

台風災害への対策と安全確保 (日本政府・気象庁)英語

Typhoon Disasters Countermeasures and Personal Safety (Japan Meteorological Agency / Government of Japan)

[Actions to Take During the Typhoon Disasters]

>> When disaster conditions exist in your area, DO NOT go outside

- One of the basic rules to follow is to stay inside a house/building and wait until the typhoon passes. DO NOT go outside to check the conditions of a river or canal, as it's also a danger to your safety.

>> DO NOT use elevator

- During disasters do not use elevator because an electric/machine room located on the basement floor may get flooded, which then could stop elevator operation of the building.

[Actions to Take 0 to 6 hours Prior to the Typhoon Disasters]

>> Assume potential flooding damage to your area

If there are threats of storm surge or flooding in your area, make sure you're always tuned in to check the latest updates issued by Japan Meteorological Agency and the Government of Japan, and be ready for immediate evacuation.

>> Exercise caution if you're on an underground floor

Underground floors (subway, shopping mall & parking lot located below ground level) are at the risk of getting flooded. Exercise caution if you're on an underground floor.

[Actions to Take 6 to 12 hours Prior to the Typhoon Disasters]

>> When 'Evacuation Advisories' are issued by the Government, move in a group.

When 'Evacuation Advisories' are issued, lock your house, ask your neighbors to evacuate with you, on foot. Sports shoes or trekking shoes are suitable to walk on flooded road.

>> When 'Evacuation Preparation Information' is issued, quickly help those who need assistance to evacuate.

When 'Evacuation Preparation Information' is issued, help those with poor ability to move (e.g. the elderly, the persons with disabilities, family with infants, etc.), to evacuate to safer place (e.g. shelter on the high ground, relative's house, public welfare facility, etc.)

[Actions to Take 12 to 36 hours Prior to the Typhoon Disasters]

>> Prepare flashlight and food

When a typhoon is passing your area, water & electricity supply could be stopped. To prepare for such event, make sure you have a flashlight and radio (to receive information) in the house. Also in case you can't go out for shopping, store up food and water to survive for a couple of days.

>> Move household goods to a higher location.

Household goods, if they get wet, go spoiled. Move important household goods to a higher location to protect them from floods.

[Actions to Take 36 to 48 hours Prior to the Typhoon Disasters]

>> If your house is located on a low ground, sandbags can be useful to stop the flooding or to slow the speed of flooding.

Contact your local government office to find out if sandbags are available. As an alternative to sandbag, you can fill up a plastic garbage bag with water and fix it with concrete blocks, or you can fill a cardboard box with water-filled PET bottles to use it a temporary water bank.

>> Prior to actual disasters, check the condition of drainage facilities and keep them clean.

Clogged drainage can create water puddles on the road and garden, which can then do damage to rooms and parking lot on the basement floors. If the drainage pipe on the veranda gets clogged with fallen leaves and dust, it can cause flooding even on the 2nd floor or higher floors of the building as well as the space under the roof. Make sure you do the routine check on the conditions of the drainage pipes and keep them clean.

>> Reinforce roof tiles and corrugated roof.

If roof tiles get blown off by the wind, the damage you'll receive could be more than just a light injury to your body. Run a routine check to see if there's a leak in the roof or a crack in exterior walls of the building. Also if there are other objects (e.g. TV antenna, walls, wall that could collapse, bicycle, potted plants, etc.) that could be blown off by the wind, fix them with ropes or bring them inside the house.