

Be Prepared for Tsunami Disasters



To protect yourself from a tsunami, it is important to move away from the sea and rivers and begin evacuating immediately when you feel an earthquake. To ensure you can evacuate quickly in an emergency, confirm evacuation sites and routes in advance and prepare emergency items that you can take with you.

Tsunami Information

When a disaster caused by a tsunami is expected following an earthquake, the Japan Meteorological Agency issues one of the following alerts depending on the estimated tsunami height: **Major Tsunami Warning**, **Tsunami Warning**, **Tsunami Advisory**.

Types	Estimated Tsunami Height		Sirens (Broadcast via the city-wide loudspeaker system)
	How Alerts Are Issued in the Case of a Massive Earthquake (Note 1)	Issuance Using Numerical Values	
Major Tsunami Warning <small>だいつなみけいほう</small> 大津波警報	Huge (<small>きょだい</small> 巨大, <i>kyodai</i>)	Over 10 m	3-second siren, 2-second pause
		Over 5 m and up to 10 m	
		Over 3 m and up to 5 m	
Tsunami Warning <small>つなみけいほう</small> 津波警報	High (<small>たかい</small> 高い, <i>takai</i>)	Over 1 m and up to 3 m	5-second siren, 6-second pause
Tsunami Advisory <small>つなみちゅういほう</small> 津波注意報	N/A	1 m or less	10-second siren, 2-second pause

Note 1

When a massive earthquake occurs, the first tsunami warning (initial report) expresses the estimated tsunami height using the words “huge” or “high” to convey the emergency situation.

When a Tsunami Warning or Advisory Is Issued...

Evacuate immediately

If you feel strong shaking, or even weak but prolonged shaking, begin evacuating immediately.

Move to higher ground

Do not assume “this place is safe”. Evacuate toward higher ground.

Move away from the sea and rivers

Never go to look at the sea or rivers. When tsunami warnings are issued, do not approach or return to dangerous areas.

Tsunamis strike repeatedly

Tsunamis can strike repeatedly over a long period of time. Continue evacuating until tsunami warnings and advisories are lifted.

Do not use vehicles

Vehicles may become stuck in traffic or involved in accidents, delaying evacuation. In principle, evacuate on foot.

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Preparing for Long-Term Evacuation

It may take about half a day to one full day for tsunami warnings or advisories to be lifted. In addition, you may need to stay for long periods at outdoor evacuation facilities in extreme heat or severe cold.

To prepare for these conditions, have items such as thermal sheets, water, food, portable toilets, and mobile batteries ready, and keep them in a place where they can be taken immediately.

FY2026 Tsunami Evacuation Drill

When: Sunday 1 March, 10:00

Tsunami Evacuation Facilities

▶ <https://www.city.shizuoka.lg.jp/s4268/s000362.html>

By checking tsunami emergency evacuation sites, tsunami evacuation buildings, evacuation routes, and evacuation times in advance through a tsunami evacuation drill, you can take safer evacuation actions.



Expected Inundation Areas (Areas in Which Drills Will Be Conducted)



Suruga Ward

Nakajima, Ozato Higashi, Miyatake,
Oya, Kuno, Osada Minami, Kawahara



Shimizu Ward

Tsuji, Ejiri, Irie, Hamada, Oka, Shimizu, Fujimi,
Komagoe, Orido, Miho, Sodeshi, Okitsu,
Kambara, Yui

Drill Procedure:

Residents will be notified of the drill via City-Wide Loudspeakers, Emergency Information Disaster Prevention Radio, and the Shizuoka City Disaster Prevention Email Service.

10:00 Earthquake occurs

10:03 Major Tsunami Warning issued, sirens sound

- Confirm your own safety and evacuate to a safe place immediately.
- Evacuate to Tsunami Emergency Evacuation Areas or Tsunami Evacuation Buildings.
- Help people in your community who have difficulty evacuating quickly on their own.

*The time and date of drills differ by area, so please confirm with your local volunteer disaster prevention group.

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