

Koedo Kawagoe News



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Preparations for windstorms and flooding damage

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 日本では夏になると、台風や大量の雨によって災害が発生する危険性が高まります。



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 日ごろから対策を行い、災害から身を守りましょう。

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As a result of typhoons and torrential rain, natural disasters such as the flooding of rivers, etc., can potentially occur. It is therefore of utmost importance to learn about windstorms and flooding damage in advance, as a means to be prepared for a worst case scenario.

Advance preparations

1. Checking hazard maps

Kawagoe City has created two kinds of hazard maps: Flood hazard maps and inland water hazard maps. They are free of charge. Please check and confirm designated evacuation sites and areas that are expected to come under water close to where you live. It is possible to obtain copies at public information distribution locations. They can also be downloaded from Kawagoe City official website.

Flood hazard maps

Flood hazard maps cover Arakawa River, Iruma River and Shingashi River. The maps indicate expected flood levels in the event of flooding or if an embankment collapses, evacuation methods and measures that should be taken.

Copies can be obtained at (1) Bosai Kiki Kanri-shitsu (Disaster Prevention and Crisis Management Office), 4th floor in City Hall and at (2) Kasen-ka (River Management Division), 2nd floor in Kosemba-chosha (Kosemba Branch Office).

Inland water hazard maps

There are also inland water hazard maps. Apart from the flooding of rivers, this map indicates flooding levels from heavy rain with inland flooding, in the case when rainwater cannot be properly drained.

A copy can be obtained at (1) Bosai Kiki Kanri-shitsu (Disaster Prevention and Crisis Management Office), 4th floor in City Hall, (2) Jigyo Keikaku-ka (Waterworks and Sewerage Planning Division), 2nd floor in Waterworks and Sewerage Bureau and (3) at each Civic centers.

2. Register for Kawagoe City Disaster Prevention Information Mail

Upon registering, important information such as evacuation advisories will be sent to you. Please send a blank email to the two-dimensional bar-code and follow the instructions. It is also possible to register from the Kawagoe City website.



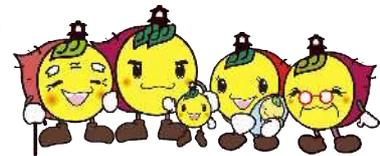
*Registration and information provision fees are free of charge. Users are fully responsible for the cost of internet connections, email reception, etc.

3. Discussions with family members

In order to be able to confirm the safety of family members at the time of a disaster, please actively discuss in advance with family members as to how to discover the safety of each other and also how to assemble together.

How to confirm the safety of family members

During a disaster, it might be difficult to contact family members via phone or email. Please consider and discuss as to how to confirm the safety of all family members. Please use the Disaster Emergency Message Dial 171 (Free of charge) or the Disaster Message Board.



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Discussing with family members as to how to assemble together

Please discuss in advance with all family members as to how to assemble together in the case of a disaster (e.g., designated evacuation sites) and the routes to get to a location.

4. Checking sandbag stations

It is possible to obtain sandbags at the following sandbag stations to prevent water from entering your residence due to the flooding of roads. Each sandbag weights about 15kg each. All sandbag stations have about approximately 70 sandbags available. They are free of charge. If needed in large quantities, please contact Douro Kankyo Seibi-ka (Road Environment Maintenance Division). Tel: 049-224-6029 / Fax: 049-222-6017

Sandbag stations	Address
Semba historical river park (Sembagashi Shiseki Koen) parking lots	Semba 4chome 21-2
Takashina Civic Center *along the street of the north side of the building	Fujima 27-1
Fukuhara Civic Center *near the entrance of the building	Imafuku 481-1
Kawagoe Municipal Route 5373 sidewalk	Terao 741-3
Terao Sekihata Park (Terao Sekihata Koen)	Terao 589-2
Terao turning point of Kawagoe Shuttle Bus	Terao 1171-2
Kawagoe Municipal Route 5484	Terao 1176-3
Mukai Amamizu Pump-jyo *entrance of the building	Terao 1046-1

Encountering windstorms or flooding



もし雨や風による災害で身の危険を感じても、冷静に行動することが大切です。

川や崖など危険な場所には近づかず、適切に避難しましょう。

- Check all weather information (TV, radio, etc.) and any possible disaster information from Kawagoe City. Please also refer to; How to Receive Disaster Information from Kawagoe City (refer to the following).
- Please inform the elderly and people with disabilities in your neighborhood of any relevant information.
- Stay away from dangerous sites such as flooded rivers, etc.

