

Evacuating During a Disaster

Evacuate to the evacuation shelter

The shelters are designated by your municipality. Check the municipality homepage during a disaster for more information.



Evacuate to a hotel, inn, etc. in a safe area

Normal accommodation charges will apply.

Try to make a reservation and/or check availability in advance.

Note: Check the Hazard Map to see whether the area is safe.



Evacuate to a friend or relative's home in a safe area

Talk to them in advance about evacuating during a disaster.

Note: Check the Hazard Map to see whether the area is safe.



Shelter indoors

Check the Hazard Map to see whether you meet the 3 conditions to shelter indoors.

- ① Your home is not located in a flooding area where there is a risk of houses/buildings collapsing
- ② Your home is higher than the flooding level.
- ③ You have sufficient food/water, etc. and can hold out until the water recedes.

Alert Level 4

When "Evacuation Instructions" are issued, everyone should evacuate from the affected areas!

Alert Level	New Evacuation Information	Required action
5	Emergency Safety Measures	Take action to protect your life!
~ Be sure to evacuate by Alert Level 4! ~		
4	Evacuation Instruction	Everyone evacuates from affected areas
3	Evacuation of the Elderly, Etc.	The elderly and others evacuate from affected areas
2	Heavy Rain, Flood, or Storm Surge Advisories (Japan Meteorological Agency)	Check your evacuation action plan
1	Probability of Warnings (Japan Meteorological Agency)	Prepare for disaster

Reference: Cabinet Office Website

「National Police Agency website」

In the event of a large-scale disaster, the National Police Agency requests information from the public in order to grasp the state of road damages (depression, fissures, etc.), landslides, bridge damages, building collapses, etc.

If you can provide photos/videos, please refer to the examples on the website and post it.

※ The National Police Agency does not accept posts during non-disaster times.



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Let's Try! Check Your Evacuation Action Plan!

Weather and evacuation information

Alert Level 1 Probability of Warnings

(Japan Meteorological Agency)
Risk of weather worsening

Probability of
warnings

Alert Level 2 Heavy Rain, Flood, or Storm Surge Advisories

(Japan Meteorological Agency)
Weather Worsening

Heavy rain advisory
Flood advisory

Possible change of
advisory to heavy
rain warnings

Alert Level 3 Evacuation of the Elderly, Etc.

Risk of disaster

Heavy rain warning
Flood warning

Alert Level 4 Evacuation Instruction

High risk of disaster

Landslide disaster
warning information

Alert Level 5 Emergency Safety Measures

Disaster occurring/
Disaster impending

Heavy rain
special warning

My Evacuation Action Plan

● Find your home on the Hazard Map

- Water Depth ~0.3m ~0.5m 0.5~1 m 0.5~3 m
 3~5 m 5~10m 10~20m 20m~
- Landslide Disaster Hazard Areas Landslide Disaster Special Hazard Areas



● When to evacuate

- Alert Level 3 Alert Level 4
- Other _____ e.g. : If street gutters overflow

● Evacuation shelters

Check the nearest evacuation shelters on your municipality's website

- Designated evacuation shelter (flood) _____ e.g.: ○○community center
- Designated evacuation shelter (landslide disaster) _____ e.g.: ○○elementary school
- Other _____ e.g.: ○○'s house



● Check the safety evacuation route

● Check Emergency items

- Food Drinking water Medicine Health insurance card
- Flashlight Infection prevention goods Etc.

○ Pay attention to weather information

○ Check evacuation information issued by municipality

○ Elderly people, those with disabilities, and others who may need more time to evacuate should evacuate from affected areas.

There may be dangerous spots such as uncovered manholes and ditches hidden beneath the murky water. Use something, such as a long stick, to make sure you stay safe while walking.



○ All residents should evacuate from affected areas.



Travelling outside during torrential rain is dangerous, even in a car. If you have no choice but to spend the night in your car, take great care to check your surroundings, etc., to make sure you are not caught in a flood.

○ Take the best action to protect your life.



If it is dangerous to go to the evacuation shelters, take the best action you can to protect your life such as moving to higher ground in your home/area.



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Register to get safety information e-mails from YAMAGATA POLICE!



※ To register, scan the QR code above, send a blank email, and follow the instructions in the reply. Registration is free.