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Get Ready for Typhoon Season: Think “Everyday Readiness” and “Quick Evacuation”

Inquiries: Disaster Prevention Section (Tel: 38-2093)

In July in Kyushu many people, in the blink of an eye, lost their lives or possessions in a landslide or other disaster. In preparation for typhoon season, take some time to review your level of readiness.

Understand Weather Reports and Respond Quickly

Typhoon size and intensity

A typhoon is a tropical cyclone with maximum gusts of 17 m/s or more. A typhoon is described by its “size” and “intensity.”

- Typhoon size

If the covered radius with an average wind velocity of 15 m/s or more is:

- 500 to 800 km: Large
- 800 km or more: Extra-large

- Typhoon intensity

If the maximum wind velocity within a given area is:

- 33 to less than 44 m/s: Strong
- 44 to less than 54 m/s: Very strong
- 54 m/s or more: Extremely strong

Wind velocity

Average wind velocity: the average speed of wind over a period of 10 minutes.

- 10 to 15 m: Slightly strong wind (it is difficult to walk into the wind)
- 15 to 20 m: Strong wind (cannot walk into the wind)
- 20 to 25 m: Extremely strong wind (driving a car becomes dangerous)
- 25 to 30 m: Extremely strong (gale-force) wind (trees begin to fall over)
- 30 m or more: Violent winds (roofs are blown off buildings)

Low atmospheric pressure

Atmospheric pressure is the force exerted by the air on the earth’s surface. The standard atmospheric pressure (1,013 hectopascals) is the air pressure at sea level, or about 1 kg of weight. The air pressure is constantly fluctuating. When it falls, we experience low air pressure (the force exerted on the earth’s surface weakens), and the weather worsens. As the force exerted by the atmosphere on the earth’s surface weakens, the sea level rises, causing large waves and sometimes damage to seaside areas. Strong typhoons have low-pressure centers.

Rainfall

Rainfall per hour

- 10 to 20 mm: Slightly heavy rains (rain falls in sheets)
- 20 to 30 mm: Heavy rains (a downpour)
- 30 to 50 mm: Severe rains (when rain is falling in buckets)
- 50 to 80 mm: Extremely severe rains (when rain is cascading like a waterfall)

Preparing for a typhoon

Pay attention to weather information and prepare yourself for a typhoon.

- Secure roof-mounted antennas, secure items on balconies or move them indoors.
- Inspect gutter joints and seams for misalignment.
- Remove anything around your home that might be blown away.
- Reinforce storm doors and windows.
- Inspect your emergency kit.
- Prepare a flashlight and portable radio in case of a power outage.
- Prepare emergency food and water.

Retain wastewater

In cities, it is important to try to minimize the amount of wastewater that flows into the sewerage system by retaining, when possible, used bath and washing machine water.

Evacuate quickly

Evacuate quickly if any of the following warning signs occur in mountainous regions, hilly areas, or near cliffs:

Mudslides

- You hear a rumbling sound in the mountains.
- River levels fall, in spite of continuing rain.
- Rivers suddenly turn muddy or you begin to see driftwood in the water.

Cliff collapse

- Water leaking from cliffs turns muddy.
- Crevices appear in cliffs.
- Small rocks start falling from cliffs.

Landslides

- Cracks appear in hillsides.
- You hear a rumbling sound in the earth.
- Water starts spouting out of hillsides.

* In coastal regions, be sure to pay attention to “storm surge advisories” and “storm surge warnings.”

Evacuation tips

- Check for potential fire hazards.
- Check your locks.
- Notify other family members of your evacuation destination.
- Dress so you can move easily and stay in groups of two or more.
- Avoid evacuating by car.
- Work with others in the community to ensure that local seniors and handicapped individuals are safe.

Financial Assistance is Available to Help Earthquake-proof Your Home

Houses and buildings built on or before May 31, 1981 are eligible for this assistance. Renovations that have already been completed are not covered under this assistance plan.

