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Preparing for Typhoons and Heavy Rain
台風や大雨に備えて

In Japan, typhoons and heavy rain can cause great damage. You can minimize the damage by keeping up to date with information from the city and the news. Be prepared when you see or hear news reports about typhoons or heavy rain and keep an eye on weather forecasts.

1)Things do to today:

- **Register on Fukuroi City's email service "Mellow Net"**
  You can receive information regarding **natural disasters, notices about potential dangers** and **established evacuation centers.** [Available in **Japanese, Portuguese and English**]

☞ Please **register**, and **also install a translation app** to translate some notices only available in Japanese to understand them in your native language.

- **Install Shizuoka Prefecture's disaster prevention mobile app** "**Shizuoka Disaster Defense**" *(Shizuoka Bosai Apuri)*
  Through your smartphones, you can check information such as **hazard maps** and **evacuation centers in your community.**
  [Available in **12 languages** including **English and Portuguese**]

☞ Please **download** it, and **familiarize yourself with the mobile app**.

2)Things to do before a typhoon or heavy rain happens:

- **Check the weather forecast** via the **Weather Information of Japan Meteorological Agency** or **watch the news (e.g. NHK World JAPAN)** that can offer you the latest news in multiple languages.
- **Confirm the safety of your home**

☞ Please **bring in things** that might be blown away by a strong wind **from your balcony**.
Covering your windows in protective film/tape can help prevent or reduce damage caused by strong winds.

- **Prepare for a blackout and evacuation**

☞ In case of a blackout, please remember to **charge your mobile phone batteries** and **prepare your food and water/drink**.

3) When a typhoon or heavy rain comes:

- **Collect information** ☞Please keep informed of the strength of the rain and wind, potential flood warnings etc.
- **Confirm your situation and evacuate as needed**
  Announcements from the city broadcasting system as well as **"Mellow Net"** and the **city website** will keep you updated about water levels in case of flooding.

☞ Please **go to the evacuation center immediately** if you are particularly worried or in a dangerous situation, or if it may take you extra time to evacuate. When you evacuate, please **bring your emergency backpack** and **keep your hands free**

Attention: **Never approach the ocean or rivers** because of high waves and rising water levels.