

1. Things to Watch Out for When it Rains Heavily

We have entered the rainy season in Japan, which will continue until July. During this time, expect numerous rainy days. The months from July to October also bring the risk of typhoons, which can result in dangerous heavy rains and storms.

Recently, we have been experiencing "linear precipitation zones," characterized by bands of cumulonimbus clouds causing prolonged heavy rainfall in specific areas. This year, heavy rain has already caused significant damage in many parts of Japan.

Rainfall of 30 mm or more per hour can turn roads into rivers, while more intense rainfall of 50 mm or more per hour leads to water overflowing from manholes and drains, causing flooding in many areas.

In the event of a major disaster potential due to excessive rain, the Japan Meteorological Agency issues a "Heavy Rain Warning" or "Heavy Rain Special Warning." Stay updated by checking information on TV, radio, and social media to ensure your safety.

If danger approaches Tochigi City and the Tochigi City Office issues an evacuation notice, please evacuate to a safe place promptly.

Even if evacuation information is provided, it may be safer to seek refuge on the second floor or higher of a building during nighttime or when it is hazardous to go outside due to knee-deep flooding. Assess the situation and take necessary actions to protect yourself.

2. Heat Stroke Alerts

A "Heat Stroke Alert" is issued either on the day of or the day before an expected hot day. Information will be announced on TV, radio, social media, and other platforms. In Tochigi City, the alert will be broadcasted on the disaster prevention radio at 9:00 a.m. on the same day.

The "Heat Stroke Alert" informs of the high risk of heat stroke for the day of the announcement or the day after emphasizing the need for increased preventive efforts.

The key to avoiding heat stroke is to steer clear of dangerously hot weather.

On days when a "Heat Stroke Alert" is issued, please observe the following precautions:

- Utilize air conditioning.
- Minimize outdoor activities unless necessary.
- Avoid exercising outside.
- Inform the elderly and children about the risks of heat stroke.
- Stay hydrated by drinking water before feeling thirsty.

Be mindful of the "Heat Stroke Alert" and take necessary precautions to prevent heat stroke this summer.

3. Visiting Facilities for Preschool and Certified Kindergarten Admission

Starting from April 2024, facility tours will be conducted for those interested in enrolling their children in nursery schools, certified child daycare centers, and small-scale daycare facilities. We encourage parents who wish to enroll their children to attend these tours.

The following public nursery schools: Imaizumi Nursery School, Kuranomachi Nursery School, Ohtsuka Nursery School, Hakonomori Nursery School, Ohira West Nursery School, Ohira Minami No. 1 Nursery School, Fujioka Heartland Nursery School, Tsuga Yotsuba Nursery School, and Iwafune Nursery School will be hosting facility tours on Thursday, July 20, and Friday, July 21, starting at 1:30 pm. No advance registration is required. Please bring a pair of shoes and a writing utensil when you attend.

For the tour dates of other private nursery schools and certified child daycare centers, kindly check the city's website for the specific facility you are interested in.

Applications for admission will be accepted from September. Please refer to the application notice provided during the facility tour for further instructions.