(A) Aid for Home Earthquake Resistance Assessments and Renovation Plan Development

House: 2/3 of either ¥240,000 or the actual design costs, whichever is lower
Apartment complex: 2/3 of either ¥60,000/unit or the actual design costs,

whichever is lower

Inquiries: Construction Guidance Section (Tel: 38-2114)

(B) Aid to Earthquake-proof Your Home

Houses

Seismic reinforcement & construction costs	Aid amount
Less than ¥2,000,000	¥100,000
¥2,000,000 to ¥2,999,999	¥150,000
¥3,000,000 or more	¥200,000

Apartment complex

Seismic reinforcement & construction costs	Aid amount
Less than ¥500,000/unit	¥30,000 x number of units
¥500,000/unit to ¥749,999/unit	¥40,000 x number of units
¥750,000/unit or more	¥50,000 x number of units

Tax Notice

City Tax Payments Due in September

Municipal Corporate Tax/Business Facility Tax (for companies whose fiscal year ends July 31)

Inquiries: Management Subsection, Taxation Section (Tel: 38-2015)

*Taxes must be filed and taxes due paid by September 30 (Tue.).

City Tax Payments Due in October

Individual City/Prefecture Resident Tax (third period)

Inquiries: Resident Tax Subsection, Taxation Section (Tel: 38-2016)

Municipal Corporate Tax/Business Facility Tax (for companies whose fiscal year ends August 31)

Inquiries: Management Subsection, Taxation Section (Tel: 38-2015)

*Taxes must be filed and taxes due paid by October 31 (Fri.).

Garbage Collection Schedule by Area

Environmental Service Section Tel: 22-2155 Fax: 32-6247

Type of Garbage	Time	Days	Area
Burnable Garbage	By 8:30 a.m.	Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays	Midorigaoka, Shinnozuka, Ohara, Funado, Matsunouchi, Tsukiwaka, Nishi-ashiya, Sanjo-minami, Higashiyama, Higashi-ashiya, Kentani, Okuyama, Yamate, Yama-ashiya, Nishiyama, Sanjo, Okuike, Okuike-minami, Shimizu, Maeda, Tsuji, Kawanishi, Hirata-kita, Hirata, Narihira, Kami-miyagawa, Kusunoki
		Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays	Kimmitsu, Omasu, Chayano, Miyazuka, Uchide-kozuchi, Kasuga, Uchide, Wakamiya, Miyagawa, Seido, Hama-ashiya, Matsuhama, Takezono, Ise, Iwazono, Kurekawa, Nishikura, Hama, Nangu, Daito, Asahigaoka, Rokurokuso
Nonburnable Garbage Separate Collection 2nd and 4th weeks (Cans) 3rd week (Bottles) 1st and 5th weeks (Other nonburnable garbage)	By 12:30 p.m.	Mondays	Yama-ashiya, Nishiyama, Miyagawa, Seido, Hama-ashiya, Matsuhama, Takezono, Ise, Kurekawa
		Tuesdays	Okuike, Okuike-minami, Tsukiwaka, Nishi-ashiya, Sanjo-minami, Shimizu, Maeda, Yamate, Okuyama, Tsuji, Kawanishi, Hirata-kita, Hirata, Kentani, Sanjo
		Wednesdays	Kusunoki, Kami-miyagawa, Narihira, Kimmitsu, Omasu, Chayano, Miyazuka, Uchide-kozuchi, Kasuga, Higashiyama, Higashi-ashiya
		Thursdays	Asahigaoka, Midorigaoka, Shinnozuka, Ohara, Funado, Matsunouchi
		Fridays	Nishikura, Hama, Nangu, Daito, Uchide, Wakamiya, Iwazono, Rokurokuso

