



# Distribution of **portable toilets** (essential supplies for taking shelter at home) and **Shinagawa Disaster Prevention Handbooks**

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How will you handle your toilet needs in the event of a disaster? Learn about it now so you'll be ready if a disaster occurs!



Shinagawa disaster prevention mascot  
Jijo-kun

In the event of a major disaster, Shinagawa City **recommends taking shelter at home** unless there are safety concerns such as the possibility of building collapse or fire.

Taking shelter at the home you know and love provides various benefits, such as offering privacy and reducing the risk of infectious disease outbreaks. **To ensure peace of mind while taking shelter at home, it is important not only to have emergency food and water supplies, but also to make toilet preparations.** Please use the portable toilets and the Shinagawa Disaster Prevention Handbook and review your own home's disaster preparations.

## Distributed materials

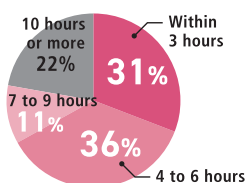
**Disaster preparations** • Portable toilets: One for each member of the household (20 uses per person) • Usage instructions: 1 sheet

**Disaster preparation information** • Shinagawa Disaster Prevention Handbook: 1 handbook

## The importance of toilets in the event of a disaster

### Even in a disaster, everyone needs toilets!

Even after a disaster occurs, you'll still need to use the restroom. After the Great East Japan Earthquake, roughly 80% of people stated that they had to go to the restroom within nine hours of the earthquake.



Source: Japan Toilet Labo  
"How many hours after the earthquake did you go to the restroom?"

### Using toilets as usual can cause major problems!

Using toilets like normal can result in pipes getting clogged or other problems. In housing complexes, it can also result in human waste overflowing into the homes of the people living below you.



### Improper toilet use can spread disease!

Dirty toilets are breeding grounds for germs, so using a dirty toilet could make you sick. Use a portable toilet to keep your toilet clean.



## Message from the mayor

The Noto Peninsula Earthquake of January 1, 2024, has provided us with many lessons and shed light on many issues we face. The risk of a major earthquake directly striking Tokyo is very real one. Shinagawa City recognizes the urgency of this situation, and we're accelerating our efforts to protect people's safety and security. As part of these efforts, we are distributing portable toilets, essential articles when water service is interrupted. We hope this will also provide an opportunity for residents of Shinagawa to review their own disaster preparedness.

Please read the enclosed Shinagawa Disaster Prevention Handbook and let's work to improve the disaster preparedness of not only our own homes, but our entire community.



Mayor of Shinagawa  
Morisawa, Kyoko

# Prepare for future **disasters** using the **Shinagawa Disaster Prevention Handbook**

You never know when a disaster will strike. Stay prepared by using the Shinagawa Disaster Prevention Handbook and the information it provides on what to do if a disaster occurs.

## Handbook P.6 ~ Learn about the dangers of earthquakes



There is a roughly 70% likelihood of a major earthquake with its epicenter in Tokyo occurring in the next 30 years. This earthquake would likely cause extreme shaking with an intensity of 6-upper on the Shindo scale throughout almost every part of Shinagawa. Use the handbook to check what kind of damage would be expected in our city.

## Handbook P.36 Consider sheltering at home



If your house is safe, shelter at home. There may be broken glass or toppled furniture, so it's important to consider how to ensure your safety.

## Handbook P.84 Take care when separating your garbage



When a disaster occurs, in addition to typical household garbage, there will also be garbage unique to disasters. Learn about how to dispose of waste from portable toilets, along with when, how, and where to throw it out.

## Handbook P.46 ~ Prepare for shelter life



It's important that when a disaster strikes, you have what you need in a place where it can be easily reached. Review what you'll need in the event of a disaster and what you and your family need on a daily basis.

### List of articles to take when you shelter

#### Valuables

- ☐ Cash ☐ Bank passbooks and seals
- ☐ Identification documents, etc.

#### Information devices, etc.

- ☐ Cell phones/smartphones
- ☐ Chargers ☐ Portable radios
- ☐ Shinagawa City Disaster Prevention Map, etc.

For details, please refer to P. 49 of the Shinagawa Disaster Prevention Handbook.

#### Food

- ☐ Emergency food supplies
- ☐ Drinking water, etc.

#### Useful items

#### Hygiene items

Check to prepare yourself for a **disaster!**

## Shinagawa Disaster Prevention Handbook

The Shinagawa Disaster Prevention Handbook begins with a forecast of the damage Shinagawa will suffer in the event of a major earthquake that directly strikes Tokyo. Read it to learn about the risks posed by disasters, how to prepare for a disaster, and what you should do if a disaster strikes. Use the handbook to assist with your own home's disaster preparedness.

### The Shinagawa Disaster Prevention Handbook

is also available from the Shinagawa City website.

English, Chinese, and Korean translations are also available in PDF form.



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