

13 STEPS to Prepare for Emergency at Your Home Take one step at a time with what you can start today!

Natural disasters such as earthquakes, typhoons, and heavy rains can completely disrupt our daily lives. The first step in protecting your family from these natural threats is to understand “your home’s emergency preparedness.”

Why not go through this checklist with your family and make sure you’re prepared for each situation?

The Power of *Yui-maru* (mutual support): A Sense of Security That Starts with a Greeting.

Through its “Disaster Evacuation Support Program 災害時あんしん避難支援事業,”

Okinawa City is working to establish a system that ensures even those in need of assistance can evacuate with peace of mind. The Okinawa City Social Welfare Council staff member, which oversees the program, says, “During disasters, public assistance may not arrive immediately, so it’s important to maintain strong ties with your neighbors on a daily basis. Let’s start by simply greeting each other.” The Social Welfare Council is working to build a supportive community through initiatives such as neighborhood watch programs, welfare checks, the creation of individual evacuation plans, advice on stockpiling supplies, and collaboration with neighborhood associations.

- 1 Check on the “Okinawa City Disaster Prevention Map” 沖縄市防災マップを確認
- 2 Do not miss out on important updates!
- 3 Select “Crime Prevention and Safety防犯・安全” from the “Settings設定” menu in the city’s official LINE account.
- 4 Install a disaster preparedness app on your smartphone.

(Set up your notifications so you automatically receive updates on the movement of rain clouds and alerts about earthquakes and tsunamis.)

- 5 Decide on at least two “safe places to evacuate” for your family
- 6 Try to use 「Disaster Emergency Message Dial (171)」 on the designated trial dates: 1st and 15th of each month.

Disaster Prevention Radio: Listen via phone at 0120-0978-99 (toll-free)

- 7 While out shopping, pick up a week’s worth of groceries
 - 8 Prepare an “emergency kit” and “water”
 - 9 Secure furniture and rearrange it in preparation for an earthquake ※Rearrange the furniture
- It’s also a good idea to rearrange your furniture to prevent it from falling over and blocking exits or hitting you, or to secure it to the walls or ceiling so it won’t tip over.
- 10 Exchanging greetings with neighbors in the spirit of “*Yui-maru* (mutual support)”
 - 11 Check the route to the evacuation site on foot
 - 12 Participate in a local disaster preparedness drill
 - 13 Create “My-timeline” (Put all your preparations on a single sheet of paper, and your evacuation plan is complete!)

What is “My-timeline”?

It is a disaster preparedness plan that outlines the actions you and your family should take in chronological order during a disaster. By deciding in advance when to evacuate and how to stay in touch, you can remain calm and act appropriately when the time comes.

Major Possible Disasters in Okinawa Typhoon

When a major typhoon is approaching, take early precautions—such as reinforcing your home, tidying up the surrounding area, and preparing for power outages and water shortages—to minimize damage.

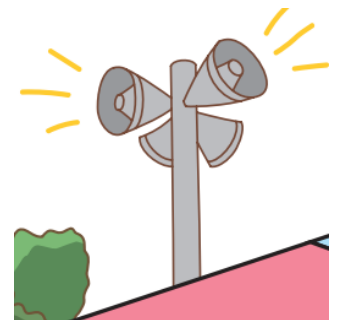
Earthquake/Tsunami Although Okinawa is often thought of as a place with few earthquakes, in reality, earthquakes are frequently recorded here. Immediately after an earthquake occurs, be sure to check for tsunami advisories.

Landslides Heavy rain or earthquakes can trigger landslides and other debris-flow disasters, such as the collapse of mountainsides or cliffs. Be sure to check disaster prevention maps in advance to identify hazardous areas.

Road Flooding and Building Flooding

During heavy rain, be on the lookout for flooded roads and water entering homes.

Residents living in low-lying areas or near rivers should be especially cautious.