Garbage Sorting Instructions

Burnable Garbage	Nonburnable Garbage			Bulky Garbage
	Cans	Bottles/PET Bottles	Other Nonburnable Garbage	
<p>Kitchen scraps, leather goods, paper scraps, plastics, wood scraps, cloth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kitchen waste should be drained of any liquid. - Wood scraps should be cut into pieces no more than 50 cm long and with a diameter of 10 cm or less. - Newspapers, magazines, cardboard, cloth, and other recyclable items should be put out for bulk collection done by residents associations, etc. - Put milk cartons in collection boxes or out for bulk collection (as above). 	<p>Collected every 2nd and 4th week of the month.</p> <p>Metal/aluminum cans (juice cans, beer cans, canned food cans, etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Empty contents and rinse well before discarding. - Put recyclables such as empty cans out for bulk collection done by residents associations, etc. 	<p>Collected every 3rd week of the month.</p> <p>Juice bottles, condiment bottles, PET bottles for beverages, alcohol, soy sauce, etc.</p> <p>* Please place glass bottles and PET bottles in separate bags.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove stoppers and lids before discarding. - Empty contents and rinse well before discarding. - Return beer bottles and 1-sho (1.8 liter) bottles to the store where they were purchased. 	<p>Collected every 1st and 5th week of the month.</p> <p>Glass: Bulbs, glass, mirrors, cups, etc.</p> <p>Iron: Pots, frying pans, kettles, spray cans, etc.</p> <p>Ceramics: Rice bowls, flowerpots, other ceramics, etc.</p> <p>Other: Razors, dry-cell batteries (excluding nickel-cadmium batteries and mercury batteries).</p>	<p>Bulky garbage is collected by request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collection fees: ¥300 to ¥2,400 (in ¥300 increments) per item. - To request an appointment, call Tel: 22-2166. Open weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch from 12 noon to 12:45 p.m.)

Garbage Collection Calendar

	September							October							November						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1st week (Other Nonburnable Garbage)		1	2	3	4	5	6				1	2	3	4							1
2nd week (Cans)	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3rd week (Bottles/PET Bottles)	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
4th week (Cans)	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
5th week (Other Nonburnable Garbage)	28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31	23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29	

Hyogo Prefecture Health and Welfare Office Program Schedule

(Tel: 32-0707) (in Ashiya City)

Program Name	Day/Hours	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	
Infants Clinic	2nd Mon., 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.	8	20	10	
Child-Rearing Consultations	2nd Thu., 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.	11	9	13	
Psychological Consultations for Parents and Children	2nd Tue., 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.	9	14	11	
Psychological Consultations	3rd Tue., 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.	16	21	18	
	1st Wed., 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.	-	1	-	
Tuberculosis Checkups	3rd Tue., 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.	16	21	18	
Clinic - General Health Consultations - Workplace Checkups - HIV Antibody Checkups HCV Antibody Checkups HBs Antigen Checkups	Clinic Test Date	1st & 3rd Fri., 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., HIV/HCV/HBs test, 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.	5 19	3 17	7 21
	Post-Test Instruction Date	2nd & 4th Fri., 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. HIV/HCV/HBs test result: two weeks after the test	12 26	10 24	14 28
Families of Alcoholics Program	2nd Fri., 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon	12	10	14	
"Good Luck" Day Care for Mentally Challenged Patients	1st & 3rd Wed., 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon	3, 17	1, 15	5, 19	
Mental Health Volunteers' Gathering at El. Home	4th Fri., 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon	26	24	28	
Families of Elderly Persons with Senile Dementia "Ajsai Hydrangea Club." Held at Ohara Day Service Center on dates with ().	3rd Mon., 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.	(22)	20	(17)	
Specialized Nutritional Consultations	1st & 2nd Tue., 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon	2, 9	7, 14	4, 11	

Nonburnable Garbage Collection in Ashiyahama and Minami-ashiyahama Districts

(Burnable garbage is collected by the vacuum pipeline system)

