your curtains so that if the wind blows something into the window, they can protect you from any flying broken glass. Stick safety film to your windows for extra protection.

### Prepare for earthquakes too! Please join in the Osaka 8.8 Million Drill!

This drill is held during Disaster Prevention Week (30 August - 5 September). Osaka Prefecture sends instant emergency warning alerts to the cellphones of everyone in the prefecture as a practice drill. Use this chance to think about how to respond in a real earthquake, and start taking action to prepare.

#### 3 September (Tues) The emergency warning alert practice drill will be sent on:

**3:03 p.m. Major Tsunami Alert**  
(a practice drill sent by the prefecture)



**3:05 p.m. Emergency Warning Alert**  
(a practice drill sent by the city)

#### ● Along with the Osaka 8.8 Million Drill, practice the Disaster Emergency Message Dial (171) with your family!

Days you can try it out

- Disaster Prevention Week: 30 August (9:00 a.m.) - 5 September (5:00 p.m.)
- Every month on the 1st, 15th ● 1-3 Jan ● Disaster Volunteer Week 15 Jan (9:00 a.m.) - 21 Jan (5:00 p.m.)

※ Please note that this charges the same as your normal phone calls. Please see the website (QR code) for details.