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▶ The City of Eisa Declaration

エイサーのまち宣言



June 13 is a special anniversary marking the day Okinawa City adopted its “The City of Eisa Declaration.”

“The drums of the soul sounds Boom-boom-boom,” “the sound of finger whistles echoes phew-phew,”—written in lyrics that capture the essence of Okinawa City as a city of music, this declaration embodies the city’s desire to pass on its traditions to future generations and watch over the growth of its children.

The “Eisa Night” event, which began following this declaration, has now become a summer tradition. From June through the main “Okinawa Zento Eisa Festival,” the town is filled with the excitement of these spirited performances. Incidentally, the birthday of the Eisa character “Eibo” is also June 13—the same date as the declaration. Eibo and his friends are such big fans of Eisa that they even mutter “Ee-ya-sa-sa” in their sleep. You can spot them all over town—at the Koya Crossing, along Nakano-machi Street, at the Eisa Hall, and even on the manhole covers at your feet. Be sure to look for them and feel the pulse of Eisa resonating throughout the city.

[Contact] Eisa Museum エイサー会館 TEL: 098-989-5066

▶ INTERNATIONAL VOLLEYBALL GAMES 2026

2026 バレーボール男子日本代表 国際親善試合

Friday, July 10

vs. Canada National Team

Venue: Okinawa Suntory Arena

Organizer: Japan Volleyball Association (JVA)

In cooperation with: Okinawa Prefectural Volleyball Association, Okinawa City Sports Commission

Supported by: Okinawa Prefecture, Okinawa City



▶ Call for Entries: Clean-Day Art Contest

クリーンデー 図画コンクール 作品募集

We are accepting art submissions with the aim of fostering a deeper connection to the community and encouraging participation in local cleanup activities.

Eligibility: Students currently enrolled in elementary, junior high, or special education schools (elementary and junior high divisions) within the city.

Submission Guidelines: Entries must be created on A3-sized drawing paper using “paint” or “crayons”, as a principle.

Awards:

● Excellence Award (1 winner)... Award certificate and a small gift

● Selected Works (30 entries)... Award certificate and a small gift

Submission Deadline: By 5:15 PM on Friday, August 21

How to Apply: Submit your artwork and application form at the front desk.

* Application forms can be downloaded in advance from the city’s official website or picked up at the Environmental Division front desk.

[Contact] Cleanliness Section, Environmental Division 環境課 クリーン係 (Ext.2223~2226)

What is Koza International Plaza???

Various Language Classes (90 min, Free of Charge) Japanese, Chinese, Spanish, English for beginners. *Adults only *Three-month course *Please inquire for the class schedule.

● **Yuntaku-Kai:** Language Exchange (Free of Charge) Learn language through interaction with others. *For details, please check KIP Facebook page.

● **Multilingual Consultation** (Free of Charge, by appointment only) We provide consultation in English, Spanish, Chinese, Portuguese and Japanese, working together by identifying problems that foreign residents face in daily life. We will provide information and referrals to the relevant offices and agencies when applicable. *Duration of a single consultation: 40 min/person (up to 3 people per day)

● **Information Corner and Communication Corner** We have an information space (Mini Library) where residents of any nationality can visit and enjoy quiet time to read books, international magazines, and stop by for friendly chat.

● **International Events** We hold international events every month. For details, please check KIP Facebook

For more information, please visit KIP’s Facebook page (@ociakip)

or Instagram account (@koza_international_plaza). Contact: kipokinawa@gmail.com

Okinawa City Library News

Book readings & hand games: Saturdays, June 13, 20 & 27 starting at 3:00 pm

Days Closed: See the library website for their business calendar. (Closed on the red marked dates)

Address: 2-28-1 Chuo, Okinawa City BC KOZA (old Korinza Mail)(1F) TEL: 098-929-4919

Website: <https://www.city.okinawa.okinawa.jp/k064-001/kosodate/shakaikyouiiku/library/lib/index.html>



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