

Disaster Preparedness Special Feature



Natural disasters can strike without warning. To protect yourself and your family, it is important to be prepared in advance by regularly checking evacuation routes, gathering information, and implementing earthquake-resistant measures. Make good use of the city's information websites and subsidy programs to ensure you're ready when the time comes.

Shizuoka City Disaster Preparedness Navigator

Inquiries: Risk Management Division ☎ 054- 221-1243

A disaster information website where you can find what you need to know in times of emergency!

Be sure to bookmark it! <https://navi.bosai.city.shizuoka.jp/top-page>

Point 1: Check all important information in one place!

- **Evacuation Information**

Find out which areas are under evacuation orders and locate the nearest evacuation sites. You can also search for routes to evacuation sites via map apps!

- **Weather Warnings**

- **Public Transportation Updates**

- **Evacuation Shelter Opening Information**

- **Lifeline Information** (e.g., power outages, water supply disruptions)

- **Hazard Warnings for Dangerous Areas**

- **Support Information** (e.g., water distribution activities)



Point 2: You Can Report Damage During a Disaster!

The damage reporting feature allows you to submit information about any damage you witness. The city uses these reports to carry out rapid emergency responses and issue early evacuation notices, helping to minimize damage.

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Be Prepared for Windstorms and Flooding!

Inquiries: Risk Management Division ☎ 054-221-1241



Find your home and the places you regularly visit on a hazard map and identify potential dangers. Use the Evacuation Decision Flowchart and identify the appropriate action to take during a disaster in advance.

Flooding hazard maps:

These show anticipated flood zones, with 84 small and mid-sized rivers in Shizuoka City recently added. Please take another look

<https://www.city.shizuoka.lg.jp/s4268/s000307.html>

Evacuation Decision Flowchart:

<https://www.city.shizuoka.lg.jp/s4268/s000287.html>

Check the Hazard Maps!

Are the areas where you live and work colored in?

Yes

High Danger Level

If there is a risk of disaster, please evacuate to a friend's house, a local gathering place, or an Emergency Wind and Flood Damage Evacuation Area.

If there is no danger of your house collapsing, being flooded, or being washed away, you can wait at home until it is safe. This is called "home evacuation".

No

Please note that even when areas are not colored in, evacuation may become necessary for low lying areas, or areas near cliffs. Please evacuate as needed in the event of a disaster.



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Reinforce Your House Against Earthquakes

Inquiries: Building Safety Division ☎ 054-221-1124



Consider

Life at emergency shelters can be rough as things like privacy are limited. To avoid having to stay at an emergency shelter in the event of an earthquake, we recommend that residents with wooden houses get a seismic assessment.

Prepare

In past earthquakes, wooden houses built on or before 31 May 1981 suffered major damages. We recommended seismic reinforcements for older wooden houses.

The city provides **seismic assessments** and subsidizes the cost of necessary **reinforcement work** to wooden houses built on or before 31 May 1981.

Seismic Assessments (Free)

A “Shizuoka Prefectural Seismic Assessment Consultant” will be dispatched to assess the earthquake resistance of your house free of charge. Please apply to the Building Safety Division by phone or in person.

Reinforcement Work for Wooden Houses

An architect will conduct a detailed seismic assessment of your home and draw up a “reinforcement” plan to suit your needs and lifestyle. The reinforcement work will then be carried out based on this plan.

Subsidy amount: 80% of the combined cost of the reinforcement plan and reinforcement work (average combined cost is 2,5 million JPY), up to 1 million JPY.

There are various other subsidy systems available. Inquire for more details:

- Subsidy system for seismic reinforcement of concrete block walls
- Seismic assessment program for non-wood homes
- Earthquake shelter improvement program
- Program promoting the securing of furniture.



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Emergency Home Repairs System Available When Disaster Relief Act Applies:



Emergency Repairs:

When damage occurs to parts of your place of dwelling such as the roof, emergency aid can be received such as the attachment of blue tarps to the roof to protect against further rain.

