



## In times of typhoons and floods

### Being prepared for typhoons and floods

In Japan from summer through autumn, there are many typhoons that bring strong winds and torrential rain which can cause flood and mudslides damage. To be prepared for such strong winds and floods, the following points should be given attention.

- (1) Your residence should be fully inspected. In order to keep damage to a minimum, repairs and reinforcements should be carried out.
- (2) Window glass, etc. should be reinforced with gummed tape or vinyl tape. If there are shutters, they should be closed.
- (3) Boxes, flowerpots and other objects in the garden or on the balcony should be fastened or taken into the house to prevent them from being blown around by strong winds.
- (4) Confirm whether the branch line and the supporting strut of television antennas are durable enough to stand in the typhoon.
- (5) Clear drains, shores and water tubs of any dirt and debris to ensure good drainage.
- (6) If you live in an area where flooding is possible, you should move daily ware to a high place and prepare sandbags and water stop boards.
- (7) In the event of a blackout (electric power failure), have a flashlight, portable radio, etc. in a set place familiar to each member of the family.
- (8) Keep things you need to take with you in an emergency in a convenient place.
- (9) Confirm where the nearest disaster shelter is and how to get there.

With regard to Nishinomiya City, the following are contacts where you can find out where disaster shelters are and where you can find out where there is a possible danger of floods or mudslides in times of heavy rain from the "Kozui Doshu Saigai Hazard Map" (Flood and Mudslide Hazard Map). Please find out about the area you live in.

#### Enquiries:

Nishinomiya City Hall Community Disaster Preparedness Support Division 0798-35-3092

(Nishinomiya Shiyakusho Saigai Taisaku Ka)

To search for designated emergency shelters in Nishinomiya City

<https://www.nishi.or.jp/shisei/seisaku/tabunkakyosei/english/DPEP.files/ListofEvacuationShelters.pdf>

Flood and Mudslide Hazard Map

Landslide Disaster Caution Areas Maps

[https://www.nishi.or.jp/shisei/seisaku/tabunkakyosei/english/DPEP.files/hokubu\\_150328.pdf](https://www.nishi.or.jp/shisei/seisaku/tabunkakyosei/english/DPEP.files/hokubu_150328.pdf)

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### If a typhoon comes

- (1) Do not go out in strong winds or heavy rain.
- (2) Do not go near fallen utility poles or sagging cables.
- (3) Pay close attention to weather forecasts. If any evacuation information is given, evacuate to a safe place as quickly as possible. Families with elderly or sick persons or infants should evacuate early.

Nishinomiya City Rainfall Information

<http://nishinomiya.tenki.ne.jp>

Hyogo Prefecture including Nishinomiya City provides its non-Japanese residents with information service on weather, earthquake, shelters, etc., which are available through "Hyogo Emergency net" using a cell phone e-mail. Access the address given below from your municipality via your cell phone to register as a member of the service. (No registration fee is required.)

Hyogo Bosai-Net <http://bosai.net>

In times of disaster, Nishinomiya City will set up a special telephone service to receive reports and enquiries from citizens. Tel: 0798-35-3456 (Saigai Taisaku Honbu) (Disaster Prevention Headquarters)

For notification or contact in the case of a disaster:

- Nishinomiya City Disaster Control Headquarters 0798-35-3456 (only in the case of a disaster)

### ***Risai shomei-sho* (Disaster Victim Certificate)**

For victims of storms and floods, it is necessary to have a Risai Shomei-sho (Disaster Victim Certificate) when applying for various support systems such as insurance payment or tax deductions. Please take photos which show the damage situation.

#### **Enquiries:**

Desk for Nishinomiya City Disaster Victim Certificate  
(Nishinomiya-shi Risai shomei uketsuke tanto)

0798-35-3282

Note For details, ask a person who understands Japanese to enquire for you.