How to Receive Disaster Information from Kawagoe City

Disaster Prevention Administrative Radio (Bosai Gyosei Musen), emails, websites, twitter, Facebook, Kawagoe City Disaster Information Blog.

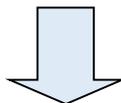
Issuance of evacuation information

Kawagoe City will provide evacuation information via Disaster Prevention Administrative Radio and Kawagoe City Disaster Prevention Information Mail, etc. Evacuation information is divided into the following three categories by levels of danger from low to high. During a disaster, it is most important to take the appropriate action for each level.

Prepare to evacuate and start evacuating the elderly, etc.

When the issuance of an Evacuation Advisory and Evacuation Order (Emergency) are expected:

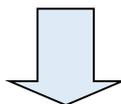
- Prepare to evacuate.
- The elderly, people with disabilities and their supporters, or people that require additional time should start evacuating.



Evacuation Advisory

Damage from disaster is expected, with the possibility of human losses being heightened.

- Promptly evacuate to the designated evacuation site.
- If it is too dangerous to go outside, evacuate to the closest safe place or remain in a safe place at your home.



Evacuation Order (Emergency)

When a situation worsens, with the danger level for human losses being further heightened.

- Immediately evacuate to designated evacuation site.
- If it is too dangerous to go outside, evacuate to the closest safe place or remain in a safe place at your home.

Flooding information

In the event of major flooding, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) and Saitama Prefecture will issue flooding information for people living in areas with a high risk of being affected, via mobile and smart phones. This service might not be available for some phones.

Area

All areas in Kawagoe City

Information

Information regarding flooding or possibility of flooding for the following rivers: Arakawa River, Iruma River, Koaze River, Oppe River, Komagawa River, Toki River, Shingashi River. The possibility of flooding means water levels reach Flood Danger Level (Level 4).

(*Flooding information is also distributed when an embankment collapse, with the risk of flooding expected.)

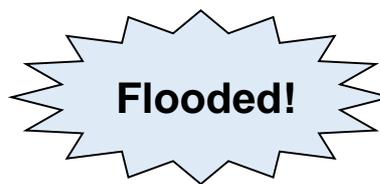
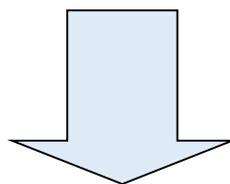
Evacuation actions

Evacuation actions are categorized into two types: 1) Evacuation to a safer place (e.g., designated evacuation site) from a current place or 2) Securing a safer place at where you are without going outside. In the case of an evacuation to avoid damage from windstorms and/or flooding, evacuation to a designated evacuation site, etc. is highly recommended. However, following flooding, it is sometimes better to stay where you are and find a safer place inside a building, without evacuating to a designated evacuation site. Additionally, even before flooding, at night, in the early morning, or in poor weather, if it is too dangerous to evacuate to a designated evacuation site, it might be better to secure a safer place where you are, without evacuating to a designated evacuation site.

Evacuating from your residence

Take action in advance before flooding

- Evacuate to the designated evacuation site.
- Evacuate to a safe place such as a relative's or a friend's place.
- Evacuate to a robust and tall building, for example, in your neighborhood.



Securing a safe place inside a building

Take immediate action in the event of flooding

- Remain in a place that is as safe as possible.
- Evacuate to a higher safe place in a building, 2nd floor or above.

*If flooded, please take extra caution not to fall into manholes or gutters that are in place for sewage purposes. If there is a need to evacuate, use a stick or something similar to probe a route.

