

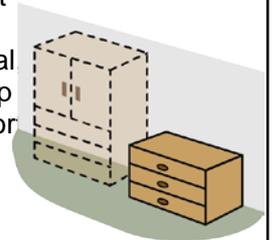
# Are you prepared for an earthquake?

## ① Take the appropriate safety measures for your home.

[Reduce the amount of furniture, choose low furniture, and arrange it with safety in mind]

Overtured furniture may cause injury and even put rooms in such disarray that they become unlivable.

If reducing the amount of furniture or using furniture of lower height is impractical then be sure to use anchoring devices to safely secure them. Minato City can help to subsidize the cost of anchoring and other safety devices. It also provides support to the elderly, disabled, expectant and nursing mothers, and single parent households for installing these devices.



## ② Always have at least 7 days of water, food, and portable toilet (sanitation kits) put away.

[Buy extra food items that can be stored at room temperature]

Food and water supplies run out surprisingly fast. Since there is also a high risk of toilets becoming un-flushable, living in your home can become very difficult without a portable toilet.

Evacuation centers are likely to become extremely crowded with people whose houses have collapsed or become otherwise unlivable. For homes with only minor damage, it is important for people to continue living in them whenever possible without going to an evacuation center. Therefore, it is important for each household to prepare an amount of emergency supplies that is appropriate for the size of the family.



# Do you know the important precautions to follow after a major earthquake?

## ① Never flush or drain water right after a major earthquake.

Shaking from the earthquake may have damaged the plumbing in an apartment or condo building. If the plumbing is damaged and someone flushes a toilet or drains liquids into a kitchen/bathroom drain, it may leak into lower floor living spaces, causing great difficulties for others. Never drain liquids or liquid waste into the plumbing system until it has been confirmed safe to use.



## ② Inform your building manager etc. of your contact information if leaving the building to take shelter elsewhere.

Not knowing your whereabouts can cause concerned neighbors to worry about you or even slow down emergency repair work. If you plan to leave your home for an extended time to take shelter elsewhere, follow these steps: switch off the power breaker, turn off water and gas valves, and provide your contact information to a building manager or member of the building's management association.



## Do you know the important precautions to follow when evacuating from your home?

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### ② Don't use the elevator.

Even if the elevator is operational, an earthquake aftershock, power outage, etc., can cause you to become trapped inside. Be sure to avoid the elevator and take the stairs. A notice will be posted as soon as the elevators are safe to use again.



### ③ Keep your garbage at home.

Garbage collection services may be suspended for some time. Therefore, please keep garbage, including used portable toilet kits, on your home balcony, etc. A notice will be posted as soon as garbage collection services resume, or a temporary common garbage pickup spot has been set.



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### ⑤ Please cooperate with disaster response efforts.

There are many things that must be done with regard to the disaster response of an apartment building or condo. It is important for residents to provide as much cooperation as possible. In particular, residents with the specialized knowledge or technical skills listed below are asked to proactively volunteer to help.

- Engineers/technicians in architectural or building equipment fields.
- Able-bodied persons strong enough to carry water to upper floors.
- Persons able to communicate in sign language or a foreign language.
- Persons able to look after children or support the elderly.

