





From May 2026,

New Disaster Prevention Weather Information

- **Alert levels** will be added to the name of warnings and advisories.
- **River flooding risks levels** will be announced differently [introducing 'Emergency Warning' alert].
- Information '**Equivalent to Alert Level 4**' will be issued as an '**Urgent Warning**'.



<Source> Japan Meteorological Agency website 「新たな防災気象情報について(令和8年~)」
<https://www.jma.go.jp/jma/kishou/known/bosai/keiho-update2026/index.html> arranged for this article.

Flood	Heavy Rain	Landslide	Storm Surge
The danger lies near rivers	The danger lies in low-lying areas	The danger lies near mountains & cliffs	The danger lies near the sea
Buildings may be inundated or swept away.	Areas such as roads under railroad tracks and basements may be inundated.	Slopes may collapse causing rocks and soil to flow down.	When 'storm surge' occurs as a typhoon approaches and sea levels rise, sea water overflows the seawall.
			

Color	Alert Level	[Danger level]	Actions you need to take
Black	Level 5 Emergency Warning	[Disaster imminent]	Life-threatening situation, ensure safety immediately!
<Be sure to evacuate from dangerous area before Alert Level 4 is issued!>			
Purple	Level 4 Urgent Warning	[Danger]	All residents should evacuate from affected areas.
Red	Level 3 Warning	[Warning]	Elderly people, those with disabilities, and others who may need more time to evacuate should evacuate from affected areas.
Yellow	Level 2 Advisory	[Caution]	Confirm your evacuation actions. (Check the evacuation site, route, and timing.)
White	Level 1 Probability of Warning	[Check weather bulletin]	Increase preparedness for disasters.

How to Evacuate

- Evacuate to a safe place before disaster occurs.
- If it is difficult to escape from home:
 - 1) **Landslide** ➔ Move to a room away from mountains or cliffs.
 - 2) **Flood/ Heavy rain/ Storm surge** ➔ Move to the highest possible location.



How to Find Disaster Prevention Information

In the event of a disaster, disaster warnings, advisories and weather disaster alerts will be announced by television, radio, internet, disaster prevention apps, and Misato City's disaster prevention administrative radio. Check the ways to obtain information in advance. Please visit Misato City official website for the information from Misato City. The evacuation information will also be announced by the disaster prevention administrative radio and public announcement vehicles.

■ Japan Meteorological Agency website
<https://www.jma.go.jp/jma/index.html>



➔ '**Kikikuru**'
(Risk Maps)



■ Misato City official website: 'Disseminating information during disasters'
https://www.city.misato.lg.jp/mokuteki/kyukyu_bosai/7766.html



■ Misato City official website, English site: 'Disaster Preparedness'
https://www.city.misato.lg.jp/kurashi_tetsuzuki/english/10034.html



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