Area	Cans	Bottles/PET Bottles Bottles: Collection Containers (anytime) PET Bottles:	Other Nonburnable Garbage
Takahama, Wakaba	Every Mon., Wed., Fri.	Every Tue.	Mon., Wed., Fri. of the 1st and 5th week
Hamakaze	Mon. of the 2nd and 4th week	Mon. of the 3rd week	Mon. of the 1st and 5th week
Niihama, Midori	Wed. of the 2nd and 4th week	Wed. of the 3rd week	Wed. of the 1st and 5th week
Shiomi	Fri. of the 2nd and 4th week	Fri. of the 3rd week	Fri. of the 1st and 5th week
Yoko, Kaiyo	Thu. of the 2nd and 4th week	Thu. of the 3rd week	Thu. of the 1st and 5th week

Ashiya Health Center

Tel: 31-1586 Fax: 31-1018

Program	Hours	Place	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	
Tuberculin skin tests, BCG vaccinations	1:30 ~ 2:30 p.m.	Ashiya Health Center	T. skin test	8	27	-
			BCG	10	29	-
Expectant parents' classes (reservation required)	1:30 p.m. ~	Ashiya Health Center	First period	3	1, 15, 22	-
			Second period	10, 24	-	5, 19
			Bathing class (with fathers)	20	-	15
Health consultations for pregnant women	1:30 ~ 3:30 p.m.	Ashiya Health Center	22	20	17	
Home visits to newborn babies	Anytime	Ashiya Health Center	Anytime			
Child-rearing consultations	9:30 ~ 10:30 a.m.	Ashiya Health Center	18	16	20	
Child-rearing classes	9:45 ~ 11:30 a.m.	Ashiya Health Center	22	27	17	
Health checkups for 4-month-olds	1:15 ~ 2:00 p.m.	Hyogo Prefecture Health and Welfare Office	2, 30	7, 28	4, 25	
Health checkups for 1-year-olds	Anytime	Designated medical facilities	Anytime at designated medical facilities			
Health checkups for 18-month-olds	1:15 ~ 2:00 p.m.	Ashiya Health Center	11, 25	9, 23	13, 27	
Health checkups for 3-year-olds	1:15 ~ 2:00 p.m.	Hyogo Prefecture Health and Welfare Office	4	2	6	
Allergy consultations (appointment required)	9:30 ~ 10:30 a.m.	Ashiya Health Center	1	6	10	
Periodontal disease prevention class	1:00 ~ 2:30 p.m.	Dentists Association Hall	17	15	19	
Home visits to people to prevent their becoming bedridden		Apply with Ashiya Health Center	Anytime			
Home visits for dental care to those who are bedridden						
Citizens' health checkups (lung cancer tests for those aged 40 or above)	9:30 ~ 10:30 a.m.	Ashiya Health Center	5, 9	-	7, 11	
Anemia tests						
Health checkups (appointment required)	9:15 a.m. ~	Ashiya Health Center	1, 2, 8	3, 6, 7	4, 10	
Osteoporosis checkups (appointment required)	9:30 ~ 10:00 a.m.	Ashiya Health Center	26	24	28	
Nutritional consultations (appointment required)	9:30 ~ 11:00 a.m.	Ashiya Health Center	16	21	18	
Health consultations (appointment required)	1:00 ~ 3:00 p.m.	Ashiya Health Center	2, 30	7, 28	11, 25	
Stomach cancer tests (appointment required)	9:15 ~ 10:30 a.m.	Ashiya Health Center	Mondays and Thursdays			
Cancer of the large intestine tests	Apply in the morning	Ashiya Health Center	Tuesday mornings			
Get-together for seniors (functional training)	9:30 ~ 11:30 a.m.	Shiomi Elementary School	16	21	18	
Health classes, "Nutrition Advice for Various Diseases" (reservation required)	1:30 p.m. ~	Ashiya Health Center	-	-	21	

Clinic Open during the Holidays

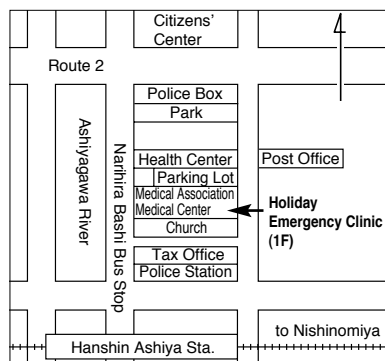
Name: Ashiya Municipal Holiday Emergency Clinic

Address: 5-13 Kimmitsu-cho, Ashiya-shi

Tel: 21-2782

Medical departments: Internal medicine, pediatrics
Days: Sundays and national holidays
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

* Evening/night services are available on a rotating basis. Please call the Fire Department (Tel: 32-2345) for the clinic on duty.



