

# When do you evacuate? STEP 4

Emergency preparedness begins with gathering information. Evacuation from floods depends on gathering reliable information and reading it correctly, so that you can take the appropriate evacuation action and know its timing according to the situation.

Evacuation order (alert level 4) requires all to evacuate.  
If you feel danger even before that, evacuate at your own judgment!



<Emergency Weather Information>

Information equivalent to warning level

Information released by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, the Japan Meteorological Agency, and Toyama Prefecture as a reference for residents to take voluntary evacuation actions.

Evacuation information and actions to be taken

Announcement	Alert Level 1	Announcement	Alert Level 2	Issuance	Alert Level 3	Issuance	Alert Level 4	Alert Level 5
	<p><b>Early warning information</b> (Issued by the JMA)</p> <p>Increase your preparedness for disasters and gather information.</p> <p><b>Information to be corrected</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Toyama Disaster Prevention Web Information on                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evacuation</li> <li>• Evacuation shelters</li> <li>• River water level</li> <li>• Rainfall, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) website                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special warnings, warnings, advisories</li> <li>• Real-time Risk Map, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Toyama City website Information on                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evacuation</li> <li>• post-disaster livelihood support, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>You can also check the water level of each river.</p> <p>Look outside from indoors and <b>do not approach rivers.</b></p>		<p><b>Heavy Rain Advisory Flood Advisory</b> (Issued by the JMA)</p> <p>Make sure you know how to evacuate.</p> <p>Check the hazard maps again!</p> <p>[Flood Warning water level] (Level 2 equivalent)</p>		<p><b>Alert Level 3 Equivalent</b> Information to provide a warning on flooding, flood warnings, etc.</p> <p><b>★ Evacuation of the elderly, etc.</b> (Issued by Toyama City)</p> <p>If it will take considerable time to evacuate<sup>*2</sup> from a dangerous place<sup>*1</sup>, <b>start evacuation.</b> Others should <b>be prepared for evacuation.</b></p> <p>In addition to the evacuation shelters in the targeted areas, <b>those in areas not expected to be flooded will be opened</b> in order to provide shelters for long-distance evacuation.</p> <p>When the water level has reached the [evacuation decision water level] and the water level is expected to reach the [flood risk water level]</p>		<p><b>Alert Level 4 Equivalent</b> Flood risk information, landslide Alert Information, etc.</p> <p><b>★ Evacuation order</b> (Issued by Toyama City)</p> <p>Please <b>begin evacuation.</b> At this point, <b>everyone should be evacuated</b> from the dangerous area<sup>*1</sup></p> <p>If the water has reached [flood risk water level]</p>	<p><b>Alert Level 5 Equivalent</b> Information on flooding, <b>Heavy Rain Emergency Warning</b>, etc.</p> <p><b>Emergency safety assurance</b> (Issued by Toyama City)</p> <p>A disaster has occurred or is just about to occur. <b>Secure your personal safety immediately.</b></p> <p>Issued to the extent possible</p> <p>For example, when flooding is caused by a collapsed levee</p>

\*1 Those who are in a safe place need not evacuate to a designated emergency evacuation site. A safe place is the one that falls under all the following three categories.

1. The area does not fall under the assumed inundation area such as possible house collapse.
2. Rooms in houses or facilities are higher than the level of flooding.
3. Areas where the residents are able to survive with enough water and food till the floodwater recedes.



Check the flooding duration here.→

\*2 Includes the elderly and people with disabilities, etc.

Be sure to evacuate before Alert Level 4!

## Begin early long-distance evacuation

- When evacuating on foot or by car, it is necessary to **start evacuation as early as possible** because of the possibility of delays due to traffic congestion or accidents.
- It is recommended to **start evacuation at the latest when “the evacuation of the elderly”** (“alert level 3”) is issued, as it may take some time to evacuate long distances.
- If you are going to evacuate after “the evacuation order” (“alert level 4”) is issued, evacuate on foot to a safe evacuation shelter.

From this point on, evacuate on foot

## Important: Timing of evacuation!

### ① Two types of evacuation information marked with a star ★.

The city will issue two types of evacuation information marked with ★ to the elementary school districts affected by the washout of the target river, either for the **basic assumption** or the **maximum assumption**. Be sure to check the detailed map of the area to see in which case you need to evacuate (coloring).

### ② When you feel the need to evacuate

If you feel the need to evacuate before the ★ information is issued due to the situation around your home or family reasons, do not hesitate to evacuate voluntarily without waiting for the ★ information. In this case, evacuation shelters are not open, and may not be opened at a later time so evacuate to a relative's or friend's house that you think is safe, or to a place that is not expected to be flooded.

## Information to be received

- Information on alert levels 3, 4, and 5, including evacuation orders;
- Information on the possibility of flooding in the Jinzu and the Joganji Rivers, etc.



Weather warnings (including special warnings)

Yahoo! Bosai Sokuho [Disaster News Flash] (app)



Registration in advance is required.

Heavy rain warnings, flood warnings, and landslide warnings

Toyama Prefectural Landslide Warning Email Service



You can receive an immediate email with the relevant information.

Question 5 of the quiz at the end of the book “Check the river before evacuating, just in case” is wrong! It is a very dangerous act considering the possibility of sudden rise of the water level. You can find information on water levels on 「Toyama Disaster Prevention Web」

Answer to Question 2 of the quiz at the end of the book (Evacuation order, Alert Level 4) At this point, do not hesitate to evacuate immediately.

Question 5 of the quiz at the end of the book “I feel in danger, so I'm going to evacuate before the city issues an evacuation alert” is correct! It is important to always keep in mind that you are responsible for your own life, so if you feel in danger, value your own judgment and evacuate as soon as possible.