Minimum Required Repairs for Daily Life:

After a disaster, you can receive emergency repairs to parts of your house such as the roof, living area, kitchen, and toilet in order to restore them to their prior condition.

Caution:

There are limits to the support available. Confirmation of requirements, and **photographs of the damage** are required when applying. Please inquire for details of support and eligibility criteria.

Please consider enrolling in earthquake insurance to cover the expense of fully rebuilding your house.

Inquiries: Building Safety Division ☎ 054- 221-1371

Sprayed Asbestos Countermeasures Subsidy System:

To prevent health problems from airborne asbestos particles, the city subsidizes part of the costs of testing for and removing asbestos from eligible buildings. Subsidies to end after FY2025, so please make use of them as soon as possible. Please inquire for more details such as eligibility requirements.

<https://www.city.shizuoka.lg.jp/s2574/s007768.html>

Analytical Survey:

We subsidize the cost of analytical surveys to confirm the existence and extent of sprayed asbestos in building materials. Up to 250,000 JPY is covered per building.

Removal:

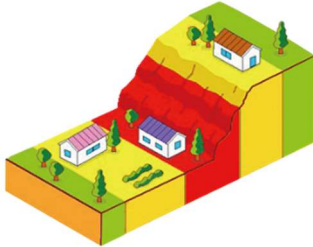
We subsidize up to a third of the cost of removing, sealing, or enclosing building material containing sprayed asbestos. Up to 600,000 JPY is covered per building.

Inquiries: Building Safety Division ☎ 054- 221-1267

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June is Landslide Disaster Prevention Month

Routine preparation by individual residents is a key factor in minimizing damage from landslides. Let's make sure we're all prepared and ready for a speedy evacuation.



Yellow Zones(土砂災害警戒区域, *dosha saigai keikai kuiki*): Areas with a risk of damage from landslides.

Red Zones(土砂災害特別警戒区域, *dosha saigai tokubetsu keikai kuiki*): Areas with a risk of buildings collapsing, and danger to inhabitants.

Three Important Points:

1. Check whether your home is in a landslide warning (yellow) zone or landslide special warning (red) zone **using resources such as disaster prevention maps.**
2. When it rains, **be alert for weather information** such as heavy rain and landslide warnings.
3. If you detect **signs of an imminent landslide** (stones falling from cliffs, cracked slopes, etc.) or feel like **something is wrong**, evacuate immediately.

Inquiries:

Landslide Warning Zones, etc.:

- Shizuoka Pref. Public Works Office, Planning Inspection Division ☎ 054-286-9321
- Building Policy Division ☎ 054-221-1446

Regarding Evacuation:

- Risk Management Division ☎ 054-221-1241

Landslide Prevention Festival 2025

When: Sat 14 June, 11:00-15:00

What: Aoba Symbol Road

*Free, no reservation required

Subsidies for Half of Installation Costs of Disaster Prevention Infrastructure Such as Retaining Walls

Subsidy Amount: Half of installation costs (up to 5 million JPY)

*Please contact us before starting the installation. For more information on conditions for subsidies, see the City website.

<https://www.city.shizuoka.lg.jp/s8769/s007983.html>

Inquiries: Building Policy Division ☎ 054-221-1446

Subsidies for Part of Costs of Moving Home Away from Cliff Areas

Eligibility: Houses built in Landslide Special Warning (Red) Zones

*Conditions (such as the safety of the new site) apply

Costs Covered:

- Part of the costs of disposing of dangerous houses before moving
- Part of interest payments on loans taken out to purchase land, build a house, etc.
- Moving costs (Cost of moving movable property, temporary accommodation costs, etc.) *Up to 975,000 JPY per house.

Those planning to move in FY2026 should consult us by Thursday 31 July.

Inquiries: Housing Policy Division ☎ 054-221-1590



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