

## Gotemba Newsletter

### Events:

1. Special Feature "How to Save Your Life"
2. The Deadline for Paying The Automobile Tax This Year Is June 1st (Mon.)
3. Please Be Careful of Phone Scammers Following the COVID-19 Trend



Art Work Related to 2019 Sediment  
disaster prevention  
A Prize Winning work  
Takane junior high school Kota Seto

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<https://www.gia-gotemba.com>
- ★ Copies of this Newsletter are available at the City Hall, the City Branch Offices, Library, Health Care Center and GIA.

# 1. Special Feature “How to Save Your Life”

...Preparation for Flood damage and Landslide disaster

## 1.Alert level

### Level 1: Possibility of Alarm

Follow Japan's meteorological agency announcements for severe weather conditions. Take precautions and be prepared before the disaster and continue to follow weather forecasts.

### Level 2: Warning

Follow Japan's meteorological agency announcements for severe weather condition updates. Check evacuation site and evacuation routes with a disaster prevention map and weather conditions in advance.

### Level 3: Be ready for evacuation/ start evacuation for the elderly and special needs.

Elderly and people requiring special help should start evacuation with helpers. Others will still wait and watch carefully for weather updates and consider voluntary evacuation.

### Level 4: Evacuation advisory, evacuation order (urgent)

Everyone who is in a potential disaster site should evacuate to an evacuation shelter. If evacuation is not safe, go to the nearest safe building, room or place. Evacuation orders (urgent) don't announce all the time, only at times where high potential for disaster is likely to happen necessitating the evacuation order or continued evacuation order. Condition is really severe and likely to cause personal harm, follow the order for evacuation if possible and seek shelter.

### Level 5: Disaster occurrence information

Take action to save personal life. Disaster has already occurred.

## ● Once an alert is released:

City announces alerts based on the water levels at rivers and soil water index. Check if your house is at risk, and check your evacuation route and safely go home.

## 2. Confirm disaster prevention map in advance

### \*Special landslide risk area

Special landslide risk areas are areas at risk for landslides that can bring destructive debris causing the collapse of houses or buildings and pose a high risk for residents. In the city there are 51 places of “special” landslide risk specified by prefecture. Please check your home address to see if it's in a risk area.

### \*Check disaster prevention map for

- 1) Disaster risk (whether you need to consider the damage of landslide or flood)
- 2) History, see if the place had flooded before
- 3) Evacuation point and route to get there

- ❖ Disaster prevention maps have been distributed to each house. Crisis Management Division (Kiki Kanri-ka) at East building of city hall is willing to provide you with one if you don't have it. Or please check it at Gotemba city home page.  
(<https://www.city.gotemba.lg.jp/anzen/a-1/a-1-8/512.html>)



### 3. Get information

- Evacuation information by city
  - ◆ Use broadcast wireless door-to-door receiver
  - ◆ Use registered mail called Hot mail
  - ◆ SNS (Facebook or Twitter)
  - ◆ City homepage
- Other information
  - ◆ Fujisan GOGO FM
  - ◆ Weather forecast from terrestrial digital TV broadcast
  - ◆ Home page of Japan meteorological agency
  - ◆ Small weather observation system, POTEKA (<http://www.potekanet.com/>)

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- Hot mail: Information Service for Disaster Prevention, Criminal Prevention and Event information by Emails.

<https://www.city.gotemba.lg.jp/anzen/a-1/a-1-7/128.html>



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### 4. Always be prepared

Rations for 7 days is ideally how much you need to store to survive a disaster recovery. Also, emergency items should be prepared in a readily available backpack or bags.

- What kind items do you need to be prepared?
  - Flash light
  - Cellphone, smart phone (batteries for charging)
  - Radio
  - Helmet       Emergency food       Drinking water       Regular medicine/First aid kits
  - Sanitary goods       Valuables       Clothes, towels etc

Waterproof backpacks or bags are best for emergencies.

Your life is the top priority for any situation. If you run out of time due to flood or other reason, no need to try and bring emergency items.

5. Update information before flood damage and landslide disasters happen

Q: What are the differences of preparation among earthquake, flood damage and landslide?

A: Earthquakes happen suddenly but flood and landslide disaster can be predicted in advance. With meteorological agency's information and updates from TV and radio we can prepare for the situation.

## **2. The Deadline for Paying The Automobile Tax This Year Is June 1<sup>st</sup> (Mon.)**

Payment method:

At your nearest financial institution, Japan Post Bank (post office), convenience store, MMK branch, Pay-easy, payable ATM, credit card, Internet banking, mobile banking.

Remarks:

Payments made by Pay-easy or credit card won't be issued a receipt or receive a tax payment certification. If your JCI is coming soon, please try to pay at a bank or convenience store. (Credit card payment is only by Yahoo utility bill payment website and will be charged commission.)

Payments made at convenience store or credit card can be made no later than Friday May 31<sup>st</sup>.  
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## **3. Please Be Careful of Phone Scammers Following the COVID-19 Trend**

- (Case)
  - 1) A man who says he's from city hall, calls senior citizens telling them to be careful.
  - 2) Some business man called asking whether you want to disinfect your place to prevent the corona virus spreading by sending an administrative consignment.
- (Explanation)
  - \* #1) telephone fraud. The caller who tries to get personal information or confirm your address.
  - \* #2) Door-to-door scam. They try to sell you expensive products or any service exploiting fears of the corona virus.
- (How to avoid these troubles)
  - \* Contact the administrative office and confirm the truth
  - \* Don't respond to offers to visit your home in dealing with corona virus.

When you are in trouble, please get advice from the city consumer affairs center.

Inquiry: City consumer affairs center (Kurashi-no Anzen-ka) at (83)1629, fax (82)4333.

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