

Severe Rainfall



Severe rainfall refers to when an extreme amount of rain falls in one area during a short time. When rainfall becomes intense, be careful of the following things:

1. When severe rainfall occurs, the water level in small rivers can rise quickly. Flood waters may affect roads and houses suddenly as well. Near mountains, rocks and soil may also come sliding down. It is best to stay away from rivers and mountains during heavy rain.
2. During intense rainfall, listen for the weather report on the TV or radio. Be especially careful if you hear the Japanese words for advisory and warning, which are “keihou” and “chuihou”.
3. During times of possible flood or natural disaster, your region’s municipal office may issue an evacuation notice. Check the TV, radio or internet.
4. When evacuating, wear clothing that is easy to move in, athletic shoes, and a hat. Take only necessary items, and put them in a backpack, keeping your hands free. Walk to your community’s nearest shelter with your family or neighbors.
5. If nearby rivers overflow, or your house floods, do not leave the house unnecessarily. Take food and bottled water, and retreat to the 2nd floor.

We will soon be entering the rainy season. Make sure you are cautious about severe rain.