

Protecting Yourself from Storms or Floods

Be Prepared at All Times

- Identify the level of potential floods in residential areas by checking the flood hazard map.
- Identify dangerous places such as those lower than the surrounding area.
- Make sure that you have a place to evacuate to and an evacuation route.
- Check for trash and fallen leaves in gutters and ditches around the house.
- If you are living in an area with a flood risk or low elevation, prepare things like sandbags.

Pay Attention to Weather Information

Keep track of weather information such as alerts and warnings issued by the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) on TV, radio, the internet, or by calling 117 on your phone.

Rainfall Information

Information about rainfall is available on the Osaka City website.

(<http://www.ame.city.osaka.lg.jp/pweb/>)



Don't Go Outside Unnecessarily

In case of typhoons or heavy rain, do not go outside. If you absolutely must go out, check the weather information and do not approach areas that may be dangerous. In particular, avoid accidents by not going close to embankments, seashores, and rivers.

In Case of High Winds

If you are outside on a street

Roof tiles and signs may fly around, and trees along the road may topple due to strong winds. Stop walking around and take shelter in a place like a sturdy nearby building.



If you are indoors

Wind or flying objects may break windows and scatter the glass. Do not go close to the windows as long as the wind is strong.

If you are at the seaside

You could fall or be swept into the sea or be caught by tidal waves. Move away from the seaside immediately because the water may rise to a high level.

In Case of Heavy Rain

If you are close to the banks of a river

A hard rain upstream may cause the river to swell rapidly. Do not get close to rivers. If an evacuation alarm is issued, immediately move to an elevation higher than the 3rd floor of a building. Strong winds and heavy rain may drown out the sound of the alarms from the public broadcast speakers, so stay alert to the sounds around you.

If you are driving

Pull over and stop driving because of the risks posed by poor visibility and malfunctioning of the steering wheel or the brakes. Avoid going through places such as underpasses which are at risk for flooding.

If you are outside on a street

When the road is flooded, move to the 3rd floor or higher of a nearby building. When evacuating, use the stairs whenever possible. Stay away from drains and ditches as they may flood and be dangerous.