

Protect yourself and your family from natural disasters

Survival Passport

Chapter 181

Prepare for typhoons and heavy rain!

Inquiries: Citizen Safety Policy Division TEL 072-724-6750 FAX 072-724-6376

In 2018, record-breaking heavy rains (the 2018 Japan floods) began in late June, and in Minoh City as well, damage occurred as sediment that had collapsed from the mountainsides blocked roads and water overflowed from gutters, causing widespread flooding in the area.

Furthermore, in September of the same year, Typhoon No. 21 struck, causing large-scale power outages due to fallen utility poles and other damage, and some apartment buildings also experienced water outages. We cannot predict when such typhoons or heavy rain might strike again in the future.

In order to protect yourself from these dangers, you must get ready, not sometime soon, but now.

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 single blockage can cause flooding in the surrounding area, resulting in significant damage not only around your home but throughout the 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 containing essential items

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 for yourself (Some water and snacks, baby milk and diapers, your regular medicine, contact lenses (or spare glasses), menstrual products, tissues, masks, thermometer, rubbing alcohol).

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 they can protect against any flying glass broken by flying objects blown against it by strong winds.

Stick safety film to your windows for extra protection.

Don't forget to prepare for Earthquakes!

Attend the Osaka 8.8 Million Drill!

As part of Disaster Prevention Week (Sunday 30 August - Saturday 5 September), this is a drill in which Osaka Prefecture will send emergency alert messages to the cell phones of everyone in the prefecture at the same time.

Use this chance to react as if there was a real earthquake, and think about what you would do.

On Tuesday 1 September, Osaka Prefecture and Minoh City will send out a test emergency alert email.

10:00 a.m. There has been an earthquake!

10:03 a.m.

Major Tsunami Warning (Emergency alert email sent by Osaka Prefecture for training purposes)

↓

10:05 a.m.

Emergency Alert Email (Emergency alert email sent by Minoh City for training purposes)

Along with the Osaka 8.8 Million Drill,” please practice using the Disaster Message Call Service (171) with your family!

Disaster Message Call Service Trial Dates

- Disaster Prevention Week…August 30 at 9:00 a.m. through September 5 at 5:00 p.m.
- The 1st and 15th of every month
- 1-3 January
- Disaster Prevention and Volunteer Week…15 January at 9:00 a.m. to 21 January at 5:00 p.m.

p.m.

*Please note that standard call charges apply, just as they do for regular phone calls. For more details, please visit the Disaster Message Call Service website.