Dentists (Hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon)

	Clinic Name	Address	Tel.
Sep. 7	Kodera Dental Clinic	7-3 Shiomi-cho	32-3836
14	Akashi Dental Clinic	9-6 Kimmitsu-cho	31-1560
15	Sugii Dental Clinic	3F, 1-7 Iwazono-cho	21-2525
21	Takada Dental Clinic	10-5 Hama-cho	22-1825
23	Tatara Dental Clinic	1-5-101 Higashi-ashiya-cho	32-1913
28	Tabata Dental Clinic	10-18 Funado-cho	21-5655
Oct. 5	Tsubouchi Dental Clinic	6-10-103 Seido-cho	22-1712
12	Toshima Dental Clinic	PCL Bldg. 2F, 7-13 Kusunoki-cho	35-2188
13	Niki Dental Clinic	10-9-1 Daito-cho	32-6544
19	Nishiki Dental Clinic	2-11-101 Hama-cho	23-6430
26	Nishida Dental Clinic	2-21 Narihira-cho	34-6731
Nov. 2	Noji Dental Clinic	6-13 Nishi-ashiya-cho	32-3386
3	Hashitani Dental Clinic	10-19 Nangu-cho	23-8511
9	Hashimoto Dental Clinic	6-2 Chayano-cho	22-3393
16	Hasegawa Dental Clinic	7-11 Miyazuka-cho	34-0212
23	Hanaoka Dental Clinic	6-4 Takezono-cho	38-5533
24	Hamamoto Dental Clinic	7-1-201 Seido-cho	21-2288
30	Harada Dental Clinic	3-7 Maeda-cho	31-3033

Bonus for the Bulk Collection of Recyclable Materials

We are now accepting applications for this bonus for the first half (March to August) of the fiscal year. Applications must be submitted to the Environmental Facilities Section by September 12 (Fri.). Application forms have been sent to registered organizations. If you did not receive a form, please contact the office below.
Inquiries: Environmental Facilities Section, Tel: 32-5391

Luna Masterpiece Theater

Amidado Dayori ("Letter from the Mountain"), 128 min.

Date and time: October 3 (Fri.)/Showings at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00, 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Place: Luna Hall (Ashiya)

Admission: Presale: Adults: ¥1,000, Seniors 60 and older/Handicapped: ¥900

Day of event: Adults: ¥1,500, Seniors 60 and older/Handicapped: ¥1,000, Children (elementary to high school): ¥800 (presale not available for children). All seating is general admission.

* Tickets go on sale August 8 (Fri.).

This is the second film by the director of *Ame Agaru* ("After the Rain"), winner of eight Japan Academy Awards. This inspiring human drama features beautiful scenery achieved by shooting footage over a year in Okushinano. Adapted from a novel by Akutagawa Award-winning author Keishi Nagi, the film stars Akira Terao, Kanako Higuchi, Tanie Kitabayashi, and Takahiro Tamura.

A couple returns to their hometown of Shinshu after the woman, a physician, has a mental breakdown. The seasonal changes and natural beauty of the village, and an old woman who lives there, gently soothe the couple's wounded spirits.

Presale tickets

Mont et Mer Daichiku, City Office shop, Ashiya Foundation of Culture office

* Once the theater capacity has been reached, no additional viewers will be allowed to enter.

Sponsor: Ashiya Foundation of Culture

Co-sponsor: Hyogo Prefecture Cinema Center

Supported by: Ashiya City, Ashiya City Board of Education

Inquiries: Ashiya Foundation of Culture, Tel: 0797-31-4962

8-24 Narihira-cho, Ashiya City 659-0068

URL: <http://www.ashiya-web.or.jp/center/luna.htm>

Citizens' Theater for the Arts

Luna Screen Music Concert

David Howell and the Kansai Philharmonic Orchestra

Date and time: September 15 (Mon., a national holiday), 2:00 p.m. (doors open at 1:00 p.m.)

Place: Luna Hall (Ashiya)

Admission: Presale - ¥3,000/Day of event - ¥3,300 (all seats reserved)

Performer: David Howell (conductor) and the Kansai Philharmonic Orchestra

Program: Soundtracks from "Around the World in 80 Days," "Love is a Many Splendored Thing," "Singin' in the Rain," "Disney Medley," "East of Eden," "Gone with the Wind," "Limelight," the Indiana Jones series, and other films.

* The program is subject to change.

Presale tickets available at:

Mont et Mer Daichiku, City Office shop, Grill Narihira at the Ashiya Citizens' Center, Ashiya Foundation of Culture office;

Ticket Pia, Tel: 0570-02-9966 (P-code: 242-239); and

Lawson Tickets, Tel: 0570-06-3005 (L-code: 53488)

* If tickets are sold out during the presale, no tickets will be available on the day of the event.

* Please do not bring preschool aged children to this event.

Sponsors: Ashiya Foundation of Culture, Hyogo Prefecture, Hyogo Prefecture Board of Education, Hyogo Arts & Culture Association

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ACA

1. Cooking Cuisines of the World

32nd Lesson: Russian Dishes

Instructor: Mrs. Natalia Proussatchik

Date and time: September 13 (Sat.), 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Place: Ashiya Citizens' Center Cooking Classroom

Menu: Borscht, pelmeni, salad, compote

Fee: ¥1,500 for members, ¥2,000 non-members (an ingredients fee of ¥1,500 will be collected from those who cancel on the day of the event).

Capacity: 23 (reservation required). Men are encouraged to participate!

Items to bring: Apron, kitchen towel

2. ACA Twilight Concerts

76th "Relaxing with the Tonechimes"

Performer: Twinkle Ringers

Program: "Moon on the Ruins of the Castle," "Do Re Mi," and more

Date and time: September 19 (Fri.) 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Place: La Mall Ashiya 1F Plaza (Atrium)

Admission: Free

Capacity: 100

3. Tea Time Seminar

23rd "The Creation of Ashiya as an International, Cultural and Residential City"

Speaker: Ms. Harue Kitamura (former mayor of Ashiya)

Date and time: September 20 (Sat.) 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Place: ACA

Fee: ¥500 members, ¥1,000 non-members

* Participants will enjoy sweets and tea.

Capacity: 50 (reservation required)

4. Carpe Diem Society

5th Meeting: Chansons (Listening to the Radio Program Presented by Prof. Matsushima)

Date and time: September 26 (Fri.), 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

October 24 (Fri.), 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Content: Georges Brassens

Place: ACA

Fee: Actual xeroxing costs

Capacity: 20 (reservation required)

5. Wanted: Internationally-minded Volunteers for the City Tour

Would you be interested in joining trainees from the Marine Technical College who are from the Philippines, Indonesia and Bangladesh on the Ashiya City Tour?

Date and time: October 24 (Fri.), 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. (The tour itself is 1:10 to 3:00 p.m.)

Fee: Free of charge

Capacity: 30 people who can communicate in English

* An orientation session will be held at ACA from 1:30 p.m. on October 10 (Fri).

Application and inquiries: Ashiya Cosmopolitan Association (ACA)

Address: La Mall Ashiya 2F, 2-6-209 Ohara-cho, Ashiya-shi, Hyogo-ken 659-0092

Tel: 0797-34-6340 **Fax:** 0797-34-6341

E-mail: aca@sannet.ne.jp

URL: <http://www02.so-net.ne.jp/~aca/>